

Green Valley Recreation Hiking Club
2009 Annual Meeting
March 10, 2009
8:00 AM

Presiding: Phil Gray

Present: Board members including, Phil Gray, Barb Wuehrmann, Barb Powell, Mayme Specht, Kathy Chute, Bonnie Becker, Phil Betzel, George Chute, Wayne Moshier, Thom Davies, and Nello Modesto. There were 71 voting members present.

Phil Gray called the meeting to order at 8:05 AM.

MSVA* The minutes of the 2008 Annual meeting were accepted as written. Forty- five copies of the March 11, 2008 minutes were distributed before the meeting and have been available to read on the club website.

President's Report-Phil Gray

Phil thanked the 3 board members who are leaving the board this year: Mayme Specht, Thom Davies and Kathy Chute. He also thanked Bonnie Becker for the tremendous job she has done this year as Social Chairperson. He announced Wayne Moshier taking over as Hikemaster and our need to find someone to replace him as coordinator of trail maintenance. He congratulated the clean-up crew under Ed Westhoven's leadership on their most excellent clean up of McGee Ranch this year. He quickly reviewed the status of changes in the regulations regarding State Trust land. The Arizona Trail and Forest Service roads are exempted from the permit requirement. We are to be careful to avoid areas that are clearly posted as State Trust land. Members may consider purchasing personal permits. The club will put the address at which to apply or the actual application in the next issue of Trail Tales which will come out next month. To accommodate the new board members joining us the dates of the board meetings and leader meetings will be changed to Wednesdays for the next 3 year term. On the Peck Canyon Hike March 5 the club came across an injured Mexican who had been left by his coyote and without food or water for 3 days. Because of a broken ankle they were unable to help him out but they provided food and water, and once out of the canyon were able to contact 911 briefly before being found themselves by the Border Patrol who called in the helicopter EMTs. A heartfelt thanks to our club members who saved the life of this man.

Vice President's Report-Phil Betzel

Phil's main job is liaison to Friends of Madera Canyon (FOMC). This nonprofit organization of more than 500 members, including 140 volunteers, works with the Forest Service to maintain Madera Canyon and develop activities. They hold monthly meetings at Friends Indeed which Phil attends and where he reports on services rendered by the Hiking Club including trail maintenance and collection of comment cards (Harry Vaughn). Harry collects 20-40 cards a month and summarizes the comments for FOMC. FOMC staffs the visitors center on weekends and provides clean-up patrols, educational walks and classes and birding activities. They also work with the "Hummingbird Monitoring Network" which traps the birds every other Monday from March to October. They completed a big project this year: the replacement of the

amphitheater bridge through a \$50,000 grant. They publish a small booklet of the History of Madera Canyon and also a quarterly news letter. Info may be obtained on their website, friendsofmaderacanyon.org.

Secretary's report-Barb Wuehrmann

Minutes of all the board meetings are available upon request as well as items in our history files (old board meetings, Trail Tales, etc).

Treasurer's report – Mayme Specht

A copy of the treasurer's report and the financial statement for 2008 are attached. Jim Weber, a retired CPA from Washington, reviewed all of the club treasurer's records and declared them an accurate representation of the club's financial activities. **MSVA***to enter the report into the records.

Hikemaster's report – George Chute

In 2008 we sent out 4,451 hikers and guests on 337 hikes averaging more than 13 people per hike. In January/February 2009 we had more hikers than any January/February since 2003. A reminder when you have guests hiking with you: please have them write "guest" in the GVR number column rather than the guest card number so record keepers won't mistake it for a GVR number. Also a reminder to park your cars at the farthest southern and western edges of the parking lot to allow other GVR members access to the West Center. Also do not park in the leaders' sign-up lane.

New Hikemaster – Wayne Moshier

He requests volunteers to take over head of trail maintenance now that he is hikemaster. The job mainly involves the handicap trail which has to be clipped and swept after monsoon season. He promises to take the job back in a year's time! The club was also involved with improvements on the Agua Caliente trail last fall in conjunction with the Forest Service. He commended the Forest Service and their volunteer crews for their work on upper Florida Canyon and Atascosa Lookout trails. He asked leaders to come up with suggestions for more "C" hikes on non State Trust land as we will be short on "C" hikes next year. He announced Helen Zaukas as the new assistant hikemaster for next year.

Awards – Kathy Chute

Thank you to the volunteers who record on the computer all the hikes of each person every week: Karen Chadwell, George Chute and Phil Gray. Thanks also to the Awards team of 2009: Marlene Isbell, Pam Boehms, Don Houge and Sue Houge. These volunteers help check the sign in sheets each Thursday morning for those hikers who are to get awards. From May 2008 through February 2009 79 patches were given to club members including one 5000 mile patch. A copy of the awards report is attached.

Membership – Barb Powell

As of March 9, 2009, there were 430 paid members of the hiking club, 77 of which are new members. The membership directory was printed March 3 and is now available. It

includes members who paid their dues by February 24. A copy of the report is attached.

Social Chair – Bonnie Becker

Good turnouts for the potlucks this winter: 128 in November and 170 in February. The next one is on April 5th. Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped make the potlucks possible.

Orientation – Nello Modesto

In 2008, 177 people attended the O & R sessions. Of these, 97 took their first hike and 73 joined the club. The numbers are similar to last year. A thank you to all the presenters who did a superb job in preparing people interested in joining the club. A thanks also to Bob Porterfield for his time in training Winnie Kruper to take over his full time position. Bob will stay on as a substitute. The frequency of O & R sessions will be decreased during the summer months to the first and third Mondays in July and August and the second and fourth Mondays in September. A copy of the report is attached.

Volunteer Services – Thom Davies

Ed Westhoven has taken over for Richard Calabro as leader of trail clean-up. Many thanks to Richard for his years of dedicated service and to all the volunteers who have helped. More than 200 trash bags were collected at the recent McGee Ranch clean-up. Many thanks also to Wayne Moshier for his years of help on trail maintenance and getting the Florida trail open. The club also does the Memorial Day flags (putting up and taking down). We are looking for a volunteer leader for this year's flag service on May 25. A copy of the report is attached.

Committee Chairs

Trail Tales – Kay Gray

The deadline for the April issue is March 23. Please have any photos or additions to Kay by that date.

Librarian – Tom Johnson

Tom is out of town

Webmaster – Ron Barry

Ron is not present. Phil Gray reminds us that we are still looking for a back up for Ron when he is not available. Anyone with the computer skills and interest please contact Phil.

Historian – Pam Boehms

Nothing to report

Trail Clean-up – Ed Westhoven

Thanked Thom Davies for his training and all the volunteers for their help.

Election of New Board Members

MSVA* the new members elected are Don Gfroerer, Karen Chadwell and George Pavey.

New Business

MSVA*to change this year's organizational meeting from May to April 21 right after the board meeting because so many members will be gone in May.

Member Comments

Phil Gray was thanked for his service as president of the club.

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Wuehrmann, Secretary

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