

Arizona Trailblazers Hiking Club  
Meeting Minutes  
January 15, 2026 at 6pm  
SaltFire Brewing Company, Tempe, AZ

Approximately 25 club members in attendance.

## **I. Lin - Announcements**

- Upcoming Potluck is 1/24 at South Mountain. We are in need more people to help with setup.
- Leader Training will be held on 1/31/26 at Gilbert Riparian Preserve beginning at 8:30am. A ramada has been reserved from 10:30am - 1pm.
- One of our goals as an Exec Comm is to better train our leaders. Another goal for our club is to increase the number of members. We started a Facebook group for our members to help with promoting AZTrailblazers. We are using Facebook as a tool (for visibility) to promote interest, in hopes they will find our webpage and eventually become members.
- We also have a goal of increasing monthly stats sharing. We are going to work to get these stats out to people faster. However, that means that Cindy needs the information from the leaders as quickly as possible so she can get it out more efficiently.
- Heather's survey results have given the Executive Committee a better idea of what our club members want to hear about and learn at the club meetings in regards to speakers.
- This is the 30 year anniversary for the club and we are going to be working on planning a party. We need ideas on who to use for the facility, guest speakers ideas, and all other logistics. This will most likely be in October/November.
- We have new logos designed by Jade that we are currently working on getting votes on. The winner will be announced on 1/24.
- The March meeting will be held on 3/26 (which is different than was originally planned). Someone from the AZ Trail Association will be speaking. John just completed it and will share his experiences.

## **II. Tom - Financial Report**

- We currently have \$10,918 in the bank, and 140 members.

**III. Michael - Webmaster report**

- There was an uptick in December (perhaps because of Facebook)

**IV. Cindy**

- information will be provided at the Awards ceremony

**V. Guest Speaker**

- Art Ranz (and his helper Mike) from the McDowell Sonoran Conservancy came to be speakers. Their presentation was called, "Adventures in the Preserve."