

05/12/2025 Executive Meeting Minutes

Meeting begins at 6:30 PM

Executive members present:

Lin Chao, President, Mike Nelson, Vice President, Tom Simonick, Treasurer, Cindy Duke, Statistician, Michael Humphrey, Webmaster.

Absent: Heather Oehrlein, Secretary.

Tom will take the minutes.

Meeting Speakers:

Club meeting on 05/15: Debbie from Salt River Wild Horse Management Group. Officers agreed to donate \$50 to the organization and pay for Debbie's dinner

Other Meetings and Speakers

Carol Byrant on skin cancer and hiking: 07/17 (Thursday)

Li Li and Tamar Gottfried on Greece trip: 09/11/25 (Thursday)

Note: Club will present each club member speaking with a \$20 gift card

Lin will invite a speaker for the November meeting to speak about hiking in Canyon de Chelly
Lin tried to set up a camping trip in Canyon de Chelly for this fall, but not enough members signed up. She will try again later.

Leader Training:

Decided that on the trail and during a local hike is best. Will schedule later for this fall/winter after the temperatures drop.

Facebook:

Lin would like to have a club Facebook page and link it to our website. The Facebook page would only be used to attract people to our website, making it easy to sign up for a hike. We would also have recent hike pictures on Facebook.

What other hiking clubs (in AZ) have Facebook pages?

Michael Humphrey will look into it and report back.

Hike Ideas:

Lin proposed posting the North Mountain Visitors Center hikes on our website

Cindy wants to lead "workout" hikes for local hikes with a minimal hike description.

Debi Quarry is at Flagstaff this summer and is volunteering to lead hikes. However, after the executive meeting Tom reported that Debi is not a club member. She was a club member from 2021-2023. The problem is that hike leaders must be club members. Executive members will continue to discuss.

Mike Nelson brought up the City of Phoenix “602 Day”, held annually on 06/02, designed to promote businesses and cultural events. The officers discussed participating this year, but given the short amount of time, we will consider participating next year.

Future Hikes/Events

Kartchner Caverns: 05/25/25. Lin leading a paid tour of part of the caverns

Musical Instrument Museum: 06/14/25. Lin organizing a tour of the museum

The Needles District in Canyonlands National Park, Utah: October, 2025. Lin will lead.

Grand Canyon National Park: A rim-to-rim hike in October, 2027. The hike would include two days at Phantom Ranch. Lin will lead.

Donation:

Reminder to treasurer to make a \$50 donation to the Salt River Wild Horse Management Group for supplying a speaker for our 05/15/25 meeting.

Treasurer’s Report: Bank account: \$10406.61

Members: 136

Executive Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM