

Green Valley Recreation Hiking Club

2011 Annual Meeting

March 8, 2011

Presiding: Karen Chadwell, President

Board Members Present: Karen Chadwell, President; Jim Riley, Vice President; Barbara Wuehrmann, Secretary; Don Gfroerer, Orientation; Barb Powell, Membership; Phil Betzel, Volunteer Services; Rosie Lemke, Social Chair; Helen Zaukas, Hike Master; Dan Schroeder, Assistant Hike Master.

Board Members Absent: Larry Grove, Treasurer; Bev Rosenthal, Awards.

The meeting was called to order by Karen Chadwell at 8:03 am.

Copies of the 2010 Annual Meeting were distributed to the membership before the meeting and were voted on and approved.

President's Report—Karen Chadwell

Karen thanked all the board members and committee chairs who have served. The terms of three board members are up this year: Barbara Wuehrmann, Barb Powell and Phil Betzel. George Pavey had to resign from the board due to personal reasons and Larry Grove graciously agreed to serve the rest of George's term. The board named two retiring hike leaders as Hike Leader Emeritus: Merle Batty and Tommy Thompson. Barry Murdoch was named Hike Leader Emeritus posthumously. This fall Phil Betzel worked with the Forest Service on a Volunteer Service Agreement between the Club and the Forest Service. It formalizes our service with them and provides insurance coverage to our club members when they are doing trail maintenance on Forest Service property. In January, Karen, Helen Zaukas, Dan Schroeder and Jim Riley met with Paul Boulhier of the Border Patrol, Nogales sector. He gave much appreciated advice on how the club can hike safely in areas south of Green Valley and how to contact the Border Patrol. A copy of this information may be obtained from the Secretary. It has been passed on to all leaders and sweeps.

Vice President's Report—Jim Riley

The Vice President's job is to be our liaison to Friends of Madera Canyon (FOMC). They are very appreciative of the work the club does there through the Forest Service. A new project they are hoping to do is an expansion of the amphitheater to allow seating for up to 70-100 people for the nature talks.

Secretary's Report—Barb Wuehrmann

Records of all the Board minutes as well as a number of committee reports and Trail Tales are kept by the Secretary. Copies may be obtained by calling or e-mailing the Secretary.

Treasurer's Report—prepared by Larry Grove, given by Karen Chadwell

Elton Waack reviewed our Treasurer's report and stated that it accurately reflects the financial activities of the club and the cash balance of the GVHC as of December 31, 2010 which is \$7,422.29. He also had made some suggestions for reclassifying some income and expenses which Larry has done and is reflected in the report. The treasurer's report was voted on and approved. A copy is attached.

Membership Report—Barb Powell

As of March 7, 2011 there were 426 paid members, down 17 from last year. Of these 68 are new members, which is one more than last year. The Club Directory was printed on February 28 and includes the names of members paid to that date. It was distributed today and is available in the parking lot on Thursdays and at the next pot luck. A record low of 2 hikers are listed as "overdue" on paying this year's dues.

Awards Report—prepared by Bev Rosenthal and presented by Karen Chadwell

There were 80 awards given from May 6, 2010 to March 3, 2011 as follows: 28 X 50-mile, 14 X 250-mile, 12 X 500-mile, 13 X 1000-mile, 1 X 1500-mile, 3 X 2000-mile, 2 X 2500-mile, 3 X 3000-mile, 1 X 3500-mile, 2 X 4000-mile, and 1 X 4500-mile.

Social Report—Rosie Lemke

There were 2 pot lucks since Rosie took over with 297 people in attendance. We collected \$137 and 166 lbs. of food for the Food Bank. The next pot luck is scheduled for April 10. One of our hikers, Dean Feige, will talk on his experiences of hiking in the NW Territories. Thanks were given to all who volunteered at the pot lucks. Rosie asked for suggestions for future pot lucks.

Volunteer Services Report—Phil Betzel

His job is to keep track of our trail maintenance and trail clean-up projects. Last year we had a total of 13 projects that involved 423 hours of volunteer labor. Five of the projects were trail clean-up in which 157 bags of trash were removed. Thanks were given to Ed Westhoven and Jim Campbell for leading these projects. The other 8 projects were trail maintenance, mostly in Madera Canyon. Two days were spent helping the Forest Service remove downed trees from the snow storms we had last winter. Thanks were given to Dick Shimanek,

Wayne Moshier and Bob Porterfield for coordinating the trail maintenance projects. Copies of the report may be obtained from Phil. A future project will involve helping the owner of the Chuparosa Inn who is heading up the repair of water pipes along Old Baldy Trail that had burst during the recent deep freeze. Not on the report is a clean up yesterday in Esperanza wash in which 60 bags of trash were removed. Thanks were also given to our members of the Flag Committee who set up and took down the flags along La Canada on Memorial Day. Phil also reported with regrets that the Federal stimulus funds that were supposed to help with trail and road projects in the Coronado and Tonto National Forests will not be forthcoming. The Federal Government did not have the manpower or money to come up with estimates. Thanks to all the leaders who had put in suggestions for the projects.

Orientation Report—Don Gfroerer

We had 158 people attend O&R. Of those 85 took a first hike. There who 68 who decided to join the club. Thanks were given to Budde Boysen, Barb Gfroerer, Mary Ann Jordan, Winnie Kruper, Walt Prue, Ron Lemke and Bill and Marlene Isbell for their help in leading these sessions. Thanks to subs Helen Zaukas and Phil Gray. Our numbers attending the sessions have gone down a little over the last few years but the number of new members has remained about the same.

Hike Master Report—Helen Zaukas

Since becoming Hike Master so far 3285 hikers have hiked on 357 hikes. Twenty-three hikes were cancelled mostly due to inclement weather. Three long time leaders have resigned: Merle Batty, Bill Cummins and Tommy Thompson. Merle and Bill will continue as assistant leaders. Bill Isbell has stepped down as assistant leader. Susan Beck-Brown, Bill Hill and Don Houge have completed their training to be leaders. Duane Dotson, Patsy Sills, Jim Van Stee, Jim Woodward and Anita Woodward have completed their training to become assistant leaders. GPS sessions and a Terrain Navigator introductory session were conducted by Dick Paige for interested members and were well presented and well received. A number of new hikes have been added to the club's inventory. Some progress has been made in adding maps to the write ups the leaders use for scouting their hikes. Hike planning committee members Bill Becker, Judith LeClair and Dan Schroeder met with Helen 4 times throughout the year planning the hikes for 3 months at a time. A mention was made again of the meeting with Border Patrol agent Paul Boulrier that was presented in the President's report.

Assistant Hike Master Report—Dan Schroeder

The club has 12 full sized first aid kits and 7 mini kits. Two kits are on loan to Ed Westhoven and Richard Shimanek for trail work activities. The medications are kept up to date. Fortunately the kits have been used very little. The new Assistant Hike Master for 2011-2012 will be Frank Surpluss.

Committee Reports

Name Tags--John Brant--Many people have not picked up their tags. See him in the parking lot to pick them up. Also see him if you need a new one.

Library--Tom Johnson--The Hiking Club Library serves as a repository for hiking related materials. A list of these resources may be found on the Hiking Club Web Site www.gvrhc.org. A list of the newly added resources is on the attached complete report. The resources include historical articles, CD's, DVD's and books. The last 3 items may be checked out of the "Lending Library". Send Tom an e-mail or call him to arrange checking out an item.

Trail Tales--Kaye Gray--The current Trail Tales is probably the last she will be doing. She is looking for a volunteer to take over the job.

Records Committee--George Chute--The records committee is in charge of a computer program that keeps track of the membership, the hikes they do, awards and dues payment. Members who help with the weekly entering of all these items are Karen Chadwell and Phil Gray.

Historian--Pam Boehms--The history files are in a locker in Desert Hills and may be accessed through Pam or the Secretary who both have keys.

Trail Maintenance--Richard Shimanek--He is looking for volunteers for an April clean-up although the date has not been set yet.

Nominations Committee--chair Ron Lemke--The committee which includes Geri Lancia and Bob Koons has nominated Sandra Rooney, Elaine Spindler and David Colpitts. There were no nominations from the floor. All three were voted on and approved unanimously.

Comments from the Floor

A member reminded hikers to make sure their tetanus shots are up to date, and Barb Powell suggested we all write the date on our ID forms that we get from her and fill out.

Lillian Monson suggested we include all the names of volunteers in the Trail Tales so members not at this meeting can appreciate what our volunteers do.

Thanks were given to Karen Chadwell for her service as President and to the leaving members of the board: Barb Powell, Phil Betzel and Barb Wuehrmann.

The next Board meeting and the organizational meeting to follow are April 20, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Wuehrmann, Secretary

