

**Minutes Board Meeting
Indianapolis Hiking Club
Date: 21st February 2017**

Present: Janet Cohen, Mervyn Cohen, Philip Coons, Harold Crooks Mike Khalil, Jackie King, Sally Sandman, Phil Smith, Barb Strite, Chuck Turner, Kathy Whalen, Ed Wright.

President Phil Smith - called the meeting to order at 6:00pm at Westlane Middle School.

Minutes The previously distributed minutes of December 20th 2016 and January 17th 2017 were approved.

Financial Report: Kathy Whalen reported that as of 21st Feb 2017, our balance was \$15,561 and net worth was \$15,561. The financial report was approved.

Bills submitted for payment and approved by the Board were:

<u>Who</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Sally Sandman	\$858.94	Printing – trailblazer, roster, schedule
	\$457.31	Postage
	\$43.59	Mailing supplies
Barb Strite	\$2.62	Postage
Janet Cohen	\$380.00	Church rental for 2017 Xmas lunch

Committee Reports:

Mileage and Membership:

Reinstated member approved by the Board was;
Rebecca Lynch

Kathy Whalen reported that current membership is 530 compared to 538 last year.

Publicity

Mike Khalil reported that Harold Crooks has arranged for the Outboard Indiana magazine, sponsored by the DNR will publish an article with photos about the Indianapolis Hiking club later this year.

Pathfinder

Ed Wright reported that as a follow up to 2016 Bicentennial State Park hikes, in 2017 there will be hikes at eight State Recreation Areas (SRA's) that are managed by the DNR but are not official state parks

Publications

Sally Sandman thanked five club members who helped her with the large recent mailing.

Web Master

Nil

Electronic Media

We have 1,086 Facebook Likes and 141 Twitter followers

Social

Janet Cohen reported that the hiking club annual picnic will be at shelter A in Eagle Creek Park on Saturday 29th July. There will be no charge in return for conservation work done by Chuck Turner and other club members in the park. The Board unanimously approved asking those coming to the picnic to bring school supplies for donation to local schools. The club Annual General meeting will be on Friday 15th September at the Unitarian Universalist Church.

Conservation

Chuck Turner reported that city engineering is still working on plans for a bridge to the boy scout trail in Eagle Creek park.

Six club members attended a “save wild Indiana” event to discuss state house bill 420, which will protect 10% of State forests from logging

Recognition and Awards

Nil

Action Items

1. A potential member of the hiking club, has indicated that she has a service dog that needs to be with her on hikes. The president will phone this person and ask what service the dog is trained to provide. Then a letter will be sent to this potential member that introduces her to hike leaders and states the IHC Board is aware of her service dog and she and her service dog are welcome on any hike she chooses.
2. Chuck Turner proposed and Mike Khalil seconded a **new policy motion:**
All hiking club members will have their hiking mileage tracked unless they write 0 miles next to their name, on the hike sign in sheet. New member application and annual club renewal forms will not provide an option to opt out of having miles tracked.

The Board approved the motion by a vote of 12 to 0

Place and Time of Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be at Westlane Middle School on Tuesday March 21st 2017 at 6:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 6.59 pm.

Mervyn Cohen Secretary