

PHC Steering Committee Minutes - Meeting of 1-23-17

Following are the minutes of the 1-23-17 meeting of the Prescott Hiking Club Steering Committee (aka SC or the Committee). The meeting took place at the home of Ellen Arkin, and the following members were in attendance:

Ellen Arkin, Cindy Cassady, Lisa Garnes, Louis Mackall, Jim Perry, Joanne Polayes, and Jim Smith

The meeting began at 9:00 pm and adjourned at 10:30 pm.

Previous Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the 12-5-16 meeting were approved without changes.

Items Completed:

A. New Steering Committee Chairperson selected: It was unanimously agreed that Ellen Arkin would be the SC chairperson for the 2017 year. Cindy Cassady agreed to continue to be secretary for the coming year as well.

B. PHC Budget: Treasurer Karen Wechsung provided the committee budget summaries for 2015, 2016 and 2017. The 2017 budget was discussed in light of previous year's expenditures and future expectations. Part of this discussion concerned the cost of printing PHC brochures, which Vicki Reber had researched. In addition to the commercial options, she also offered to print the brochures on her home color printer. The SC agreed that this was the most reasonable option and the club would reimburse her the cost of paper and ink. The social committee will now take the proposed budget to their next meeting and provide a recommended spending plan for 2017 social activities at the next SC meeting. The final approved budget will be provided to the club membership upon completion.

C. Proposed Changes to the Slow Hiking Group: Jim Smith reported on the response from club members regarding the proposal that the slow hike location on Tuesday and Saturday (Lynx Lake and Thumb Butte) be altered every other year. Members were concerned about parking problems at Lynx Lake on Saturdays, so consequently, the majority felt the locations should not be changed. Jim will be sending out a message to the club members to that effect.

D. Forest Service Trail Maintenance Volunteer Opportunities: Although she was unable to attend the meeting, Vicki Reber reported via email that she had contacted the Forest Service regarding trail maintenance opportunities for club members. This was met with great enthusiasm by the Forest Service, which said the club may set up yearly or more frequent dates to volunteer. It was agreed by the SC that an initial trail work day should be arranged for some time in the spring so members can volunteer and learn about what is involved. It will then be decided if the club wishes to do this on a yearly or more frequent basis.

E. Granite Creek Cleanup Opportunity: Jim Perry received a message from the Prescott Creeks/Trails organization asking if the club would be interested in providing help to recon conditions along Prescott's creek systems in preparation for their Granite Creek Cleanup on April 22. Jim said

the club has done this in the past, and it's a fun and different kind of hike to offer the club as well as useful to the community. Lisa Garnes offered to head up this activity and will contact Prescott Creeks, arrange the location to be reconnoitered, offer the hike to the club on one of our regular hiking days, then provide the observational information regarding trash and debris build-up along creek to the Prescott Creeks organization.

F. Next Meeting: The next Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 27, 9:00 am at Cindy Cassady's home.

G. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting: The agenda items for the next meeting were set as follows:

- Report from the Social Committee on their proposed 2017 Budget •
- Finalize the PHC 2017 Budget •
- Schedule a PHC volunteer trails work day with the Forest Service
- Report from Lisa Garnes on scheduling a PHC creek recon hike

Important Dates:

February 13 - Social Committee Meeting

February 27 - Steering Committee Meeting

Your Steering Committee: Ellen Arkin, Cindy Cassady, Louis Mackall, Jim Perry, Joanne Polayes, Vicki Reber, and Jim Smith