

Minutes
Indianapolis Hiking Club Board Meeting
Date: March 19, 2020

President Marti Burton called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm at 2950 N. High School Road.

Present: Marti Burton, Mervyn Cohen, Pat Lawler, Mary Barbara Miller, Kae Ramey, Konnie Schlechte, Susan Sievers, Phil Smith, Kathy Whalen, and Ed Wright

Minutes: The final minutes of the February 20, 2020 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Whalen reported a balance and net worth of \$17,613.43 as of March 19, 2020. The treasurer's report was approved.

Bills submitted for payment and approved by the Board were:

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Ed Wright	\$106.49	Web Service & Domain Name
Barb Strite	\$24.18	Mileage Badges
Pat Lawler \$4.60		Postage - mailing 25 yr award

Email approval votes were received for minutes, treasurer's report and/or bills from John Bacone, Phil Coons, Mike Khalil, Barb Strite and Karen Zimmerman

Members

New members are Dana Goot and Jeri Stuckey.

Current membership is 511 compared to 528 last year.

Committee Reports

Membership

In Barb Strite's absence, Pat Lawler brought the mileage badges which were given to various leaders for distribution to the recipients. Pat also reported that Barb mailed the mileage patches out.

Publicity

Susan Sievers received the non-adhesive clings. Any board member or hike leader may purchase a supply from Susan for sale to club members. The cost

is \$1 each. New members will receive a free cling. Susan mentioned future plans to advertise hikes in local/neighborhood papers.

Pathfinder and Webmaster

The April-May hike schedule was approved and will be distributed with a disclaimer that

hikes may be cancelled due to COVID-19. Hike leaders will be asked to follow additional guidelines including using the updated sign-up sheet containing the COVID-19 policy, signing everyone in to avoid passing a pen, encouraging hikers to maintain a safe distance of at least 6 feet apart, and splitting the hikers into groups of no more than 10, when needed.

Electronic Media

We have 1851 Facebook likes and 1889 Facebook followers

History

Regarding the project of recording the history of the club, Mervyn Cohen asked the board to be thinking about what the club wants to see on the site, what groups we will reach, and what are their areas of interest. Mervyn will provide details and discuss a survey to help provide direction to the project at a future meeting.

Action Items

1. Marti Burton proposed the following new policy on COVID-19, with regard to Club activities, via email March 13, 2020:

“INDIANAPOLIS HIKING CLUB COVID-19 POLICY

At this point, due to the limited number of hikers participating in any one activity, our hikes will continue as scheduled. If a hike leader decides to cancel a hike, our usual procedure will be followed.

Any member who develops flu-like symptoms (fever, coughing, sneezing, shortness of breath) should refrain from participating in any Club activity.

Each member should evaluate his/her personal situation and decide whether or not to participate in any Club activity based on the risks involved to themselves or others.

We are asking hike leaders to add a temporary disclaimer to the top of the sign-in hiking sheet as follows: BY PARTICIPATING IN THIS HIKE YOU ARE INDICATING THAT YOU ARE NOT EXPERIENCING ANY FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS (FEVER, COUGHING, SHORTNESS OF BREATH, SNEEZING.)

The Board will continue to monitor the situation and will issue updates as needed.”

16 board members responded with their approval via e-mail.

2. Mervyn Cohen provided a motion to approve the following updated policy statement on COVID-19, with regard to Club activities, for distribution to the IHC membership. Mary Barbara Miller provided the second. “On Thursday, March 19, 2020, the Board of Directors met and approved publishing the April/May hike schedule with the full understanding that it is unlikely that many of the hikes listed in the schedule will actually take place because of COVID-19 concerns. This decision was made in recognition of recent federal, state and local regulations regarding group activities. At this point, due to the limited number of hikers participating in any one activity, our hikes will continue as scheduled. Each member should evaluate his/her personal situation and decide whether or not to participate in any Club activity based on the risks involved to themselves or others. If you have flu-like symptoms, including fever, coughing, sneezing, sore throat, shortness of breath, etc., please do not hike and put others in danger. If a hike leader decides to cancel a hike, our usual procedure will be followed. The Board will continue to monitor the situation and issue updates as needed.”

The motion was approved 10-0.

Place and Time of Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be Thursday, April 16, 2020 at 1 pm, Flanner & Buchanan, 2950 N. High School Road.

The meeting adjourned at 1:25 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Konnie Schlechte, Secretary*