

Minutes
Indianapolis Hiking Club Board Meeting
Date: January 19, 2023

President Rick Wortman called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm

Present: Kathy Braun, Debbie Bucholz, Marti Burton, Mervyn Cohen, Dave Drzewiecki, Pat Lawler, John McShea, Mary Barbara Miller, Kae Ramey, Konnie Schlechte, Lori Showley, Lorraine Smith, Kathy Whalen, Rick Wortman, and Ed Wright

Minutes: The minutes of the December 15, 2022 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Whalen reported a balance and net worth of \$21,134.79 as of January 19, 2023. In addition, Kathy submitted the 2022-23 First Quarter budget worksheet. Of the \$17,302.31 budgeted for expenses, \$5517.49 was spent in the first quarter. Of the \$14,335.00 budgeted as income, \$14,026.00 was collected in the first quarter. The treasurer's reports were approved.

Bills submitted for payment and approved by the Board:

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Halo	\$714.04	T-shirts – 43 Achievement
Halo	\$796.80	T-shirts – 48 Merchandise
Konnie Schlechte	\$12.00	Admin – Postage
Konnie Schlechte	\$12.30	Admin – Cards
Marti Burton	\$59.75	Postage – Membership
Marti Burton	\$66.34	Badges – Mileage/Name
Nativity	\$100.00	Reserve venue/date for Winter Banquet

Members

New members – Steve Knoop, Jamie Loveland, Gail Marcopulos, Pam Marusic, Michelle Niemann
Current membership is 515 compared to 502 last year.

Committee Reports:

Membership

Marti Burton sent a club message via google group outlining the procedure for awarding mileage badges and patches and asking for feedback. The current process will continue. (Only 8 members advised they do not want to receive badges/patches.)

Conservation

Dave Drzewiecki continues to send out hiking/conservation opportunities and information via google group. There is no update on Eagle Creek Park maintenance issue.

Pathfinder/Webmaster

The February/March schedule was approved and will be posted to the club website tonight. The club roster will be mailed to all members when the new schedule is sent out.

Publicity

In Marla Zinkan's absence, Kathy Whalen reported that the club is approved for participation in the St Patrick's Day parade.

Electronic Media

We have 2641 Facebook followers

Social

Pat Lawler reported the Winter Banquet was a huge success. Members donated 622 pounds of food which was distributed to local food pantries. Pat is delivering the remaining 25-year awards. Dates of upcoming 2023 social events: Summer Picnic, Saturday, 7/29 (Eagle Creek Shelter A is reserved); General Assembly, Thursday, 9/7; Winter Banquet, Sunday, 12/3.

Historian

The 2022 Trailblazer is complete and is available to all members on the club website.

Discussion Items:

1. Mike Khalil conducted an audit of the 2021-22 fiscal year, reconciling all income and expenses without any discrepancy. A copy of his letter to the Board is attached with the minutes and contains two recommendations for a change in practice. In addition, Kathy

Whalen requested that all receipts submitted for reimbursement contain club expenses only.

2. There was discussion of first quarter expenses and income as detailed in the budget worksheet provided by Kathy Whalen, with a reminder that four of the past six years our club has operated at a deficit. There will be an additional expense this year to bond the club treasurer. Lori Showley will investigate the process and cost involved. John McShea shared a comparison of our club dues with multiple other hiking/recreational clubs. The discussion continued with a suggestion to change our current dues structure and how that could affect our financial outlook. Kathy Whalen made a motion to increase all dues by \$5 per member, making single membership \$25 (\$20 to \$25) and family membership \$40 (\$30 to \$40), and charging an additional \$10 to receive a schedule by mail. Based on an average of 500 members, the increase would provide an additional \$2500 income and \$1000 for mailing expenses. Kae Ramey provided the second and the board approved the motion. The dues increase will be effective with the next membership renewal in October 2023.
3. During the discussion of upcoming social events as part of Pat Lawler's social committee report, Kathy Whalen mentioned the \$100 deposit to reserve the venue. Konnie Schlechte made a motion to pay the \$100 deposit to Nativity to reserve the date. Mary Barbara Miller provided the second, and the motion was approved. In addition, Mary Barbara Miller made a motion to add the deposit to the bills submitted for payment this month. Kae Ramey provided the second and the motion was approved. Debbie Bucholz stated that she has a recommendation for a caterer that is very willing to work with the club on this year's Winter Banquet.

Place and Time of Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be February 16, 2023, 1 pm, at John Knox Presbyterian Church, 3000 N. High School Rd, Speedway, IN 46224.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Konnie Schlechte, Secretary