

Minutes From the General Meeting November 10-2022

Hiking Club

President Pat Fonstad called the meeting to order at 1715. She acknowledged all the veterans and service people in the audience and thanked them for their service.

Pat acknowledged the new members and welcomed them.

Pat asked if there were any errors or amendments from the last minutes and then asked for a motion from the floor to adopt the minutes. Shelby Wright moved that the minutes be adopted, and Nancy Bendel seconded the motion. The membership voted in favour of adopting the minutes. There were no opposers.

Pat introduced the current Board and said that we would be needing new Board members for next year.

Treasurer, Cindy Schwert was absent, so Pat gave the treasurer's report. She told the membership that the club dues pay for the functions. In the past the club needed sponsorship to stay financially solvent. We currently have 123 members and are in good shape financially, in part because we still have some surplus left over from the Covid year where we operated the hiking portion of the club but had no social functions.

Rick Hake (Webmaster) explained the problems that were occurring because of a change in the HOA system. This has led to two parallel hiking club websites. One which is current and accurate and the other which is an old one that the HOA made "live." This has created problems for people finding current information on the club's website. Rick explained how to delete the computer's memory cache so that the incorrect website address did not self populate.

Pat explained that we have no Social Chair to organize the functions and are relying on volunteers for each individual function. A volunteer is needed to organize the spring social and we risk not having a function if no volunteers present themselves.

The flyers for the Holiday Party should be out next week.

It was announced that hike leaders are desperately needed and to contact Pat Fonstad or any hike leader or Board member if interested.

Pat announced that Phil Ferranti has volunteered to be a guest hike leader this year and she encouraged the membership to support his hikes.

Pat asked for suggestions for a speaker for the spring meeting.

Pat thanked Karen Bieber and Chris Vanderputten for putting on the function and, Don Bailey, Mike Gittleman, Jim Miller and Catherine Carvell for serving the wine.

Pat introduced the guest speaker, Chris Castro, from the Palm Springs Mounted Search and Rescue and closed the meeting at 1730.