

Minutes
Indianapolis Hiking Club Board Meeting
January 20, 2015

Present: Jean Ballinger, Shannon Bennett, Rick Braun, Philip Coons, Jeff Edmonson, John Gaebler, Mike Khalil, Mary Ann Layman, Pat Lawler, Kathy Oguss, Mick Parker, JoAnne Starzyk, Charles Turner, Kathy Whalen, Mary Williams, and Karen Zimmerman

President Pat Lawler called the meeting to order at her home at 6:30 pm on January 20, 2015.

Minutes of November 18, 2014: The previously distributed corrected minutes were approved.

Financial Report: Kathy Whalen reported that as of December 2014 our balance was \$15,765.83 and net worth was \$15,765.83. She also reported that the January balance was \$16,778.33 and net worth was \$16,778.33. The December and January financial reports were approved. See **December 2014 and January 2015 Financial Reports** (on IHC website) for details. As of January 20, 2015, there were 528 members (504 renewals and 24 new members).

Bills to be Paid: In December 2014 the following bills were submitted for payment: Excaliber Catering, \$2604; \$364.77 (\$322 postage & \$42.77 envelopes) by June Sergi; \$243.87 (printing Jan-Dec schedule & Trailblazer) by Karen Zimmerman; and John Lyghtel was reimbursed \$57.80 for the pinnacle award. The board approved payment of the bills at the December Christmas party. In January 2014 the following bills were submitted for payment: \$7.14 for non-profit filing to Kathy Whalen; \$494.50 (\$100 for keyboardist, \$150 for door prizes, \$69.50 for decorations, \$50 for sound system; \$125 picnic shelter at Eagle Creek Park) to Joanne Starzyk; \$79.57 (\$75.65 for badges and \$3.92 for postage) to Mary Williams. The board approved payment of the bills for January. We have received two more thank-you letters from Meals on Wheels and the Cultural Trail for our year-end donations.

Committee Reports:

Mileage and Membership: According to the December 2014 Membership Report we had one new member and one reinstatement and according to the January 2015 Membership Report we had four new members and no reinstatements. These were approved by the board. As of January 118 members had not renewed their membership. The 2015 IHC **Roster of Active Members** was distributed. It will be mailed to our members. Mileage awards will be in the February-March Hiking Schedule. Karen Zimmerman was presented with a vest for her work keeping mileage.

Publicity: The Boat, Sport, and Travel Show will be held over two weekends from February 20-March 1.

Pathfinder: The finalized **February-March Hiking Schedule** was approved and will be sent out soon. It was announced that if a hike is cancelled to post a message to the IHC Yahoo Group, and if you are not a member of the Yahoo Group, call Ed Wright and he will place an announcement in the IHC Yahoo Group.

Publications: The 2015 IHC **Roster of Active Members** will be mailed soon.

Webmaster: The IHC website has been enhanced and will show “today’s” and “tomorrow’s” hikes. Bob Hackenberg was recognized for his work on this project.

Electronic Media: There are 580 Facebook “likes” and 61 Twitter followers.

Social: JoAnne Starzyk reported that 148 members attended the Christmas party.

Historian: Mary Ann Layman discussed our donation of club records to the Indiana Historical Society.

Old Business:

The hunting season in our state and national forests was discussed. We will put a link to the DNR hunting schedule on our website.

We discussed the report on losing members. Emails have been sent to selected members. Many non-renewals are because some members are no longer hiking. Kathy Whalen and Ed Wright suggested enclosing an envelope for next years’ dues and that we print the dues renewal form on colored paper to make it stand out more.

New Business:

We discussed input and complaints from several members. These will be acknowledged with a thank-you letter. We will continue to discuss issues raised at our next meeting.

Place and Time of Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be at the home of Pat Lawler (8704 Sunningdale Blvd., Indianapolis, IN 46234) on February 17, 2015 at 7:00 pm. Tacos will be served.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted Philip Coons.