

San Juan Outdoor Club
Monthly Meeting Minutes
St. Patrick's Episcopal Church
February 4th 2026

Present: Adi Greer, Chris Plemons, Sally Richmond, Doug Coombs, Joe Tedder (via telelink)

Absent: Kurt Raymond, Lisa Raymond, Amber Gill, Ray Gill

The meeting was called to order at 16:02 with a quorum present.

Revision to the Agenda:

No Revisions.

Approval of the minutes:

Doug moved to approve the minutes, Adi seconded the motion.

Board Reports:

Vice President Report:

The thru' hiker is all lined up for Thursday 5th February.

No plan as yet for the March meeting.

The safety presentation could be repeated for the April meeting.

Treasurer Report:

Board members have not seen the treasurer's report, **Joe will forward this to all.**

The bank accounts have been successfully changed over and a new debit card acquired.

The Garmin payment has been moved over, it was in arrears but this has been sorted out.

Activities Report:

There were 6 activities in January, with 64 participants which equates to a 74.4% fill rate.

Only one activity needed to be cancelled.

Newsletter:

The links have been fixed, all good.

Media:

The links for the calendar have been added.

The minutes have all been put up.

There was discussion about how board members can be contacted. Board members are now listed on the newsletter but personal emails have not been made public. A contact form could be generated, but there is already a contact us link which works & goes to the SJOC email which Joe has good visibility of. Creating too many avenues of contact was thought to be potentially confusing, which may lead to a loss of information or missed contacts.

Old Business:

SJOC Winter Wonderland Party - Recap

The party raised the most funds ever, with less effort than previously.

This was partly due to a very generous single donation, would the donor like to be thanked publicly ? **Adi will ask**

2026 SJOC Budget Review and Approval

It was agreed this will be moved to the March meeting. Currently we are working with the previously approved budget.

PARC Update

Meetings are being held monthly. Joe Tedder and Jeff Reichel are still the club representatives. The plan has been approved and funding is being sought. Mountain bike trails would be something that would be put in, if money is made available. One site for these is Coyote Hill, although this appears contentious, with some people strongly objecting to it. We could ask Bobby Milford for an update at the March meeting.

Consideration of continued maintenance and availability of AEDs for all hikes

This appears to be a difficult issue to settle, with pros and cons raised on both sides. It is the hike leaders upon whom this responsibility falls and so it was decided that they would be polled.

Action - poll hike leaders for opinion on carrying AEDs.

There was then discussion on how up-to-date the list of hike leaders is, generating a need for clarification.

Action - poll who wishes to continue to be a hike leader in 2026 from the current list.

New Business:

Improved Communication ideas

Board members have been listed on the newsletter.

Should new members get an electronic welcome note ? - to be discussed at the next meeting.

It was decided that we should form a welcome committee to improve the experience of new potential members visiting the club for the first time_- **Doug Coombs volunteered to lead this.**

Doug to discuss with Chris/Amber how to organise. There was discussion of using sign up genius with slots for people to volunteer to be welcomers for any particular meeting (? 2 or 3 individuals for any given meeting) or to register interest in being part of this team.

Hike Leader Training

A sub-committee is to be created for the end of March.

Scheduling of First Aid & CPR courses for Hike Leaders and Cross-Cut Sawyers

Chris will ask Kurt if he would like to coordinate this.

Consideration of Committee to plan and prepare "Wilderness Trekking School" course

Joe will pull this committee together.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 16:46

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