

Presidents Report

The Backbone Trek concluded May 9th with 24 happy and tired hikers. This is an event carried by volunteers - about 20 volunteers for 24 hikers!

Each hike had a lead and a sweep. Each dinner was prepared by a volunteer. Gear was hauled from location to location by a volunteer. The meals were planned by a volunteer who can juggle vegan/nut allergy/gluten free requirements and still prepare fixings for lunch and breakfast. Each campsite is like a small city and the volunteer campground organizer was the mayor. Barb, Don and Dave managed assets, reservations, just in time acquisition of food and other supplies. Barry managed the registration. I volunteered as hike sweep and wrote a fair amount of checks and scanned lots of receipts.

Volunteers: Denise, Juan Carlo, Debbie, Barry, Dave, Carlyn, Vanessa, Roger, Greg, Don, Barb, Larry, Anne, George, Richard, Lynn, Lila, Sandy, Joni and Pam

No event is without its drama or mis-steps. Learning from mistakes and listening to suggestions from those one step ahead of us will make the next trek even better. My suggestion is for a zoom call to provide an opportunity to work things out before planning begins for next year.

Our next meeting has in recent years held at Malibu Creek State Park, Who can coordinate that event?

We have been down at least two board members for the better part of a year. If you have a friend or a colleague who loves our trails and wants to be part of an organization that wants to make a difference, invite them to a meeting. You can have lots of ideas – and even some money – but it takes skill and passion to turn those ideas into something that pushes our mission forward.