

**Minutes Board Meeting
Indianapolis Hiking Club
Date: 18th April 2017**

Present: Janet Cohen, Mervyn Cohen, Harold Crooks, Mike Khalil, Jackie King, Pat Lawler, Narcissio Povinelli, Sally Sandman, Phil Smith, Barb Strite, Chuck Turner, Ed Wright.

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

Minutes The previously distributed corrected minutes of 21st March were approved.

Financial Report: Phil Smith read the report from Kathy Whalen, submitted by email, that as of 18th April 2017, our balance was \$13,664.79 and net worth was \$13,664.79. 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	\$276.49	Printing Apr/May schedule
	\$189.11	Postage Apr/May schedule
Barb Strite	\$12.99	Postage for patches, membership

Committee Reports:

Mileage and Membership

New members approved by the Board are;

Sheila Robertson

Reinstated members approved by the Board are;

None

By an email, Kathy Whalen reported that current membership is 538 compared to 534 last year.

Publicity

Mike Khalil reported that he is still waiting to hear from CNO financial, about us possibly staffing a table at their health fair on Friday 12th May from 10.30am to 1.30pm.

Pathfinder

The timetable for the next schedule submissions will be two weeks earlier than usual

Publications

No report

Web master

No report

Electronic Media:

We have 1107 Facebook Likes and 143 Twitter followers

Social

Janet Cohen reported that the speaker for the AGM has been changed. It will be Clark Kahlo, who is actively involved in many local conservation issues

Conservation

Chuck Turner submitted an agreement with Eagle Creek Park, that the hiking club would receive free shelter rental for the annual picnic, in return for maintaining the Coffey Dam trail. The agreement is attached as an appendix to these minutes. In addition, the Park will provide free admission on the day of the picnic in return for work done on the Boy Scout Trail.

A new bridge to the Boy Scout Trail will be completed by the end of June.

Chuck also reported that here is a proposal to create a “Yellowwood Conservation Area” to protect Indiana’s rare yellowwood trees.

Action Items

None

Other Business:

- a. Phil Smith asked each Board member to complete a form indicating their interest in serving on the Board next year.
- b. As several Board members will be away in May, it was decided to hold an email meeting, instead of a regular meeting, to vote on items such as new members, bills to be paid and the next hike schedule.

New Business:

Jackie King asked if we are interested in advocating for a safer Monon Trail crossing at Broad ripple avenue. It was suggested that she contact the Mayor’s office directly herself.

Place and Time of Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be conducted by email on about 24th May 2017

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Mervyn Cohen Secretary