

**Minutes**  
**Indianapolis Hiking Club Board Meeting**  
**Date: June 18, 2020**

President Marti Burton called the meeting to order at 1 pm, via Zoom.

**Present:** John Bacone, Jean Ballinger, Marti Burton, Mervyn Cohen, Phil Coons, Harold Crooks, Bob Hackenberg, Mike Khalil, Pat Lawler, Mary Barbara Miller, Kae Ramey, Phil Smith, Konnie Schlechte, Susan Sievers, Barb Strite, Kathy Whalen, Ed Wright and Karen Zimmerman

**Minutes:** The revised minutes of the May 21, 2020 meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kathy Whalen reported a balance and net worth of \$17,123.34 as June 18, 2020. The treasurer's report was approved.

**Bills** submitted for payment and approved by the Board were:

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Kae Ramey	\$219.14	Printing (128 schedules)
Kae Ramey	\$165.00	Postage
Kae Ramey	\$105.89	Envelopes (400)

**Members**

New Members: Mike Cicholski, Jenny McClure, Kimberly Swartz, Cathy Vannice

Reinstated Member: Anne Gormley

Current membership is 516 compared to 540 last year

**Electronic Media:** We have 1961 Facebook followers and 1912 Facebook likes

**Publicity:** Susan Sievers advised she is getting a good response to the IHC decal clings. Susan is doing her best to attend different hikes and get the word out. Unfortunately, we lost a good opportunity to promote them when the picnic was cancelled. The best way to promote the clings is to get a supply in the hands of each hike leader so they can make them available to members.

**Action Items**

1. After a brief discussion, the board agreed to keep the current COVID 19 policies in place. Two board members have witnessed isolated incidents of hikers not having masks when they arrive to hike. Those incidents have been addressed. If there are "repeat offenders", the question of additional intervention may need further discussion.

2. The board discussed changes to some of the Achievement Award thresholds due to COVID 19 shortening our hiking schedule in 2020. Pat Lawler made a motion to change the threshold on the Mileage Award from hiking 1000 miles to 800 miles, the Pathfinder Award from leading 50 hikes during the year to 40 hikes, and the Trailblazer Award from leading 15 different hikes during the year to 12. Karen Zimmerman provided the second and the decision was unanimous to amend these thresholds for 2020.
3. Discussion for a proposed increase of dues for members who receive a mailed schedule was tabled to 2021.
4. Discussion of the annual General Assembly meeting (scheduled for the July 16<sup>th</sup> IHC board meeting) was escalated after learning that the location of the General Assembly meeting could not be guaranteed for our use due to COVID-19 concerns. A subcommittee consisting of Marti Burton, Mary Barbara Miller, Pat Lawler and Phil Smith met to discuss options. Marti notified the board on June 27<sup>th</sup> that the subcommittee discussion resulted in the following decision, after a motion was made by Mary Barbara Miller and Pat Lawler provided the second:

“Due to uncertainties caused by COVID-19, the in-person portions of the 2020 General Assembly are canceled. Election of board members and a vote on constitutional changes will be addressed as follows:

  - a. A Yahoo! Groups notice will be sent to notify members of this change, describing the options for voting noted below
  - b. Members receiving a printed schedule will get a paper ballot with their August/September schedule packet. Members may either vote by mailing the ballot to the address provided or vote on-line as described in item C below
  - c. The ballot will be provided on the front page of the online August/September schedule along with instructions for online voting.”

Marti asked the board to vote electronically no later than July 3, and then advised the board on July 3 that the motion was passed to hold the September 2020 General Assembly election of officers by email vote. Marti also advised the board that further discussion of the voting process will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 1:35, as the Zoom timeframe expired.

Respectfully submitted,  
Konnie Schlechte, Secretary