San Juan Outdoor Club
Meeting Minutes
St. Patrick's Episcopal Church
Sep 2nd 2026

Present: Joe Tedder, Ray Gill, Amber Gill, Adi Greer, Chris Plemons, Sally Richmond, Lisa Raymond

Absent: Doug Coombs

The meeting was called to order at 16:00 with a quorum present.
Minutes taken by Sally Richmond.

Revision to the Agenda:

No Agenda revisions

Approval of the minutes:

Ray moved to approve the minutes of the August meeting, Chris seconded, the motion was passed.

Board Reports:

Vice President Report:

The September meeting is an EMS presentation with "what's new in the community" and some safety tips.
The October meeting will be the fall picnic.
The November meeting will be local athlete Lindsey Kurt-Mason speaking about his experience on the Yukon River Quest.

Treasurer Report:

The current balance is $7,529.35 with no exceptions.
The budget appears in loss but it is only because we have paid over the trail sign project donation to PATC. Today a further $500 donation was made to this fund and there has been a $300 donation for first aid kits.
A small amount of revenue has come in from new members and name tag purchases.

Secretary Report:

NTR.

Membership Report:

There are 231 members and there have been 48 new members this year.
Amber asked Chris to publish the due date information on dues a couple of times per month prior to the due date of Dec 31st.
Action - Chris to put reminders in the newsletter.

Activities Report:

Chris has had lots of help running the activities over the summer months, which is much appreciated and also with the AED training.

Newsletter:

NTR

Media:

NTR

Refreshments:

NTR

Old Business:

<u>Welcome Team for September 3rd Meeting</u>

A good team is organised for the Thursday September 3rd meeting.

<u>Update on Planning for Farewell to Summer Picnic</u>

The farewell to summer picnic will be held Thursday October 22nd, starting at 3.30pm.
A committee to run this event is needed, Adi and Kurt have already volunteered, set-up and clean-up crews will be needed.
A request for help will be put in the newsletter the 3rd week in September - **Action Chris/Lisa**

Recap of Trail Ambassador Program for 2026

A decision needs to be made as to whether we can participate in the trail ambassador program going forward. Not many people got involved this year and data wasn't collected in the same way as it has been done in previous years.
Recruiting hike leaders is a greater priority for the club, however there may be different personalities within the club member community who might enjoy this type of volunteer role.
It may be useful to discuss with the San Juan Mountain Association how they would best like to use volunteer time.

Update on Trail Maintenance/Sign Replacement Fund Raising

The money raised has been transferred to PATC, unfortunately during the time taken to raise the money, the cost of the polyethylene material has increased by 46%. Sign width could be reduced however this would most likely compromise the quality and durability of the signs. The price may possibly go down again over time and so there is a consideration to hold off on purchasing for the time being, although Mike has set aside time this fall to do the work.
Mike asked for some software to assist in sign production, Joe has approved this funding and the money has been paid to Mike.

There was discussion on how the signs can be marked to indicate the donations and work contributed by the club. FS do not allow this to be on the front of their signs. There was discussion about publishing images of new signs in situ, in local media publications, in an effort to gain recognition for the clubs' efforts.

Update on 2027 Officer Slate

There has been no response to calls for club members to come forward for positions. There was discussion about a targeted approach of certain individuals within the club that may be ideal for certain roles.

SJOC Bylaws Review

Chris has very kindly spent time reviewing the bylaws and made a series of amendments to bring them up-to-date. These were discussed.

Chris has detailed out the roles and responsibilities of board directors in a clear and helpful way and Ray will send Chris some detail for the treasurer role - **Action Ray to send Chris detail.**
It was noted that reducing the number of directors reduces insurance costs. It is a requirement that clubs offer an annual general meeting to its members, but the date of this can be at the discretion of the board.
After revision, the amendments will be voted upon at the next committee meeting as per current bylaw rules.

Status of First Aid Packs for Hike Leaders

These are going to be ordered.

New Business:

Other Topics

Mary-Ann who is a long term member of the club is moving away and the board would like to create a photobook to give to her as a surprise. It is understood she will not be at the Thursday September 3rd meeting and so an announcement will be made to ask for good photos members may have. Amber has kindly volunteered to create the photobook, however time is of the essence as once created it may take 2 weeks to be ready.
Action - Joe to make an announcement at the meeting & Amber to create the photobook.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 16:57

The next meeting will be Wednesday October 7th at 16:00.