

## **PHC Steering Committee Minutes - Meeting of 5-8-17**

Following are the minutes of the 5-8-17 meeting of the Prescott Hiking Club Steering committee (aka SC or the Committee). The meeting took place at the home of Jim Perry, and the following members were in attendance:

Ellen Arkin, Cindy Cassady, Louis Mackall, Jim Perry, and Jim Smith

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

Previous Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the 2-27-17 meeting were approved without changes.

Items Completed:

**A. PHC 2017 Budget:** Jim Perry reminded us that the PHC fiscal year runs from October 1 through September 30. The current budget was reviewed and the club's fiscal situation found to be in good shape. Since we won't start off next year with as big a surplus as we did this year, it was agreed to monitor the budget on a regular basis to make sure we stay on track.

**B. Trail Maintenance Day:** Louis Mackall reported that the trail maintenance event coordinated with the Prescott Forest Service went very well. Fourteen members participated in trimming shrubs and trees along trail 307 on Saturday morning, May 6 for about 3 hours, for which the Forest Service was very grateful.

**C. Prescott Creeks Recon Event:** Ellen Arkin read a report submitted by Lisa Garnes describing the Prescott Creeks Recon Event. Eleven club members gathered on March 10 to recon Miller, Granite and Aspen Creeks. Bill and Lisa Garnes covered Manzanita, North Miller and North Granite Creeks at a later date. All Information gathered was submitted to the Prescott Creeks organization on March 30 in preparation for their city-wide cleanup day in April.

**D. Adopting a Trail:** Jim Smith had suggested previously that the club look into adopting a trail in the Prescott area for which we would have permanent responsibility for maintenance. In discussing this option with the Forest Service, it was decided in light of the training, CPR and other requirements, it would be more feasible to have the club just volunteer twice a year to help with trail maintenance. It was agreed another trail maintenance day would be scheduled in the Fall.

**E. Prescott Peaks Hiking Event:** At the previous meeting, Vicki Reber reported that she had been contacted about a possible hiking event in September sponsored by the Prescott Athletic Club. She agreed to find out more information to see if this would be a suitable event for the PHC. As she was not in attendance at today's meeting, this item was postponed for discussion at the next PHC Steering Committee meeting.

**F. Robert Manning Presentation to Celebrate National Trails Day:** An email was received from Robert Manning describing a presentation he will be making at the Prescott Public Library on June 3 at 1:30 in celebration of National Trails Day and discussing his two books about hiking. He asked if this information could be sent out to our membership. It was agreed that club policy is to make available to the Club any information regarding hiking, that this information would be appropriate, and that Cindy Cassady would send out an email to the membership about it.

**G. June Club Picnic:** Ellen Arkin confirmed that the next social event will be the club picnic scheduled for Tuesday, June 6. More information about the event will be sent out to all club members soon.

**H. Greater Prescott Trails Planning Meeting:** Cindy Cassady brought up a notice in the Prescott Courier about the Greater Prescott Trails planning meeting to take place Tuesday, March 9, to discuss future plans regarding trails in the Prescott area. Louis Mackall agreed to see if he could find someone to attend and represent the Club.

**I. Hike Leaders Needed:** Jim Perry brought up the issue that more Moderate and Moderate-Minus hike leaders are needed, as sometimes there are hike days when no hikes are scheduled. Jim Smith added that sometimes hike leaders are needed for the Slow Hike group as well. We encourage everyone to think about volunteering to lead hikes. The hikes need not be unique or even pre-hiked. If you would like to just lead a local hike around Watson Lake, or to Spruce Mountain, Salida Gulch, Granite Mountain, or any other local trail, please go ahead and put it on the schedule as there are always people who would like to join you. We encourage current hike leaders to be mentors to newer people and encourage them to give leading a hike a try.

J. **Process for Sending Information to PHC Members:** Jim Smith mentioned he has been asked by members about how to send information out to all Club members. Jim Perry responded that anything regarding hiking can be sent to Ellen Bank for dissemination. If she has a question about whether the information is appropriate, she will contact the Steering Committee for guidance.

K. **Next Meeting:** The next Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 2, 9:00 am at Jim Perry's home.

The agenda items for the next meeting were set as follows:

- Review budget •
- Review June 6 picnic•
- Prescott Peaks hiking event
- Report on Greater Prescott Trails Planning Meeting

**Important Dates:**

May 21 - 26 - Greer Campout

June 6 - Club Picnic

August 2 - Steering Committee Meeting

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