

Minutes
Indianapolis Hiking Club Board Meeting
Date: 14th May 2019

Present:, Marti Burton, Mervyn Cohen, Philip Coons, Harold Crooks, Mary Ladd, Pat Lawler, Kae Ramey, Phil Smith, Kathy Whalen, Ed Wright, Karen Zimmerman and John Bacone, Bob Hackenberg.

President Phil Smith - called the meeting to order at 6:05pm at his home.

John Bacone was welcomed as a new Board member in charge of conservation. He will replace Chuck Turner. He has recently retired after working for DNR.

Minutes The previously distributed corrected minutes of 18th April were approved.

Treasurers Report: Kathy Whalen reported that as of 5.14.2019 our balance was \$16,388.05 and net worth was \$16,388.05. The report was approved.
A donation in memory of Nell Larrison has been received.

Bills submitted for payment and approved by the Board were:

<u>Who</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Barb Strite	\$51.52	Badges

Members

New members are Rita Gerst, Tom Hohman, Joanne Miller and Myra Summerlot.
Current membership is 536 compared to 544 last year.

Committee Reports

Membership (mileage, etc.)

Mileage badges were handed out for distribution.

Publicity

Mary handed out new small posters for placement on public bulletin boards.

Pathfinder

A preliminary schedule for June and July was approved by the Board. A final schedule will be emailed to Board members next Sunday for their review.

Publications

The new schedule will be published next week.

Webmaster

Nil

Electronic Media

We have 1538 Facebook likes and 171 Twitter followers

Social

The Winter banquet will be on the first Sunday in December. Pat will finalise a date for the General Assembly; this will be in September, prior to the 18th. The club picnic in Eagle Creek park will be Saturday 6th July.

Action Items

1. Proposed changes to the constitution

These are presented in appendix 1. They were approved unanimously by the Board. They will appear in the August/September schedule. There will be a final vote at the September membership General Assembly.

2. Charitable contributions

The charitable fund has a balance of \$500. There was a feeling that this should be increased next year. Discussion included a small increase in dues or generate savings by charging members for printing and mailing of schedules.

The Board unanimously approved the transfer of \$2,000 from the database budget line item to a new line item – “web and database reserve fund”. There was discussion about the need to possibly increase this fund in next year’s budget. The \$2,000 had originally been transferred from charitable contributions.

Discussion Items

1. Revisit adding hikes after the schedule has been published.

Discussion in favor:

- Technically easy, not a burden for the pathfinder, need to meet club members needs and a feeling that the number of request would be small.

Discussion against:

- Members may stop placing hikes in the regular schedule.

Operation suggestions

- The leader of the added hike would be responsible for advertising the hike via Yahoo.
- The added hike description must comply with existing regulations.
- The hike must be added to the schedule at least 7 days prior to the hike.
- Have a 6 month trial.

No decisions were made. The item will be discussed again at a future meeting

2. Assistant for the treasure

The board approved the treasurer working with a volunteer assistant. Harold Crooks will do this.

Place and Time of Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be an electronic meeting on Thursday 20th June 2019

The meeting adjourned at 7:25pm pm. Mervyn Cohen Secretary

Appendix 1. Proposed Constitution Changes

These proposed changes are minor but bring the Constitution in line with current practices. They are presented in **Bold**

ELECTED OFFICERS

SEC.1 Election

(b) Officers or Directors appointed by the President (**with approval by the Board of Directors**) to fill an unexpired term shall assume office immediately upon their appointment.

Sec. 2 Duties

(b) MEMBERSHIP

The Membership Officer shall send welcoming notices and pertinent Club information to new members and shall process new applications for membership and present them to the Board of Directors ~~for approval.~~ **(for review) (as well as maintain an up to date roster of member names and contact information).**

(c) MILEAGE

The Mileage Officer shall ~~maintain~~ **(monitor)** records of membership participation in activities and individual member mileage throughout the Club year, ~~as well as maintain an up to date roster of member names and contact information.~~ **(The mileage officer will provide information for the year-end report in November, a Club roster of members as of January 1 of each year and other information as authorized by the Board of Directors.)**

d) PUBLICATIONS

The Publications Officer shall manage the Club printed media. ~~That~~ **(This)** consists of ~~preparing, editing,~~ printing and distributing the schedule as presented by the Pathfinders and approved by the Board of Directors. The Officer shall publish a year-end report in November, containing mileage and activity summary for active members at the conclusion of the previous hiking club year. The Officer shall publish a roster each year of all active members as of January 1 each year, and other publications as authorized by the Board of Directors.

BY-LAWS

SEC. 1 Membership Application

Applications for membership shall be presented to the Board of Directors at Board meetings. Applicants must be at least 18 years old and have participated in at least two (2) Club hikes. Applications must be accompanied by one year's dues, ~~A majority affirmative vote shall be required to elect an applicant for membership.~~ **(Membership application will be reviewed by the Board of Directors at the next meeting after the membership applications are received.)**

SEC. 2 Dues

~~(b) All suspended members that have allowed their dues to be delinquent for one fiscal year or longer shall pay a reinstatement fee equivalent to a new application fee in addition to current dues.~~