

San Juan Outdoor Club
Monthly Meeting Minutes
St. Patrick's Episcopal Church
January 7 2026

Present: Joe Tedder, Ray Gill, Chris Plemons, Addi Greer, Doug Combs, Eugenie Holman (initial 10mins), Sally Richmond, Lisa Raymond

Absent: Kurt Raymond, Amber Gill

The meeting was called to order at 16:00 with a quorum present.

Revision to the Agenda:

Discussion of AED usage was added.

Approval of the minutes:

Note is made that the November minutes were incorrect in stating that the 2026 board members would be voted in at the next monthly meeting.

Doug moved to approve the November minutes, Eugenie seconded, the motion was passed unanimously.

New 2026 Board:

At the SJOC October 2025 general monthly meeting and picnic the new 2026 board of officers were voted in, the positions begin January 1, 2026.

2026 SJOC Board Members:

President - Joe Tedder

Vice President - Addi Greer

Treasurer & Membership Secretary - Ray Gill & Amber Gill

Secretary - Sally Richmond

Activities and Newsletter - Chris Plemons

Media - Doug Coombs

Refreshments - Lisa Raymond & Kurt Raymond

President Joe Tedder, and Co-Treasurers Ray and Amber Gill will be the SJOC bank account key executives at Wells Fargo Bank. All prior SJOC bank account key executives and signors should be removed from the Wells Fargo bank account.

Vice President Report:

It is hoped that we will be able to book a presentation by a thru-hiker for the February meeting. There is a safety presentation which may fill the April slot. Joe will give a presentation on his trip to Norway for May, he also has a presentation about a trip to Costa Rica.

Treasurer Report:

The current balance is \$7,171.28 with no exceptions.

Doug asked if another line to the budget is needed for donations. Ray will add this. **Action** - Ray to add a line for donations.

Membership Report:

Dennis has updated the membership list.

Activities Report:

Activities have been limited by current weather conditions.

Chris raised the question of hike leader training, what it should include & having a consistency of training across hike leaders. It was decided that a sub-committee would be created to work on the content of this. There was discussion surrounding the kinds of training to include, such as storm watching and orienteering, topics which may be of interest to the wider club ? The Colorado Mountain Club (CMC) have a 7 week programme of Wilderness training based on a book which the club would be able to use as a reference tool.

Action: Joe to form a sub-committee by the February meeting.

Newsletter:

Chris reported that the activities guidelines links are dead on the website. Doug will fix the hyperlink - **Action** - Doug to fix hyperlink

Chris will check the link that appears in the Newsletter to see if it works - **Action** - Chris to check Newsletter link

Media:

The Calendar is right at the bottom, club members may see it better if it were positioned next to the 10 essentials list. **Action** - Doug to move it.

Doug is also going to investigate changing payment options for club members with the possibility of including paypal & venmo methods of payment.

Refreshments Report:

Eugenie and Lisa are currently working together in a hand-over process from old to new board members.

Old Business:

PARC

Nine months of meetings have come to a conclusion from which a plan has been put into place to put forward applications for grants.

Joe is the SJOC club representative & will remain so.

New Projector

The new projector will be put to use for the first time at the club meeting tomorrow.

Pagosa Springs Old Fashioned Christmas Celebration

The club won ! and club representation was very good.

AED

At the hike yesterday there were 19 hikers and all refused to carry the AED. There was discussion about if the club should continue to take AED's on hikes. Issues surround the weight and bulk of carrying the device, on the appropriateness of using it on members who may not consent to it & if legal opinion should be sought on the clubs liability position. There was discussion about putting it to a vote although no conclusion was reached. Joe will call the CMC to investigate their decision choices around not having them.

Action: Joe to call CMC.

New Business:

2026 SJOC Budget Proposal and Approval

There are two budgets that are not quite the same, it is not clear which is the correct one.

Action: Ray to ascertain from the previous treasurer which is correct.

The AED batteries don't expire until 2027 and so this expense can be removed.

6 slots for CPR training are required, plus 4-6 slots for sawyers.

The chamber of commerce dues are no longer required, this fee can be removed.

There is a line 'donations - TBD' it is unclear what this is for. **Action:** Ray & Amber to check with Diane.

It was decided that budget approval would be moved to the February meeting. Chris motioned to table until February & Joe seconded this motion.

SJOC Winter Wonderland Party

A selection of items have been donated.

Sue & Lisa are doing decorations.

Doug has worked on soundtracks and videos, putting together the auction & general organisation of the evening.

Addi is decorating a remembrance posterboard.

The schedule for the evening will follow a similar format to previous events. There will be a general social hour where Joe will announce the agenda for the evening. During the meal videos will be shown and there will be a trivial pursuits quiz, that tables can work on collectively.

This will be followed by announcements of raffle winners, quiz answers and the auction.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 17:18.

Next meeting will be Wednesday February 4th at 16:00.