

Arizona Trailblazers Hiking Club
Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2024
SaltFire Brewing Company
Tempe, AZ, 6:00pm

- I. Welcome, introductions. There were 30 people in attendance.
- II. Club elections were held. The candidates were:

Lin Chao (President)
Mike Nelson (Vice-President),
Tom (Treasurer)
Heather (Secretary)

We also included the new bylaws to read:

“The Vice-President shall be responsible for taking over as the next ranking officer and conducting the Hiking Club meetings, in the absence of the club President. If the club Secretary cannot, for whatever reasons, maintain the email list, the Vice-President shall make all necessary change to this list (additions, deletions), as needed. The Secretary shall be responsible for taking meeting minutes and submitting those minutes and any other necessary reports to the club’s website manager. The Secretary shall also be responsible for maintaining a current roster of all active members in the club, as well as maintaining (making all necessary additions and deletions) the club’s email list. The Secretary shall also act as the club’s focal point for sending out all hiking announcements and notices to everyone on the club’s email list.”

Ballots were passed out and collected by Heather. After they were collected we drew two names to give out two passes to the Phoenix Zoo Lights that were donated to the club meeting by a club member (I did not catch who.)

- III. **Tamar** - Announced that the next club meeting will be January 21, 2025 at SaltFire Brewery in Tempe, and that the club awards and potluck will be held January 25, 2025 at Papago Park in Tempe. More information in regards to signing up will be coming in the near future. She also reminded the club that we have a lot of open days on our calendar and encouraged leaders to add to that.
- IV. **Tom** - Current bank account balance is \$10,009.00 and we have 136 members.
- V. **Michael** - Provided the bandwidth and site usage reports for the year.

VI. Cindy -

Stats Report for Session 5: Sep – Oct 2024

Total Number of Trips 2024: 61

Total trips in Session 5: 16

Total miles taken by all hikers 2024: 4704 mi

Total miles taken by all hikers in Session 5: 1175 mi

Total miles driven by carpool volunteers in 2024: 17,587 mi

Total miles driven by carpool volunteers in Session 5: 8,535 mi

VII. Our speaker was club member Stan Bidell, who has a YouTube channel titled, "Preserving Arizona Wilderness." He spoke about the 90 wilderness areas that Arizona has, discussed conservation, trees, flowers, and the Native American importance to many of these topics.