

General Membership Meeting 27-Jan-2020

Villages Hiking Club General Membership Meeting,
January 27, 2020

1. Called to Order: 7:30pm at Foothill Center
2. Attending:
Executive Board Members Present: President: Al Girolami; VP Hiking & Trails: Faye Swanson; VP Social: Michelle Breslin; Treasurer: Rose Eagan; VP Membership & Communications: Jim Beyer; Acting Secretary: Deb Siedband
Absent: Secretary: Cheryl Allmen
General Attendance: 45
3. Reports:
President's Report: Al welcomed all in attendance and introduced the new 2020 Board members.
Al announced a decision by the Board to take the month of July off with respect to a Hiking Club General Membership Meeting. The July Social will still be held, and hikes will continue through the summer.
Paper copies of the current Treasurer's Report and the last General Meeting minutes will be displayed at the back of the room at General meetings this year.
A letter has been crafted to send to VGCC to reply to their "NO" vote on the Hiking Club's Hill Lands Maintenance proposal. Our requests are more focused and specific.
Al reported that Dan Kato will be the 2020 Chairman of our Hill Lands Maintenance Committee, and will represent the Club as liaison in discussions with VGCC.
Other committee chairs include Terri Vivoli for Sunshine, Susan Brown for Snacks, and Russ Glines for Beverages.
John Trudeau reported on the status of the Sign Project. The signs are finished, with 3 that need to be redone (due to manufacturer error). He thanked Al and Russ for their assistance. .
Secretary's Report: Minutes from the last meeting (November, 2019) were approved.

V.P. Hiking and Trails: Faye reported that this year's Trail Maintenance Day is scheduled for March 28. Details will follow as more information becomes available.

Hike leaders are always being sought. We can train & mentor people interested in leading. The possibility of sending additional emails with hike descriptions as a way to foster greater participation was discussed.

Treasurer's Report:

BEGINNING BOOK BALANCE ON NOVEMBER 30, 2019 \$4,232.58

INCOME:

TOTAL INCOME none

BALANCE \$4,232.58

EXPENSES:

12-10 Debit Card (Sprouts -Xmas Party) \$64.04

12-11 " " (Luckys) - " ") \$95.52

12-12 " " (Costco - " ") \$1,071.25

12-12 " " (Target- " ") \$29.40

12-13 " " (New Leaf " ") \$23.90

12-17 Check 1642 (Bainbridge Hol Walk) \$15.27

TOTAL EXPENSES * \$1,299.38

ENDING BOOK BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2019 * \$2,933.20

Submitted by,

Al Girolami, Treasurer (2019)

* Not included is expected payment for Carmel Outing expenses of \$326.15 and income of \$50 of a yet to be deposited check from the Outing.

Also, income from Accounting for the Holiday Party is expected to be \$2268.

Note: Bank Balance is \$2,933.20 with no checks or debit changes outstanding.

HIKING CLUB HILL LANDS PROJECT FUND – DECEMBER 2019

BEGINNING BOOK BALANCE AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2019 \$2,281.82

INCOME: none

TOTAL INCOME: none

EXPENSES

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NOTE: Related to these Funds, the Evergreen Villages Foundation (EVF) also had \$5,750 specifically allocated for "Hiking Club Trails" which represented donations by individuals (Hiking

Club members, Villagers, and even a non resident donor) due to a Fund Raiser a few years ago

for reconstruction of the Step Trail, installation of additional picnic tables, and replacing the trail sign system. These funds, plus at least \$4,000 of other EVF funds have been allocated towards the nearly completed Trail Signage Project with the remaining cost to be paid by the Villages Club. At years end, the work is almost complete with only a few signs left to be installed.

EVF also has recently approved \$1,300 for improving the trail from Rawhide to the Upper Gardens.

V.P. Social: Michelle reported on the success of Trivia Night, and the Holiday Party. The annual Soup Supper & White Elephant Gift Exchange was well attended (63 participants). Next year we will plan to have written recipes next to each soup entry. Our next Social will be Game Night in March. Kathryn Nymoen will be managing that. Details to follow.

Membership: Jim reports 294 members, as of today and has just received one additional application, bringing the total to 295. Jim read his annual breakdown of number of years that people have been members of the club.

0-1 yr 24 people

1-2 yrs 39

2-5 yrs 85

10 yrs 53

20 yrs 16

Adjourned General Meeting: 7:45 for refreshments. Ret. LT. John Nores of the Dept. of Fish & Wildlife Marijuana Enforcement Team gave a presentation on the presence of illegal grow sites throughout our area, and efforts to locate and clear them, and prosecute those responsible.

Next Meeting:

February 24, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Siedband, acting Secretary