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# Newsletter

Spring 2012

## **Summary of DTHC's Coordinating Council Meeting —April 3, 2012—Whitewater Preserve**

Attending: Rich Jarvinen, Carl Gorretta, Gary Ward, Mary Barlow, Dave and Cathy Luckwell, Dave McGuire, Sandy Reed. This was an open meeting with 6 members attending prior to social after meeting. Dave L. called meeting to order at 2:02 pm.

**Treasurer's Report**—Gary reported a drop in revenue due to less paid memberships. Life style changes and limited advertising were discussed as possible causes. There were some offsetting savings to minimize the impact. Hike Leaders will be asked to carry printed membership forms with them to facilitate signing up of new members. The easier we make the process, the better the chance of success.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Social** – Sandy reported that some changes will be made to 2012-2013 Social Program. We will find a new venue for the Dinner Social. Tommy Bahama was a big hit and will be repeated. Whitewater Preserve will be used for a potluck dinner once next year.

**Hiking Schedule** – Rich reported we had 28 hikes this quarter and he is continuing to work on making the format of the schedule more hike leader friendly. Gary reported that for insurance reporting purposes we showed 450 hikers in February. This number is within the limits of our insurance coverage.

**Getaway** – Carl reported that other than the weather all went well and everyone had a great time. It was a big help to have everyone meet together in the morning to assign hikes and carpools. We had so much fun that we forgot a group picture. This will be corrected next year. We have had suggestions for 2013 of Sedona, Red Rock Canyon (Vegas), Santa Barbara and Borrego Springs. We asked Dave McG to run a notice on the website for suggestions and volunteers to help plan next year's getaway.

**Hike Leaders** – Carl reported that we have 32 hiker leaders on the list but only about 20 are regulars. He did get 2 or 3 new leaders this past season. He had a leader and sweeps training session in November. He will ask hike leaders who normally do moderate-difficult hikes to throw in some easy ones to encourage our new members to join.

**Website** – Dave McG reported that he feels he is up to speed with Rich's help and will be looking for better webpage designs and hosting companies. Rich says we can potentially get better rates from other companies. Suggestions on making Breaking News and Current Hike Schedule more apparent and easy to access were noted.

**Communication** – Cathy reported that she has updated all our goals, etc from last meeting and has been publishing a newsletter on the website frequently. Some members don't want to get any e-mails so we discussed having that option on the membership form.

### **Old Business**

**Desert Trail Coalition** – Rich reported that the coalition has been meeting once a month and he and Dave Luckwell along with Gary Ward and Jack Hope have been attending. Much of the attention focused on the land swap with the BLM and the local Indian tribe. More studies are being conducted and more community hearings.

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Many of our club members have helped this season on the Trails Restoration Plan for the Santa Rosa, San Jacinto National Monument. The trail signs have been installed on the North Lykken trail.

## **New Business**

**New link from website to U-Tube** – Dave McG wanted to link a very good video on health from our website to U-Tube. It was approved to selectively add links from our website.

**T-Shirts** – DTHC T-Shirt and pin inventory is still available from past efforts to sell them. Until that inventory is exhausted, no new Club merchandise will be considered. Orders for the available inventory will be taken at the Socials.

**DTC reps** – We voted to continue to have Rich J represent us and added Gary Ward as our second representative.

**Coordinating Council Changes** – everyone on the council is fine with continuing on for another year in their position.

**Non-DTHC announcements** – Rich was concerned that his work party e-mails were in violation of our use of e-mail addresses. We decided if it was for a volunteer event that was not a problem.

**Charitable Donations for 2012** – Decided we wanted to keep our \$ amount the same as last year. It was moved, seconded and passed with one opposed vote, to reduce our Carryover Budget for this year only. The funds for Friends of the Desert Mountains will be earmarked for graffiti removal. They have a new team that need funds to train and buy the paints and get out there. It was agreed to the following for the **2012 Charitable Donations:**

Friends of the Desert Mtns – Graffiti Removal  
Center for Nat'l Lands – Coachella Valley Preserve  
Joshua Tree Nat'l Park  
Mojave Desert Land  
Big Morongo Preserve  
Wildlands Conservancy  
Anza Borrego  
Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument



Gary will write letters and mail checks to the organizations. Rich offered to deliver the check to Friends of the Desert Mtns and the Center for National Lands. Mary offered to take the check to the Big Morongo Preserve. DTHC did a presentation to Frazier at Whitewater for the Wildlands Conservancy.

**Other New Business** – none

Meeting Schedule for November 2012 – we will meet on Nov. 14. We are adjourned at 3:55 pm.

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## Breaking News

Look on the DTHC website under “Breaking News” for information and pictures with regard to the Hike for Hope; March dinner social; DTHC Getaway; etc.

## Trail Updates

- March 31, DTHC along with CVHC finished the work on the **North Lykken Trail**. Signs now posted and a few more shortcuts removed. Thanks to the crew who started work that day at 7:00 am.
- The April, May and June 2012 hike schedule has been posted to this web site. Go to the Hike Schedule page and look for the link at the bottom. Happy hiking this spring!

## Reminders

- Check the DTHC’s website for changes to hiking schedule, prior to booking yourself on a hike.
- There are still pins available for purchase at DTHC Social events.
- Copy this http address into your browser to visit DTHC on Face book  
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/DesertTrailsHikingClub/204022812984301>

## Thanks

Can’t begin to thank all members of the DTHC who give of their time to volunteer in some capacity to make DTHC a great club. The Hike for Hope—Jonelle and her crew; DTHC Getaway—Mary and her committee; Hike leaders and sweeps. These are just a small example of the individuals giving their time, and a person can’t begin to thank everyone, however, you know who you are. Have a great summer and see you next fall.

## Mark your calendars



- **Tuesday, May 1**-Final social for the year

Desert Willow Golf Resort  
38995 Desert Willow Dr.  
Palm Desert, 4:30 pm

- **Sunday, March 3, 2013**  
Hike for Hope

## Council Members 2012

Rich Jarvinen  
Gary Ward  
Mary Barlow  
Sandy Reed  
Carl Gorretta  
Dave McGuire  
Dave Luckwell  
Cathy Luckwell

