

**Minutes
Indianapolis Hiking Club
May 19, 2015**

Present: Jean Ballinger, Richard Braun, Philip Coons, Jeff Edmonson, John Gaebler, Mike Khalil, Mary Ann Layman, Pat Lawler, Kathy Oguss, Mick Parker, JoAnne Starzyk, Chuck Turner, Kathy Whalen, Mary Williams, Ed Wright, Karen Zimmerman

President Pat Lawler called the meeting to order at her home at 6:30 pm on May 19, 2015.

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

Financial Report: Kathy Whalen reported that as of May 19, 2015 our balance was \$15,597.32 and net worth was \$15,597.32. The financial report was approved. We have 21 fewer members now than at this time last year. Currently we have 518 renewed and 30 new for a total of 548.

Bills to be Paid:

The following bills were submitted for payment: Mary Williams (\$118.87 badges, \$9.80 postage for a total of \$128.67); Joann Starzyk (\$100 down payment for Christmas caterer and \$150 rental for Eagle Creek Park General Assembly for a total of \$250). The club will pay for the Gnaw Bone Camp fees and be reimbursed by the attendees. The Board approved payment of the bills.

Committee Reports:

Mileage and Membership: Mary Williams reported that we have six new members. These were approved by the Board. The mileage awards were announced and will be given out at various upcoming hikes. They will be recognized in the club's June/July hiking schedule. The Board voted to allow guest miles to be counted if the person joins the club. This is effective immediately.

Publicity: Mike reported that two events have been scheduled to discuss the hiking club. These events will count towards volunteer/service activities.

Pathfinder/Webmaster: Ed and Jean reported that the June/July hiking schedule is ready to be distributed. The Board approved the June/July hiking schedule.

Publications: No report.

Electronic Media: No report.

Social: JoAnne reported that the General Assembly will meet at Eagle Creek Park. However the entrance fee was not waived for this year.

Conservation: Discussions are ongoing regarding Eagle Creek Park maintenance. We discussed the Indiana Forest Alliance and the problems of forests being sold to support the state budget.

Historian: Mary Ann and Bob will be unavailable to organize a Winter Weekend in March and since the Tucson trip is currently scheduled for the 2nd week in March the Board agreed to forgo the Winter Weekend in 2016 in lieu of Tucson. Only 15 signed up to stay at Gnaw Bone camp over the Memorial Day weekend so Alice Lorenz will not be able to provide meals.

Unfinished Business:

Tracking mileage and recognition and awards: Regarding tracking mileage, after a long discussion, the Board approved the policy of allowing members to sign up to not track mileage when they renew their membership on a yearly basis. Regarding awards, the Board wants members to come up to the podium to be recognized at the yearly Christmas party.

Bicentennial Hikes Committee: The committee presented preliminary plans for hikes in our 24 state parks in 2016 (two hikes a month). We discussed creating a state park passport for club members. We will continue our discussion of having bicentennial hikes at our next Board meeting.

Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee will consist of JoAnne Applegate, Anna Griffin, and Jeff Edmondson.

Vision/Mission and Goals Statement: This needs to be revised. Maybe a committee needs to be formed to discuss it.

Gear Sale at Picnic: Members are encouraged to bring in used gear for sale at the annual picnic.

New Business:

Email from Christian Dominguez: Mr. Dominguez is offering to help us develop an app. The Board decided against this.

Joint Event with B&O Trail: A B&O Trail member wants to schedule a joint event with our club. This will be discussed further.

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 June 16, 2015 at 6:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Philip Coons.