

PHC Steering Committee Minutes - Meeting of 6-29-16

Following are the minutes of the 6-29-16 meeting of the Prescott Hiking Club Steering committee (aka SC or the Committee). The meeting took place at the Wildflower Bread Co., and the following members were in attendance:

Ellen Arkin, Cindy Cassady, Henry Dye, Lisa Garnes, Louis Mackall and Karen Wechsung.

The meeting began at 3:00 pm and adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Previous Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the 5-11-16 meeting were approved without changes.

Items Completed:

A. Grand Canyon Youth Program: A thank you letter was received by the Club from the Grand Canyon Youth organization for the donations our members made of clothing/hiking items to their program, organized by Joann Polayes. It was agreed to continue the collection of items once or twice a year for this worthy cause.

B. Frequently Asked Questions: A list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) to be posted on the PHC web site, which the committee had put together the previous meeting, was reviewed and after some discussion, approved. Jim Perry will post them on the web site as soon as possible.

C. Perfume on the Trail: A member has asked the SC to address the issue of hikers wearing perfume or other heavily scented personal products on hikes. As some hikers are allergic to and are bothered by such scents, it was agreed that an email will be sent out to all club members reminding them to avoid wearing scents on the trail. This reminder will also be posted to the web site.

D. Hike Start Locations: A member has asked that for hikes out Walker Road, a new meeting location be established between Costco and Petsmart for those coming from east of Prescott. It was decided that since all our start locations are listed on the web site with maps to their location (and new people may not know how to find a different location), an additional meeting location should not be added. However, hike leaders are free to put in their hike description that people can go to that location, and the group will swing by to pick them up on their way out Walker Rd. In addition, any hiker who prefers to meet at a different location from the one posted is free to call the hike leader and ask to be picked up at a more convenient spot if it is on the way to the trail head.

E. Extreme Hiking Category: It has been suggested to the SC that a new Extreme hiking category for hikes over 16 miles, 3000 ft elevation gain, and extensive bushwhacking, be added as a hiking option. It was agreed that this proposal be emailed to all Strenuous hikers to gather their input on whether this category is needed or desired. After this information is gathered, the issue will be reconsidered.

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

- Password protecting hike schedule and planning worksheet •
- Hike Facilitator Security •
- Club Email Programs
- Extreme hiking category

Open Items: •

- Sustainability/Growth of the PHC

Important Dates:

Aug 31 - Steering Committee Meeting at 3:00 pm

Your Steering Committee:

Chairperson: Lisa Garnes (Chairman@prescotthiking.com)

Secretary: Cindy Cassady (Secretary@prescotthiking.com)

Treasurer: Karen Wechsung (Treasurer@prescotthiking.com)

Committee Members: Ellen Arkin, Henry Dye, Louis Mackall, Jim Perry