

INDIANAPOLIS HIKING CLUB
March 18, 2014
6:30 p.m. - 8:05 p.m.
Location: Athenaeum - 401 East Michigan Street

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Members Present: President: John Gaebler
Vice President: Pat Lawler
Pathfinders: Ed Wright
Treasurer: Kathy Whalen
Secretary: Cecilia Keller
Membership: Mary Williams
Mileage: Karen Zimmerman
Publicity: Katy Smith
Publications: June Sergi
Social Committee: Sue Bullock
Electronic Media Director:
Conservation: Jim Rench
Historian: Mary Ann Layman
Directors: Jeff Edmonson,
Michele Kestle, Kathy Oguss

IHC Board meeting was called to order by President John Gaebler at 6:30 p.m., March 18, 2014.

Approval of last meeting's minutes:

February 18, 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 March 18, 2014: \$13,012.90

Total net worth as of March 18, 2014: \$13,651.90

The following bills were submitted to the Board for approval:

Payee:

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| Ed Wright | Club Website Service for 2 years | \$123.20 |
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| June Sergi | Postage Scale | \$ 21.39 |
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Katy Smith said that we are almost out of business cards. Kathy Oguss moved that we order 1,000 business cards; Ed Wright seconded; approved by all Board members.

A complete report as submitted by Kathy Whalen will be placed in the secretary's file for future reference. Mary Williams moved for paying bills and approving Treasurer's report; Jeff Edmonson seconded. All voted in favor of accepting the financial report and paying the bills as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mileage/Membership:

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

Motion was made by Jeff Edmonson for acceptance of the new members; Mary Ann Layman seconded. Approved by all Board members present.

Publicity:

Katy Smith reported that an article is to appear in Urban Times about Chuck Turner. Jeff Edmonson has agreed to talk about hiking to the Boy Scout troop in Kokomo on Thursday, April 10.

Social:

Mary Ann Layman reported that there were 41 overnight guests at the March 14-16 McCormicks Creek hike and about 60 hikers on Saturday. Our first wildflower of the season (Salt and Pepper) was sighted on the Saturday hike.

Conservation:

Jim Rench reminded everyone of the trail maintenance opportunity Tuesday, March 21 at Morgan-Monroe. He is exploring possible opportunities for trail maintenance at Eagle Creek.

Pathfinders/Webmaster

The Board approved the new hike schedule for April-May.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Suspension of Privileges

Evidence was presented that an individual submitted more miles on a self-guided hike (on 5 separate occasions) than were reasonably possible (if club rules were followed), when it was noted they signed in at another hike 2 hours later. Previous discussions had been held with this

individual reminding them that miles hiked prior to the announced start of a hike would not be counted. The majority of the Board voted to suspend this individual from their duties as a hike leader for the remainder of the club year.

Merrill Store Sponsorship of Picnic

The manager of the Merrill store in Clay Terrace had approached us about sponsoring the club picnic (catering, coupons, drawing for free pair of shoes). Kathy Oguss moved that John Gaebler and Sue Bullock investigate this opportunity; Katy Smith seconded. All Board members approved.

Special Event at Merrill Store

The manager of the Merrill store also approached us about having a hike ending at the store. Ed Wright will notify hike leaders in the Carmel area about this opportunity.

NEW BUSINESS:

2nd Dog Hike Evaluation

Mary Williams led the dog hike for Susan Robertson on Sunday, March 9. Mary reported that it went very well. There 14 people and 12 dogs. Four guests attended.

Suggestions from Members

There were several suggestions from members taken from the membership renewal forms. The Board discussed the following suggestions:

- **Post cancellations on the IHC website & not on Yahoo sites or Facebook – you never know when new people want to attend and cannot access or do not know about private sites.**

Discussion: If we are given sufficient lead time, hike cancellations are currently posted on the Club website. They are also posted on Facebook and an email message is sent to all Yahoo Groups participants.

- **Add addresses to hike description where possible so GPS can be used to find location.**

Discussion: Because of the volume of hikes and often out of the way parking locations, this would be difficult to do. Google Maps and related GPS coordinates are already available on the Club website (Locations table) for frequently used meeting locations.

- **A memorial hike for all deceased members of club, listing names.**

Discussion: This would be difficult to do as someone might be left out. It was suggested that we might have a memorial hike where people submit the names of those they want remembered or walk on behalf of a particular person.

- **Send email to all club members getting schedule from website when new schedule available.**

Discussion: This would be too burdensome to do at this time. We don't have e-mail addresses for everyone and it is difficult to keep a list current.

- **Use Paypal for membership dues.**

Discussion: Not a consideration at this time because of the possibility of hacking.

Place and time of next meeting:

President John Gaebler confirmed 6:30 pm, April 15, 2014, at the Athenaeum as the time and place for the next Board meeting.

John Gaebler moved for the meeting to be adjourned at 8:05 p.m., Jeff Edmonson seconded.

Approved by all Board members present.