

**Minutes**  
**Indianapolis Hiking Club Board Meeting**  
**Date: March 16, 2023**

Vice President Debbie Bucholz called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm

**Present:** Kathy Braun, Debbie Bucholz, Mervyn Cohen, Phil Coons, Dave Drzewiecki, Pat Lawler, John McShea, Kae Ramey, Konnie Schlechte, Lori Showley, Lorraine Smith, Kathy Whalen, Ed Wright and Marla Zinkan

**Minutes:** The revised minutes of the February 16, 2023 meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kathy Whalen reported a balance and net worth of \$18,146.88 as of March 16, 2023. The treasurer's report was approved.

**Bills** submitted for payment and approved by the Board:

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Ed Wright	\$107.67	Internet Website & Domain Name
Debbie Bucholz	\$79.60	Badges, Mileage & Name Tags
Phil Smith	\$149.99	External Hard Drive

**Members**

New members – Cindy Carr, Randy Deane, Marlene Mendonsa, Cindy Schmidt, Janet Stoffel, Susan Teich

Current membership is 529 compared to 532 last year.

**Committee Reports:**

**Pathfinder/Webmaster**

The April/May schedule was approved and will be posted to the club website tonight.

**Publicity**

Marla Zinkan reported everything is set for the club to participate (for the first time) in the St. Patrick's Day parade tomorrow.

Ed Wright advised there is currently no indication of a price increase for Meet Up. Based on the frequency of Meet Up members attending our hikes, Ed recommends we continue using the service.

## **Electronic Media**

We have 2686 Facebook followers. Phil Coons has added state park news to the club's Facebook page and will "disconnect" Twitter from the Facebook page.

## **Social**

Debbie Bucholz informed the board that the catering lead she had for the Winter Banquet has advised they will not be available. Debbie also advised that she has access to tickets for the June 4, 2023 afternoon Indians game at a good price. She will send a google group message to all members with details for a social event.

## **Discussion Items:**

1. Dave Owens and Fritz Gordner of the Indiana Chapter, Theodore Roosevelt Association, visited to discuss the San Juan Hill hike, 7/1/23. It was a good conversation with suggestions from both sides. Agreement was reached on a shorter route than originally proposed (new distance will be maximum of 5 miles) and an option for club members to pay the \$10 registration fee only if they want to receive a medal for completion of the hike. IHC will plan to add this hike to our schedule and offer shorter options as well. Pat Lawler has volunteered to lead. Dave Owens will take the conversation highlights back to his planning committee for approval/discussion and return to the April board meeting to finalize the event details.
2. Based on the recommendation of the technology committee, the board was asked via email (2/28/23) to consider the purchase of an external hard drive at a cost of \$150.00. After some online discussion, Konnie Schlechte made a motion to approve the purchase. Marti Burton provided the second, and the board voted to approve the motion with 13 votes in favor.
3. The April meeting will be delayed one week due to the original scheduled date (4/20/23) conflicting with the club's annual trip to the Smokies.

**Place and Time of Next Meeting:** The next board meeting will be April 27, 2023, 1 pm, at John Knox Presbyterian Church, 3000 N. High School Rd, Speedway, IN 46224.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Konnie Schlechte, Secretary