

Pebble Creek Hiking Club Minutes

Date: September 18, 2014

Officers Present: Pete Williams, Lynn Warren, Sandy Mednick, Pat Chernow

Attendees: 49 present including 14 prospective members

Call to Order: 7:00 PM Adjourned: 8:30 PM

Subject	Discussion	Recommendations	Follow Up
Introduction of Officers	Pete Williams, President Lynn Warren, Vice President Sandy Mednick, Treasurer Pat Chernow, Secretary	None	None
Introduction of Prospective Members	14 new/prospective members introduced themselves and where they are from. We welcome these new people to our group.	Meet with Bob McDermott at the end of the meeting to discuss Introductory Hikes and equipment. Dues to be collected after the Introductory Hike by Bob and presented to Sandy M.	B. McDermott
Treasurer's Report	Sandy Mednick explained that the dues are \$5.00 and that a registration form for each member is needed each year. The No Blame Waiver is only needed once. Checking account: Beginning balance = \$509.58 Transactions Additions = picnic raffle \$161.00 Dues 35.00	None	S. Mednick

	Expenses = SPOT 107.79 Ending balance = \$597.79		
Levels of Hikes	Pete Williams reviewed the 3 categories of hikes with their mileage and elevation gain. B Hikes are Mon, Thurs, and Fri. C Hikes are Mon, Wed, and Fri D Hikes are Thurs. Introductory Hikes are Tues.	None	None
Hiker's Statistics	Doug Jamiolkowski presented the statistical data for the hikers. We currently have 161 members. 2013-2014 year had a record number of miles hiked at 14,458.8. There were 262 scheduled hikes with only 11 cancellations. 1991 participants were on the 251 hikes. 91% of hikes had 4 or more participants. Lynn Warren was the top hiker for the season with 1241.9 miles and 145 hikes. Certificates were awarded for 50 miles in a season or 100 mile milestone. Hikers can see their own stats on the website as well as pictures of previous hikes.	None	D. Jamiolkowski
Award Presentation	Pete Williams presented touch cushions (mouse pads) to people who have lead 2 hikes and have been sweep at least once. Pete expressed the clubs gratitude to Susan Rudoy and Ryn Strueli for their dedication and hard work as officers of the club. They worked on revision of the bylaws and	None	P. Williams

	<p>standard operating procedures which involved a lot of research. Ryn also worked on the Introductory Hike Guidelines. Louise Warren was thanked for her work on coordinating the club picnics.</p>		
<p>Trail Maintenance Program for White Tanks Regional Park</p>	<p>Pete presented to the members the idea of a community project to help maintain the White Tank Regional Park trails. It would include clearing loose rocks and brush or digging out small boulders Total time is 2-2.5 hours and includes hiking times to and from the site. Start at 7:30-8 am. We would start in late October.</p>	<p>Pete will put out a notice to the club asking what day is best and asking for volunteers to sign up.</p>	<p>P. Williams</p>
<p>Overnight Hike to Palm Springs</p>	<p>Tom Wellman reported on the overnight hike for Pam Springs Nov 4-7. We have 26 people signed up. We are limiting the trip to 30 members. Guests are excluded except spouses. We have a great rate at the hotel for \$99.00 and \$119.00 for a queen suite. Participants must complete the paperwork for members, pay dues and do 2 hikes at the level they will hike before the trip.</p> <p>The spring trip will be to southern Arizona near Tucson and the Chiricahuas.</p>	<p>Contact Tom Wellman if you are interested in attending.</p> <p>We need a replacement coordinator for the spring trip. Contact Pete Williams.</p>	<p>T. Wellman</p>
<p>Moonlight Hike</p>	<p>We are offering a special hike this year at the White Tank Regional Park for a moonlight hike with a Park Ranger for Thurs, Oct 9th</p>	<p>We will carpool from Eagles Nest at 5:30 PM Pat will send out an email to the PC</p>	<p>P. Chernow</p>

	<p>from 6-8 PM. Sun set is at 6:25 PM. We will do the Black Rock long loop and half of the waterfall trail which is 2.7 miles. Bring flash lights and a black light. Members can sign-up at the meeting or let Pat know.</p>	hikers.	
Winter Picnic	<p>Louise Warren informed the members that the next picnic is Friday, Jan. 23, 2015. There will be hikes that day for all 3 levels. We had 70 people last year. Most people prefer having it catered. Louise is looking for suggestions on the type of food. We need non hikers to volunteer to help set up. If you bring your own beverages, remember no glass containers.</p>	Contact Louise at azhikers13@cox.net	L. Warren
D Level Hike Coordinator	<p>We still need a D hike coordinator. The duties include selecting which hikes to do and preparing a schedule. The first 6 hikes are scheduled. These hikes tend to be closer to PebbleCreek since they are shorter hikes.</p>	Contact Pete Williams if interested.	P. Williams
Hike Information for New Season	<p>C Hikes - Pete handles the C hikes which are Mon, Wed, and Fri. The schedule is done for 32 weeks. Adjustments may be made. There are over 300 C hikes.</p> <p>B Hikes - Bill Halte coordinates Mon. Lynn Warren coordinates Thurs. Bill Baxter coordinates Fri. There are a lot of new B hikes.</p>	See the website, pchikers.org , for schedules. Pete sends out a weekly schedule via email	P. Williams

	<p>Mon and Fri the B and C hikes may start at the same trailhead. It is important for members to recognize their limits. The B hikes are pretty aggressive with some bush whacking.</p> <p>C hikes are primary on trails.</p> <p>C and B hikes may be as far as Sedona or Prescott. We try to limit drive time to one hour. Members can go on our website and see pictures of previous hikes to these locations to see what the hike may entail.</p> <p>We meet at Eagle Nest starting next week through October at 6:30 AM and leave at 6:45. Times change each month. We car pool with 4-5 people per car and share the cost of gas and entrance fees. Pete calculates the cost per person based on the price of gas at Safeway and uses a formula.</p>		
New Members	<p>You can look on the website for club documents which include safety tips. There is a leader and a sweep for each hike. The hike leader carries a first aid pack. Use common sense when picking a hike and speak up if you have a problem on the hike.</p>		All
Trip to Machu Picchu	<p>John Julius informed the members of a trip he is leading to Machu Picchu in July, 2015. It is a 10 day trip to explore Peru and its culture and includes a raft trip, train trip, Inca ruins, etc. 12 people are signed up and there is room for 4 more. Cost is \$3,500 and</p>	<p>Contact John Julius at jljulius@cox.net</p>	J. Julius

	included hotels, meals, and flight.		
Grand Canyon Rim-to-Rim Backpacking Trip	Lynn Warren did a presentation of the Grand Canyon Rim-to-Rim backpacking trip by 5 members of the club. He shared a few of his pictures.	Pictures can be viewed on the website at pchikers.org. Click on photo gallery. The password is Funhikes and look for overnight hikes.	All
Next Meeting	Next General Meeting will be October 16th, 2014. T.F. Ballroom 3.		October 16, 2014 7 PM

Submitted by Pat Chernow, Secretary