

Green Valley Recreation Hiking Club

2010 Annual Meeting

March 9, 2010

Presiding: Phil Betzel, President

Board Members Present: Phil Betzel, President; Karen Chadwell, Vice President; Barbara Wuehrmann, Secretary; George Pavey, Treasurer; Nello Modesto, Orientation; Barb Powell, Membership; Phil Gray, Awards; Don Gfroerer, Volunteer Services; Bonnie Becker, Social Chair; Wayne Moshier, Hike Master; Helen Zaukas, Assistant Hike Master.

The meeting was called to order by Phil Betzel at 8:03 a.m.

The 2009 Board Minutes **MSVA***: Fifty copies of the minutes of the 2009 annual meeting were distributed before the meeting and were available on the club website prior to the meeting.

President's Report—Phil Betzel

Phil thanked all the volunteers that keep the club in operation including the board members, committee chairs, leaders and assistant leaders. He welcomed two new committee members: Richard Shimanek, Trail Maintenance; and John Brandt, Name Tags. He also gave special thanks to Don Gfroerer, George Pavey, Jim Palazzolo and Dan Schroeder for the great job they did constructing the club's new locker at the West Center. The total cost for the cabinet was \$364.85, saving the club more than \$200. He also reviewed the difficulty negotiating (along with other groups including the Southern Arizona Hiking Club) with the State bureaucrats on the new State Land Trust Permits. After many months of phone calls, e-mail and letters, reason prevailed. The new permits cost \$15 per year for a single person, \$20 for a family permit. It is important that all hikers carry a permit on hikes that cross State Trust Land. The fine for "trespassing" is \$450. The monthly hiking lists identify which hikes require a permit. The application for a State Trust Land permit may be found on the club's web site www.gvrhc.org. Lastly the Arizona Trail Association has offered hiking club members a one year free trial membership to the ATA. Memberships include a newsletter and a web site with downloadable maps and other information. Envelopes with applications were handed out.

Vice President's Report—Karen Chadwell

The Vice President's official job is to represent the hiking club at the monthly meeting of Friends of Madera Canyon. FOMC is going to start writing a monthly article that will be published in the Green Valley News. During the past year Karen, along with her committee of George Chute, Bev Rosenthal and Roland Chadwell, reviewed the Hiking Club Policy Manual that had not been updated since 2005. The Manual along with the proposed new changes has been posted on the club's website. Copies were also available at today's meeting. These changes will be voted on by the board.

Secretary's Report—Barbara Wuehrmann

Copies of all the board minutes, the Policy Manual and other items are available from the secretary upon request.

Treasurer's Report—George Pavey

Fifty copies of the Treasurer's report were handed out at the meeting for review by members. George gave thanks and appreciation to Elton Waack, a volunteer who audited the reports for accuracy and also had useful suggestions. The report for the year 2009 was found to accurately reflect the financial activities of the club for that year. George reviewed the line by line items on the report which is attached. The expenses for the last two years have been in excess of income although there is still a cash balance of \$7374.94. Donations approved by the board this year were to the following organizations: Southern Arizona Rescue Association \$150, GVR Membership Assist Program \$250, Sky Island Alliance \$100, Arizona Trail Association \$200 and FOMC \$75. Phil Betzel commented that our dues have never gone up and have remained at \$8 since the onset of dues in 1995. With our increasing expenses and the need for new software soon (see below) the time may be here to raise dues. **MSVA*** to accept treasurer's report and audit. Report attached.

Orientation –Nello Modesto

In 2009 177 people attended orientation, 109 took their first hike and 72 joined the club. These numbers are similar to 2008. Thanks were given to all the presenters. Harry Vaughn resigned this year and was replaced by Ron Lemke. Don Gfroerer will be taking over for Nello next year.

Membership—Barb Powell

As of March 8, 2010 there are 443 paid members of the Hiking Club including 69 new members. Compared to last year there are 13 fewer paid members and 8 fewer new members. There are currently 4 members overdue. The Club Directory was printed on March 2 and includes the names of 439 paid members. It is available today as well as at pot lucks and Thursday mornings in the parking lot. Copy of report attached.

Awards—Phil Gray

Phil mentioned that the cost for patches this year was about twice as much as last year. He wanted to clarify that this vacillates from year to year and will most likely be less next year. He thanked the following people for helping him this year: Kaye Gray, Kathy and George Chute, Marlene Isbell, Pam Boehms, Lee Huey and Ann Machek. Since the 2009 annual meeting the following patches have been given out: 53x50mile, 23x250mile, 26x500mile, 8x1000mile, 10x1500mile, 7x2000mile, 4x2500mile, 1x4500mile, and 1x5500mile. This represents 78,400 miles of hiking which is the equivalent of circling the earth 3 times! Report attached.

Volunteer Services—Don Gfroerer

Attached is the 2009 Trail Maintenance and Clean Up Report. There were 490 total volunteer hours and 341 bags of trash collected. The highlight was the February 16 outing to McGee Ranch where more than 200 bags of trash were removed. Thanks were given to the leaders of the clean up and /or maintenance: Richard Shimanek, Ed Westhoven, Jim Campbell, and Budde and Sally Boysen, and to all the volunteers.

Social Chair—Bonnie Becker

The last few years we have been asking hikers attending the pot lucks to make a donation to the Food Bank. This has been successful and Bonnie encourages the hikers to continue to do this. We are always looking for suggestions for programs for the pot lucks. Please call Bonnie or the future social chair with any suggestions you may have for a fun program. Bonnie thanks all the volunteers who have helped with the pot lucks. The next pot luck is April 18. The club gave a round of thanks to Bonnie for the great job she has done the last three years.

Hike Master—Wayne Moshier

We had a safe year with only minor scrapes and bruises. Since March 2009 there have been 4635 hikes to 353 destinations for a total of 2217 miles. The total hikes are down from 4813 last year, possibly due to the weather. We presently have 45 leaders and 14 assistant leaders (sweeps). Seven new leaders/sweeps have volunteered and been trained this year: Marilyn Riley, Sue Kazmier, Elaine Spindler, Susan Beck-Brown, Dave Colpitts, Richard Shimanek and Jim Chervenka. The last 3 have advanced to leader status. Wayne gave thanks to all the people who helped train the new leaders and thanks to the Assistant Hike Master, Helen Zaukas, for all her help and support. A round of applause was given to Wayne for a job well done.

Assistant Hike Master—Helen Zaukas

Helen reviewed all the changes and updates made to the first aid kits. A copy of the report is attached. The report includes a list of the contents of the kits. Permanent full size kits were given to both the Trash Pickup and Trail Maintenance crews. Dan Schroeder has agreed to be the new Assistant Hike Master as Helen advances to Hike Master.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Trail Maintenance/ Clean Up—Richard Shimanek (Ed Westhoven not present)

Last year's clean ups have been reported elsewhere. Our next clean up is March 27 at Ironwood National Monument celebrating its 10th anniversary. It will include removing non native plants such as buffalo grass. It will run from 7:30 to noon. Volunteers are asked to contact Richard. Sometime in April there will be a maintenance scheduled for the Madera Canyon handicap trail. The date is not set yet. Jim Riley added that FOMC has been very thankful for all our efforts.

Web Master—Ron Barry

Our software (especially Word and Excel) are about to become obsolete as new computers are purchased with Windows 7. Newer versions or updates of Windows Office will need to be purchased within the next year. Wayne asked for a round of applause for Ron, thanking him for all his hard work on the web related club duties.

Records Committee—George Chute

Nothing to report. Helen asked the club to give thanks to George and his committee (Wayne Moshier, Helen Zaukas, Ken Fleshman and Tom Johnson) for all the extra time spent updating the ratings on the hikes.

Membership Directory—Thom Davies (not present)

Name Tags—Bev Rosenthal

Fifty-nine people ordered name tags since last fall. Cost is \$5.00. John Brandt will be in charge of name tags in the future.

GPS Training—Dick Paige (not Present)

Phil Betzel says he may be offering another class in the fall.

Trail Tales—Kaye Gray

The deadline for the spring edition is April 1. Please give her any articles or pictures that might be of interest.

Librarian—Tom Johnson

Report attached. The library is a repository for hiking related material that can be used by leaders to prepare for a hike. This includes interesting historical items. Much of this material is available on the library link of the hiking club web site. It is not password protected. It is constantly being updated and added to. The library also has materials available for checkout including CDs, DVDs, videos and books. A list of the contents of the lending library is available at the lending library section of the club's web site. Two of the new books are about the AZ Trail, one of which is about one man's hike across the entire trail. A third new book is about Geronimo.

Historian—Pam Boehms

The history files are kept in locker #16 at Desert Hills. The historian and the secretary have keys and can be contacted if a member wishes access or wishes to contribute something.

Election of New Members—LaVern Schroeder

Phil Gray, Bonnie Becker and Nello Modesto have completed their 3 year terms. The nominating committee was LaVern and Dan Schroeder, Kathy Chute and Marlene Isbell. Consultants were Ken Fleshman and Phil Betzel. The new members of the board are Bev Rosenthal, Rosie Lemke and Jim Riley. **MSVA*** to accept the new members of the board. The official changeover is at the April 21 board and organizational meeting. The board has suggested these two meetings be combined to accommodate board members who will be leaving in May. **MSVA*** to have the May organizational meeting follow the April 21 Board meeting.

Member Announcements

Next Pot Luck is April 18, next board meeting April 21, next annual meeting March 8,2011.

The Relay for Life is April 17 at the Green Valley Mall (now Village) Members are to contact Lorrie Koons if interested in participating.

Patty Greimann thanked Phil Betzel for his work as president.

A member asked the question as to whether the board is taking a position on the Rosemont Mine. Phil Betzel answered that the board does not participate as a group on political issues (in fact GVR prohibits lobbying as a club). Members are always encouraged to lobby on their own.

MSVA* to adjourn at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Wuehrmann, Secretary

***MSVA=motion made, seconded, voted and approved**