

Minutes
Indianapolis Hiking Club Board Meeting
Date: June 15, 2023

President Rick Wortman called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm

Present: Jean Ballinger, Kathy Braun, Debbie Bucholz, Marti Burton, Phil Coons, Dave Drzewiecki, Pat Lawler, John McShea, Mary Barbara Miller, Kae Ramey, Konnie Schlechte, Lori Showley, Kathy Whalen, Rick Wortman, Ed Wright and Marla Zinkan

Minutes: The revised minutes of the May 18, 2023 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Whalen reported a balance and net worth of \$17,553.27 as of June 15, 2023. The treasurer's report was approved.

Bills submitted for payment and approved by the Board:

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Marti Burton	\$27.22	Postage (Member packets)
Kae Ramey	\$262.13	Printing (June/July schedule X 114)
Kae Ramey	\$61.95	Envelopes (200)
Kae Ramey	\$174.00	Postage (June/July schedule \$1.74 X 100)

Members

New members – Mark Cox, Joe Goebel, Pooya Iranpour, Kelli Mays-Aboagye, John McGlynn, John Wooding

Current membership is 553 compared to 542 last year.

Committee Reports:

Conservation

Dave Drzewiecki continues to send google group messages regarding hiking/maintenance opportunities. Dave will research the new section of the B&O trail that runs from High School Road to Raceway Road and provide info at the next meeting.

Pathfinder

Pathfinders Ed Wright and Jean Ballinger will be requesting hikes for the August/September schedule.

Publicity

Marla Zinkan reported a great turnout at the club booth at the Earth Day Festival at Garfield Park. Marla visited the Broad Ripple Family Center and left information about the club, as well as offering a presentation. Marla also received an enthusiastic response to the presentation and slideshow for the Kiwanis Club. Debbie Bucholz will represent the club at a pop-up event for Imagine Decatur, scheduled for June 22, 5-8 pm, at Southwestway Park.

Webmaster

Ed Wright is working on revisions for the Application for Membership, Annual Dues Notice and Winter Banquet Reservation forms. The Application for Membership must be approved at the next meeting and will reflect the change to the new fee schedule. The other forms are mailed with the October/November hiking schedule.

Electronic Media

We have 2784 Facebook followers. Phil Coons continues posting daily on the club Facebook page.

Social

Pat Lawler, Mary Barbara Miller and Debbie Bucholz have secured C R Heroes catering for the Winter Banquet. This choice will allow us to stay at a cost of \$25 per person. Further details to be discussed at future meetings.

Discussion Items:

1. The club constitution states, "The Treasurer may be required to give a bond to the Club in such amount as is set by the Board of Directors, the premium of which shall be paid by the Club." Following discussion, Mary Barbara Miller made a motion to approve the cost of a \$20,000 bond, effective 10/1/23. Phil Coons provided the second and the motion was approved. Debbie Bucholz has discussed bonding coverage with Jensen Ford Insurance. Debbie will also ask for a review of the club's current general liability insurance policy.

2. Incident reports will now be kept by the club secretary. Per our current insurance agent, they should be kept for 3 years. (If the incident report involves a minor, the report must be kept for 3 years after their 18th birthday.)
3. President Rick Wortman offered the names of Debbie Bucholz, Mike Lindstedt and Cherie Voegel to serve as the nominating committee for the 2023-24 club year. Kathy Whalen made a motion to approve the committee with Jean Ballinger providing the second. The vote was unanimous to approve the committee. Open board positions are Vice President, Social Chair, Publicity Chair, and one Director. Pat Lawler has expressed an interest to remain on the board after she leaves the Social Chair role.
4. As approved by board vote in January, the annual dues will increase \$5 per person, effective 10/1/23, for the 2023-24 club year. A single membership will be \$25 and a family membership will be \$40.

Place and Time of Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be Thursday, July 20, 2023, 1 pm, at John Knox Presbyterian Church, 3000 N. High School Rd, Speedway, IN 46224.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Konnie Schlechte, Secretary