

Minutes
Indianapolis Hiking Club
March 17, 2015

Present: Shannon Bennett, Richard Braun, Philip Coons, Jeff Edmonson, Mike Khalil, Mary Ann Layman, Pat Lawler, Kathy Oguss, JoAnne Starzyk, Kathy Whalen, Mary Williams, Karen Zimmerman

President Pat Lawler called the meeting to order at her home at 6:30 pm on March 17, 2015.

Minutes of February 17, 2015:The previously distributed corrected minutes were approved.

Financial Report: Kathy Whalen reported that as of March 17, 2015 our balance was \$15,740.61 and net worth was \$15,740.61. The financial report was approved. We have 23 fewer members now than at this time last year. Currently we have 514 renewed and 26 new for a total of 540.

Bills to be Paid:

The following bills were submitted for payment: Mary Williams (\$32.42 badges, \$14.70 postage for a total of \$47.12. The board approved payment of the bills.

Committee Reports:

Mileage and Membership: Mary Williams reported that we have two new members and one late renewal. These were approved by the board. The mileage awards were announced and will be given out at various upcoming hikes.

Publicity: Mike reported on last month's sports show which will be a three-day event next year.

Pathfinder: Ed and Jean were absent but there was an article in the *Franklin Daily Journal* about a recent hike as well as a note on the Wabash College website about a recent hike there. The April-May schedule will be distributed tomorrow. The board approved the April-May hiking schedule.

Publications: The reservation form for the Gnaw Bone Camp Memorial Day Weekend will go out with the April-May schedule.

Webmaster: No report.

Electronic Media: Shannon Bennett reported that we have 66 Twitter followers and 600 Facebook *likes*.

Social: JoAnne will call Eagle Creek Park tomorrow to get the date (Wednesday, September 2, 2015), contract, and application for fee reduction for our annual general assembly meeting.

Conservation: No report. Trail maintenance will appear in our hiking schedules.

Historian: Two recent deaths were mentioned and they will appear in the hiking schedules.

Unfinished Business:

Tracking mileage and recognition and awards: Tabled.

New membership policy for retired members: This idea was dropped for lack of interest.

New Business:

Vision/Mission and Goals Statement: We had a lengthy discussion regarding the mission and goals of our club. There was no consensus except that we should have a statement.

Future events: Kathy Whalen reported that we received a thank-you note from our Meals on Wheels donation. Mary Ann Layman reported that next year she and Bob will be gone during the entire month of March so someone else will have to organize the Winter Weekend at a state park and the Morgan-Monroe hikes.

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 April 21, 2015 at 6:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Philip Coons.