

INDIANAPOLIS HIKING CLUB
February 18, 2014
6:30 p.m. - 8:00
Location: Athenaeum - 401 East Michigan Street

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Members Present: President: John Gaebler
Vice President:
Pathfinders:
Treasurer: Kathy Whalen
Secretary: Cecilia Keller
Membership: Mary Williams
Mileage:
Publicity: Katy Smith
Publications:
Social Committee:
Electronic Media Director: Shannon Bennett
Conservation:
Directors: Richard Braun, Jeff Edmonson,
Kathy Oguss

IHC board meeting was called to order by President John Gaebler at 6:30 pm, February 18, 2014.

Approval of last meeting's minutes:

December 17, 2013 and January 21, 2014 minutes, taken and distributed by Cecilia Keller, were brought up for approval by President John Gaebler. Motion was made by Jeff Edmonson to accept the minutes; seconded by Mary Williams. All voted in favor of accepting the minutes.

Financial Matters:

Balance as of January 21, 2014: \$14,194.62

Total net worth as of January 21, 2014: \$14,833.62

Complete report as submitted by Kathy Whalen will be placed in the secretary's file for future reference. Katy Smith moved for acceptance of the financial report; Jeff Edmonson seconded. All voted in favor of accepting the financial report as presented.

The following bills were submitted to the board for approval:

Payee:

Karen Zimmerman	Printing (schedules, rosters and attendance sheets)	\$ 650.42
	Postage	\$ <u>591.30</u>
		\$1,241.72

Jeff Edmonson moved to approve payment of the bills; Mary Williams seconded. All members present approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mileage/Membership:

Mary Williams presented 2 new member names to the Board and 0 reinstatements.

Motion was made by Jeff Edmonson for acceptance of the new members; Kathy Whalen seconded. Motion was approved by all board members present.

Publicity:

Katy Smith reported that Dan Tolbert, manager of the Merrill store at Clay Terrace, has offered to help promote the club. He made the following suggestions:

1. He would give a presentation before the Smoky Mountains trip.

This was discussed and it was decided that the timing is not right for this year. This might be arranged before the next General Assembly.

2. He wants to have a special event at the Merrill store exclusive to the hiking club.

It was mentioned that the hike leaders who lead hikes in the area might be approached about having a hike ending at the store.

3. He would like to sponsor the annual picnic (table with coupons, drawing for free pair of shoes). He also offered to pay for the catering.

No decision was made on sponsoring of the picnic. We will discuss it in more detail at next month's meeting.

Electronic Media:

Shannon Bennett reported 49 followers on Twitter and 438 Facebook likes.

Social:

Sue Bullock has secured the picnic site at Eagle Creek for this year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Clarification of Rules:

Due to all the hikes that have been canceled and moved or rescheduled during the bad weather, it was suggested that we need a clarification of the rules. Hikers need to start with the group and with the leader present. Credit will not be given to hikers who hike on their own. John Gaebler will address this with the hike leaders and in the President's message with the next schedule.

Authorizations:

Katy Smith moved that the Treasurer be authorized to pay any outstanding bill that she deems reasonable up to \$250 without requiring advanced approval of the entire Board of Directors. Any such payments must be reviewed at the following Board meeting. Rick Braun seconded the motion. All Board members present approved.

John Gaebler appointed Karen Zimmerman to replace Jane Hilaire as the second person, besides the Treasurer, to have authority to write checks for the club. All board members present approved.

Place and time of next meeting:

President John Gaebler confirmed 6:30 pm, March 18, 2014, at the Athenaeum as the time and place for the next board meeting.

John Gaebler moved for the meeting to be adjourned at 8:00 p.m.; Jeff Edmonson seconded. Approved by all board members present.