

Arizona Trailblazers Hiking Club
Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2025 at 6pm
SaltFire Brewing Company, Tempe, AZ

Approximately 30 people were in attendance.

I. Lin - Announcements

- Our last club meeting was in July. Several trips that are coming up were discussed, including: Rocky Mountain trip, Boundary Waters canoe trip, Hatch River rafting trip, Patagonia camping trip, and the Grand Canyon backpacking trip.
- 2026 trips in the works include: Michael's Route 66 trip in March, Joshua Tree trip in March, Li's Croatia trip, Terry's backpacking trip to the Grand Canyon, Westfork backpack in June, Bisti Bandlands in September, Canyonland and Maze trips in October, and several kayak trips in and out of state are in the works as well.
- 2026 Annual Pot Luck and Awards will be held on January 24th at South Mountain Park from 8am - 2pm. Michael will create a signup for the food. Lin will send an email for volunteers to help with set up and leading hikes. We are also looking to do an "alumni hike", like a reunion, with some of our past club members.
- Let the Executive Committee know if you are interested in leader training. Heather is going to send out an email to gather information in regards to who is all interested in it. More information to follow.
- We are in need of more guest speakers. Heather will send an email out asking club members what kinds of topics they are interested in hearing about.

II. Heather

- Distributed ballots/pens for Elections while Lin was giving out announcements. Ballots were collected shortly after. An email will go out next for all the club members who were not able to come to the meeting so that they have an opportunity to vote also. Nominees for the 2026 Executive Committee:
 - President: Lin Chao
 - Vice President: John King
 - Treasurer: Tom Simonick
 - Secretary: Heather Oehrlein

III. Treasurer's Report

- Tom advised that the club has \$10,508.00 in their bank account. We currently have 140 members.

IV. Statistician's Report

- Cindy gave out the carpool miles, hike leader stats, and the top hikers.

V. Guest Speakers

- The speakers for this month were Tamar and Li. They gave a presentation/slide show on their club trip to Greece earlier this year.