

Minutes
Indianapolis Hiking Club Board Meeting
Date: August 17, 2023

President Rick Wortman called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm

Present: Jean Ballinger, Kathy Braun, Debbie Bucholz, Marti Burton, Mervyn Cohen, Pat Lawler, Kae Ramey, Konnie Schlechte, Lori Showley, Lorraine Smith, Kathy Whalen, Rick Wortman, Ed Wright and Marla Zinkan

Minutes: The revised minutes of the July 20, 2023 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Whalen reported a balance and net worth of \$17,258.27 as of August 17, 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>
Kay Ramey	\$110.05	Printing – Aug/Sept schedule
Kae Ramey	\$199.83	Postage – Aug/Sept schedule
Pat Lawler	\$22.74	Tablecloths (Dollar Tree)
Pat Lawler	\$16.49	OJ (Costco)
Pat Lawler	\$7.98	Water (Costco)
Pat Lawler	\$14.99	Sprite (Costco)
Pat Lawler	\$14.99	Coke Zero (Costco)
Pat Lawler	\$2.10	Tax (Costco)
Pat Lawler	\$10.98	Ice (Village Pantry)
John Triplett	\$156.95	Chicken (Safeway)
Marla Zinkan	\$24.10	IHC Banner (Amazon)
Marla Zinkan	\$34.99	Business Cards - 1000 (Staples)
Marla Zinkan	\$68.98	Rack Cards - 100 (Staples)
Marla Zinkan	\$210.00	Penrod registration
Marla Zinkan	\$7.28	Tax for cards from Staples

Members

New members – David Colville, Matthew Glaze, Suzie Glaze, Alexander Granato, Lori Harding, Steven Hise, Rosie Hughes, Bonnie Wright

Current membership is 569 compared to 556 last year.

Committee Reports:

Membership

Marti Burton suggested that the club may need to consider accepting a new form of payment in the future, as some new members have indicated they do not have checks. There was a bit of discussion around the possibility of using Venmo, that led into the suggestion of obtaining a QR code that would provide a link directly to the club website.

Pathfinder

Pathfinders Ed Wright and Jean Ballinger will be requesting hikes for the October/November schedule.

Mileage

John McShea reported that as of 8/17/23, there are 14,361 hiker entries in the database (each hike for each person) for a total of 81,186 miles hiked. This makes our average hike 5.65 miles.

Publicity

Marla Zinkan reported that the club is registered for a booth at Penrod. Marla purchased a new club banner – it is larger and much more visible. When a QR code is established, it will be added to any new materials used to advertise the club.

Webmaster

The website is up to date. Ed Wright will provide the final revision of the dues notice for approval at the next board meeting.

Electronic Media

We have 2840 Facebook followers.

Social

Pat Lawler declared the summer picnic a success and offered a special thanks to all who helped with the event. Special thanks to Bob Kriz for grilling his “special” hot dogs again, to board members Lorraine Smith and Kathy Whalen for covering the cost of the fried chicken, and to Mervyn and Janet Cohen for providing lemonade.

Historian

Mervyn Cohen asked board members to share ideas of what to include in the next Trailblazer.

Discussion Items:

1. The insurance proposal from a potential new agent was not available for review due to additional documentation that was needed. When the proposal is provided, it will combine both of our existing policies as well as bonding for the club treasurer. The proposal will be reviewed as soon as it is received, as a decision on coverage is needed for the start of the next club year (10/1/23.)
2. After much discussion, the board agreed that there would be no change to the current hike leader guidelines to address the air quality index.
3. The General Assembly and election of officers will be Thursday, September 7, at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Indianapolis, 615 W. 43rd St, Indianapolis, 46208. Board members will arrive at 5:30 pm with appetizers to share. Pat will bring the leftover drinks from the picnic. Club members are invited to arrive at 6 pm for social time, followed by a short business meeting at 6:30 pm and election of officers for the new club year. Following the election of officers, new president Debbie Bucholz will announce the appointed officers for the new year: Dave Drzewiecki – Conservation, Phil Coons – Electronic Media, Mervyn Cohen – Historian, Marti Burton – Membership, John McShea – Mileage, Kae Ramey – Publications, Rick Wortman – Publicity, Annie Falvey – Social, and Ed Wright – Webmaster. Member Jeff Roberts will be our guest speaker and share his experience being honored with an honor flight to Washington, DC for his career as a submariner in the Navy, and his wartime service in Desert Storm. Pat will send out a reminder of this special event a week prior to the date.
4. Phil Smith will attend the September meeting to provide the board with a final report from the database/technology committee.

Place and Time of Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be Thursday, September 21, 2023, 1 pm, at John Knox Presbyterian Church, 3000 N. High School Rd, Speedway, IN 46224.

The meeting adjourned at 1:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Konnie Schlechte, Secretary