

Green Valley Recreation Hiking Club
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, December 2, 2025
Las Campanas Recreation Center, Acacia Room

1. Call to Order/Quorum

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order by President Sue Palfrey at 6:01 p.m. Board members present: Sue Palfrey, Nancy White, Barbara Jepakema, Marysia Czachor, Josie Trobec, Jim Easter, Steve Toeniskoetter, and Barb Fleshman. Absent: Jeff Gross, Rich Calderazzo, and Bob Senning. Committee Chairs present: Frank Surpluss. Absent: Kristi Lund, Steve Delisle, David Kean, and George Chute.

2. Secretary's Report: Barbara Jepakema

The Minutes of the October 7, 2025 Board of Directors meeting, which had been previously provided electronically to all Board Members, were unanimously approved upon motion made and seconded.

3. Treasurer's Report: Jeff Gross

Attached is the financial report as of November 30, 2025, which was provided electronically to all Board Members.

4. President's Report: Sue Palfrey

GVR scan request: If the Club is required to participate in the GVR request to scan in membership and guest cards at all events, a meeting with GVR will be requested to negotiate a way to meet both GVR's goals and our Club needs. If Club members do end up needing to scan, a committee could be formed to take the burden off hike leaders.

Mapping Classes update:

- Garmin and Base Camp will no longer be courses, but information will be provided online with Jim Chisholm willing to support individuals with Garmin and Keith Blair to support with Base Camp (which is being phased out).
- Joe Frasier will do a map and compass course and Dan Paxton a Gaia class, which will be offered from mid-January to February. Details are currently being worked out. Members will be able to sign up through our member services site.

Nominating Committee: Cee Barron will chair the Nominating Committee, with Patsy Sills and David Hoekema as the two other Committee members.

Clearing Buffel Grass opportunity: Sue received last minute notice of a buffelgrass removal annual event that the mine runs on their buffer property between the mine and Green Valley, completely organized by Freeport-McMoRan Sierrita Operations and Pima County UA

Cooperative Extension, and will pass the contact information on to either Volunteer Services or Trail Maintenance.

5. Vice President's Report: Nancy White

Nancy attended the GVR President Planning meeting for 2025-2026, and initiated 2026 Annual Club Paperwork for completion with various deadlines. She will work to obtain GVR room reservations for the Gaia and map and compass classes once dates and times from the course leaders is determined.

A Committee has been formed to select a candidate or candidates for the Club Hall of Fame, which will meet in January and have proposed candidate(s) for the February Board meeting.

6. Membership Report: Marysia Czachor

As December 1, 2025, we have 361 members in the Club, 28 of which are new and have joined since September 1st. Membership renewals started on November 1, and they have been coming in at a steady pace. So far 157 members have renewed their membership for 2026. This includes the 28 new members whose 2025 membership extends through 2026. Renewal reminder letters will go out soon, with another reminder going out before January 1.

The new system is running smoothly and most members are able to renew their memberships easily.

7. Awards Report: Jim Easter

There have been 8 awards given during the period from October 11, 2025 through November 28, 2025:

50 miles	3	
250	2	
1000	2	(Rhonda Wills, Joy Quigley)
2500	1	(Stephen Herron)

8. Social Activities: Josie Trobec

The Fall Potluck was held on November 9, 2025, with 106 in attendance. In the 6 volunteer job areas, at least one new volunteer was paired with a "veteran" volunteer by Josie. Jim Woodward was the presenter and was well received by the attendees. The 127 lbs. of food and \$220 in cash collected was delivered to the local foodbank on November 12, 2025.

As a reminder, Club events for the 2025-26 season are as follows:

Leaders Breakfast	January 28, 2026
Winter Potluck	February 15, 2026
Annual Meeting	March 3, 2026
Spring Potluck	March 29, 2026

9. Volunteer Services: Bob Senning

The Fall clean-up of Whitehouse Canyon Road, Milepost 2 to Milepost 4, was performed on Friday, November 21, with 14 volunteers. Pima County Program Coordinator, Katrina Noble, sent a note of appreciation afterwards. The Name Tag system was changed and is working very well. Over the summer 5 name tags were ordered and there are 3 currently pending.

10. Orientation: Rich Calderazzo

So far this season, the limit of 12 people per class has been raised to 14 twice due to demand. Since our last Board meeting, 48 people have attended Orientation, bringing the total number of attendees for the year (1/01/2025 to 12/1/2025) to 141. Of these, 53 have become new members, which means 38% of our attendees have joined. This is 13% higher than the same time last year. There are 3 more Orientation sessions and 4 Club hiking days remaining for 2025. With the holiday season approaching, no significant change in our numbers is expected during this period.

11. Hikemaster: Steve Toeniskoetter

Hiking Numbers

The number of hikers per week during the months of October and November were similar to those reported post-Covid for the same period. Storms on November 22nd led to 3 hikes being cancelled in the parking lot, and of the 5 that left only 1 actually completed their hike. There were 55 hikers on the President's hike, which was the second largest group for that day in Club history.

Leader/Assistant Leader Retirements and New Leaders/Assistant Leaders

There was one leader retirement, Phil Betzel. One leader and two assistant leaders are training or have completed training:

- Mark Spencer (completed sweep training)
- Arne Hales (will complete sweep training on 12/4)
- Susan Pyle (will complete leader training on 12/11)

New Hikes and Revisions

There were 5 new hikes run in the October-November timeframe:

- Sonoita Creek Fresno Canyon, a moderate C created by Jim Chervenka
- Pena Blanca Lake to Bellota Canyon, a moderate C created by Susan Beck-Brown, Kim Boswell, Susan Hoekema, and Barbara Jepkema
- Old Arizona Trail Bypass, an easy A created by Keith Blair
- Smith Canyon Loop, an easy C created by Jim Chervenka
- AZ Trail - Chimney Rock – Molino, a difficult A created by Keith Blair, Ron Pohlen, and Dave Toeniskoetter

There are an additional 16 new hikes scheduled in December through April.

New Software

For the most part the new software has been well received with just a couple of people having issues. Leaders and sweeps are now able to see information on their pre-signups, including the hikes members have done in the past 60 day, which helps leaders identify any possible

concerns prior to Thursday. Membership requested a few changes which were implemented. Records continues to dual enter data in both the legacy spreadsheets and new software. Starting in January all data entry will be in the new software only. Awards have been added to the new software. Jim Chisholm and Steve have been verifying information each week and it has been spot-on. In January, Jim Easter will start using the new software to see those due for awards.

12. Assistant Hikemaster: Barb Fleshman

Barb continues to work closely alongside Steve Toeniskoetter, participating with the hike selection process; hike assignments; contacting border patrol to advise of Club hikes in specific areas; preparing first aid kits for weekly hikes; restocking supplies in first aid kits as needed; and ensuring that supplies are not outdated and tracking supplies.

13. Committee Reports

A. Historian/Librarian Kristi Lund

No report.

B. Trail Tales Frank Surpless

Frank reported that for the Spring Trail Tales, he and Duane are considering a focus on a returning member and former leader who helped develop a large number of new hikes, along with Wayne Moshier, in the past, two current leaders who have been developing hikes recently, and also a memorial to Dan Schroeder.

C. Webmaster: Steve Delisle

With the changes from using Wild Apricot to Black Pug, Steve's task list has greatly diminished. Maintaining the current and archived hike tables in WordPress has now moved into the Black Pug realm. He did post the new edition of Trail Tales and will always be available to make whatever updates are needed going forward.

D. Records: George Chute

No report.

E. Trail Maintenance David Kean

No report.

14. Old Business:

a. T-Shirt sales: Nancy confirmed with the GV Wednesday farmer's market T-shirt vendor their willingness to work with our Club for orders of GVRHC shirts or other logo items and to process the orders, so that members can order items at any time of the year. The vendor has in-person or online ordering options. Bob and/or Nancy will supply them with the

Club logo to get the process set up to start after the first of the year. Upon motion made and seconded, it was unanimously

APPROVED that Mr and Ms Pickleball/Cindy Meekin (mrmispickelball.com) will be used hereafter by the Club for the purchase of T-shirts, and other items available through them, using the Club's logo.

b. Soliciting membership feedback from full Club membership – survey proposal. Sue presented a simple test Survey to be submitted to our Club membership. It was agreed this will be submitted in mid-January so that the results can be received prior to and reviewed at our February meeting.

15. New Business:

a. 2026 Budget: Because Jeff was unable to attend the meeting, Sue submitted some thoughts based on last year's budget, which will be further discussed at the February Board meeting.

b. 2026 GVR Big Event October 19 - November 14, 2025: It was agreed to keep the Club's participation to something simple.

c. Sue requested that Board Members look at the website tucsonaccessstrails.com, pursuant to a request by the group for posting on the Club's website or to give them some suggested C hikes on public trails: The matter will be put on the agenda for further discussion at our February meeting.

d. Dick Paige presented a proposal to the Board for a reunion of retired hike leaders sometime in the near future, preferably a luncheon, perhaps sometime in March, and asked if the Club would be willing to contribute funds to accomplish this. After discussion, it was agreed to be an idea worthy of consideration, with considerable planning needed, to be further discussed at our February meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

The next Board Meeting will be February 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., at the Las Campanas Recreation Center, Acacia Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Jepkema, Secretary