

Green Valley Recreation Hiking Club  
2008 Annual Meeting  
March 11, 2008  
8:00AM

Presiding: Bob Porterfield, GVR Hiking Club President

Present: Board Members including, Bob Porterfield, Kathy Chute, Mayme Specht, Budde Boysen, George Chute, Barbara Powell, Nello Modesto, Thom Davies, Bonnie Becker, and about 70 hiking club members.

Bob Porterfield called the meeting to order at 8:06 AM.

**MSVA\*** The minutes of the 2007 Annual Meeting were accepted as written. Fifty copies of the March, 13, 2007 meeting were distributed before the meeting and have been available to read on the club website.

A nominating committee consisting of Patty Greimann and Judith LeClair presented three candidates to serve 3 year terms on the Board. The three candidates were Barbara Powell, Phil Betzel and Barbara Wuehrmann.

**MSVA\*** All three were elected to the Board.

**Presentation of the Revised Bylaws – Phil Gray**

An explanation of the revised bylaws was sent via email to the club members, as well as paper copies available at the meeting. Phil Gray, Bob Porterfield and Harry Vaughn were on the committee to make the revisions. The bylaws were reformatted to utilize a clearer and appropriate structure to the document and there have been changes to reflect how the Club operates today. The explanation is attached to the secretary's copy of the minutes. These revisions were sent to GVR and approved.

**MSVA\*** The revisions made to the bylaws approved by the club members.

The new Bylaws will soon be posted on the web site, along with the Policy Manual.

**President's Report – Bob Porterfield**

Bob thanked the Board members and all of the volunteers for another successful year for the Hiking Club. With Ron Barry's help, we now have a more efficient and effective email system. He is hopeful, that over time, the system will reduce the amount of paper we hand out. The bylaws have been updated and we need to work on the Hiking Club Policy Manual. That revision needs the approval of the Board only, so we will not have to wait until the 2009 Annual Meeting to approve the updates. We continue to have good relationships with the Forest Service, and Friends of Madera Canyon. Our club received a plaque award in recognition of being a business partner with FOMC. Bob has found that

working with the GVR staff, primarily Ginny Bilbrey and Cindy Folsom, has been a very nice experience.

### **Vice President's Report – David Boos**

David's report was read by Bob Porterfield. David has resigned from the Board for personal reasons and Bob is in the process of finding a replacement for him.

FOMC- Repairs have been made from the fire last year to the education supplies building, thanks to funds from the Forest Service, FOMC and a grant from the White Elephant. The Bud Gode Trail opening was held in October, 2007. A matching grant of \$50,000 was received by the AZ Tourism Bureau for rebuilding the Amphitheater Bridge to begin in July 2008.

Polling Survey Committee Report- An email survey was sent in December to conduct a poll of the interest levels in hiking the X-hikes on Mondays and Tuesday without club credit. The survey indicated 63% would hike without club credit. The Board stayed with the decision made last April to offer the X-hikes with no club credit

### **Secretary's Report - Kathy Chute**

Minutes from all the Board meetings are available to you upon request. FYI, the club history files (minutes, Bulletins, Trail tales, etc.) are stored in a locked cabinet at the DH Social Center. Thanks to all the Board Members for printing their detailed reports for me for the meetings. And thanks to Ron Barry for all of his help on the website.

### **Treasurer's Report – Mayme Specht**

The financial records were audited and approved January, 2008 by Darold Brockhaus, CPA, Retired Wisconsin. The balance as of December 31, 2007 is \$7958.69. The detailed report is attached to the secretary's copy of the minutes.

### **Hikemaster – Bud Boysen**

The statistics indicated we are down 3% overall for the full year of 2007. The X-hikes are down from last year, by 52%. The future of the X-hikes program will need to be evaluated. New leaders trained this year are Larry Boehms, Bob and Lorri Koons; new assistant leaders are Geri Lancia and Kathy Chute. Leaders retiring are: Bob Kotz, Peggy Smith, Tad Bird, Ted Haartz, Jim Moore and Freddie Carter. They have all made so many contributions to the Hiking Club over the years and we thank them for their knowledge and experience.

Bud thanked all the leaders, the strength and backbone of our club, for volunteering to lead all the scheduled hikes, as well as assisting in the training of the new leaders and

assistant leaders. It was a privilege and a learning experience for Bud to serve as our Hikemaster this year.

### **Assistant Hikemaster – George Chute**

George announced his successor, Wayne Moshier, as the new Assistant Hikemaster.

### **Membership – Barbara Powell**

As of March 10, 2008, there are 414 paid members of the Hiking Club. Of those, 60 are new members. The 2008 membership directory was available for distribution at the meeting. The 2009 membership form will be changed so that each member will have their own form.

### **Awards – Harry Vaughan**

Harry was unable to attend the meeting and his report was read by Bob. From July, 2007 through March 6, 2008, 64 awards were given. Tracy Ackerman received his 4500 mile award. New patches have been ordered for the coming year.

### **Orientation – Nello Modesto**

In 2007 we had 163 take orientation; 73 (45%) took their first hike and 56 (34%) joined the club. So far in 2008, we have had 77 people take Orientation & Registration. He thanked all the presenters for their participation this year.

### **Volunteer Services – Thom Davies**

Our club could not survive without the volunteer efforts of the membership. Volunteers plan, select, scout, lead and sweep the hikes. They drive us to the trailhead, provide high clearance vehicles, help with potluck dinners, maintain and clean trails, assist with the community projects, provide name tags, keep track of mileage awards, publish a newsletter and maintain records, a library and a web site. Please consider for a moment how you can help in providing the great enjoyment that the club provides. You will find the effort very rewarding.

Trail maintenance logged a total of 350 hours in 2007. Thanks to Richard Calabro and Wayne Moshier for organizing the volunteer groups. Clean up was done at the Esperanza Wash and the trail crew replaced the deck of Bridge #4 in Madera Canyon. This year the maintenance crew has already logged 255 hours opening the Florida Trail, closed by the fires of 2005, up to Florida Springs. Several club hikes have now been restored. Thanks to both crews!

### **Social – Bonnie Becker**

Bonnie has organized two potluck dinners; Nov. 4, 2007 and Feb. 10, 2008. The appreciation breakfast for leaders and assistant leaders was held at La Perla (at La Posada) on Jan. 7, 2008. The last potluck of the season will be on April 6, 2008 again at West Center. She thanked all the volunteers who helped make these events successful. If you have any suggestions for future programs, please contact her.

### **Library Report – Tom Johnson**

Tom has devoted a lot of volunteer time to keep our library updated for use by our club members. There are currently 75 links to either articles or other web sites in the Library Catalog. The Library also has a number of resource materials that are available to check out: DVD's, CD's and books in the Lending Library.

### **Member Comments**

Before closing the meeting, Phil Gray recognized those people leaving the Board from various volunteer positions this year: Bob Porterfield, Harry Vaughan, Bud Boysen, David Boos and thanks to Barbara Powell for accepting another 3 years on the Board to take the responsibility of membership.

John Brant expressed thanks to all the O & R people for doing a great job. He has heard many compliments on the trail.

There was a short meeting, after the Annual Meeting, for the Board members.

The meeting adjourned at 8:58am.  
Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Chute, Secretary

\*MSVA – Motion made, seconded, voted and approved