

## SCOV Hiking Club

### Board of Directors Meeting April 3, 2019

Directors Present: President Byron Wolffig, Vice-President Mike Duellman, Treasurer Ron Brillhart, Secretary Carol Olson, Chief Guide Roe Erlandson.

Members Present: Membership Jack Evert, Doug Higgins, Bob Eschrich

1. Minutes Approval: The minutes of the March 6, 2019 Board meeting were approved by unanimous consent.
2. Treasurer's Report: Byron welcomed new treasurer Ron Brillhart. As of March 6, 2019 the journal balance was \$7,438.40. Expenses totaled \$1,393.07 which included \$772.07 for the Wine and Cheese Party/Annual Meeting, probably the largest single annual expense for the club. Total income was \$122.00. The reconciled journal balance as of April 3, 2019 was \$6,167.33. Outstanding checks totaled \$802.73. Ron asked about the AIM account which the treasurer regularly puts money into. He had questions about who is on the account, and how to keep track of how much is being charged to that account. He was told to check with AIM to see their list of authorized names on the account.
3. Membership: Jack Evert indicated he had received a few new memberships with a current total of 368 members. That number will not change much through the summer.
4. Chief Guide's Update
  - a. Roe Erlandson recommended and the Board confirmed Kurt Schulz as a new guide.
  - b. Roe then brought up the difficult topic of not only problem hikers but also problem drivers. One volunteer driver in particular has a habit of speeding. This is something that guides will have to be aware of and share with each other to actively discourage regular problem drivers from volunteering. The same is true of hikers who have difficulty keeping up the normal pace at a particular hike level. Often the problem is when husbands and wives of different ability want to hike together. Roe and the guides will share names and ask more questions of hikers when they sign up. New hikers are told the Orientation hike is taken at a D level pace, so hopefully they can judge their ability based on that. Meg does let the chief guide know about those new hikers' abilities generally.
  - c. The issue of closed trails at Catalina State Park – trails blocked off with natural materials – even though the regular park visitors use them was discussed at length. The general consensus was that as a club we should protest being held to a higher standard and prohibited from using trails we have traditionally used. Roe Erlandson and Doug Higgins were authorized to go again to talk to the ranger at CSP to resolve this issue.

- d. Guide Meeting Dates: Roe will schedule a first aid class for guides through Golder Ranch Fire Dept. for a Saturday in November. Currently the next regular Guides' meeting is scheduled for Dec. 4, however several guides expressed the need for a meeting in October. Byron will see if the usual room is available on Wednesday, Oct. 30 and schedule it. The December meeting will still be held.
5. Review of Past/Upcoming Events
    - a. Annual Meeting/Wine and Cheese Party: Mike Duellman reported that approximately 150 people attended this annual gathering. The new board was elected, a club history was distributed, and several founders and early club members were recognized. Two speakers from Southern Arizona Search and Rescue gave an interesting although perhaps overlong presentation. Meg asked if Roe might see if SARA could provide our club with a quantity of the "10 Essentials for Hikers" card which the presenters displayed, to be given out at Orientation hikes.
    - b. RMNP Trip: Mike reported that the group going had an info meeting March 23. Everyone is excited. They are responsible for their own transportation to and from the park.
    - c. Club T-shirts: This appears to be a no-go at this point. Mike said he'd received no responses to the email asking for a volunteer or volunteers to be in charge.
  6. Call to Audience: Doug Higgins questioned whether the project to cleanup the hikes list was eliminating some old "gem". Bob Eschrich who has been in charge of this clean up assured the board that there was no loss in the "junk" list. What is being removed are duplications, unsafe hikes, and other hikes that the club should not be doing. Bob also said he was scheduling a two day trip to Organ Pipe in mid November.
  7. General Brainstorming Session – Looking ahead at 2019-2020:
    - \* Try to offer more new hikes, infrequently done hikes
    - \* Schedule more frequent guide meetings
    - \* Maybe offer harder hikes at a slower pace occasionally
    - \* Definite interest in adding hikes that are sections of the AZ Trail-with the ultimate goal for perhaps a few members to complete whole distance-award a patch (talk to Kathy Anderson, Ed Cleveland-both have hiked AZ Trail)
    - \*Need/desire for more social activities? Probably only connected with a hike/hikes

Meeting adjourned (Erlandson/Duellman) 5:00pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Olson, Secretary

