

Minutes
Indianapolis Hiking Club
Date: August 16, 2016

Present: John Gaebler, Mike Khalil, Ed Wright, Phil Smith, Pat Lawler, Karen Zimmerman,
Mary Williams, Rena Elsner, Anna Griffin

President John Gaebler called the meeting to order at 6:00PM at Phil Smith's home. The meeting was moved to to lack of parking at Westlane Middle School.

Minutes: Prior to the meeting, a correction was made by Kathy Whalen to last months minutes. The correct amount of bills from last month were \$286.00. Last month's corrected minutes were approved.

Financial Report: Kathy Whalen reported in absentia that that as of August 16, 2016 the club's cash balance was \$14,162.40. Last month had \$150.00 in receipts and \$107.72 in expenditures. The financial report was approved.

Bills submitted for payment and approved by the Board were:

<u>Who</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Reason</u>
7/26/16 Phil Smith	\$210.58	printing	Aug/Sept schedule
7/26/16 June Sergi	\$176.80	postage	Aug/Sept schedule
5/15/16 Mike Khalil	\$100.00	bicentennial	parking

An error was made in the bill from Mike Khalil. He paid \$50.00 for parking. A check was issued in error for \$100.00 and Mike reimbursed the club \$50.00.

The bills were approved for payment.

Committee Reports:

Mileage and Membership:

- New member approved by the Board was Ric Good
- There were no reinstated members.

Karen Zimmerman reported that the current membership is 2 ahead of the same time last year. Mary Williams will get the address and contact information of the new membership officer in time for the next schedule and posting on the website.

Publicity

Nothing to report.

Pathfinder

- Ed Wright and Jean Ballinger are working on the October/November schedule. There will be a lot of Bicentennial make up hikes.

Publications

- No report was presented.

Web master

Updated forms will be available on the website by the next meeting.

Electronic Media:

- Phil Coons reported in absentia that we have 981 Facebook likes and 134 Twitter followers.

Social

The General Assembly will be September 8 at the Unitarian Church at 6:00PM. It is located at 615 West 43rd Street, Indianapolis, 46208. Board members are asked to bring appetizers or desserts to share. The social hour begins at 6:00 and the business meeting at 6:30PM. Kevin Carlsen, manager of the Ornithology Center at Eagle Creek Park will follow with his presentation.

Conservation

- A some club members did help staff the Indiana Forest Alliance's booth at the State Fair.
- There was no official report presented.

Recognition and Awards

No report was presented.

Bicentennial Hikes

- The Bicentennial Hikes have been extremely popular. Recognition will be given at the club Christmas Party. Make up hikes can run through December 31, 2016.
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Unfinished Business: no report was presented.

New Business:

-There was a lot of discussion regarding fees. With the comfortable cash balance that the club has, the Board decided that:

1. The membership fee will remain unchanged.
2. The club would eliminate the \$10 new member fee, just charging the usual membership fee.
3. The club will eliminate the \$10 reinstatement fee.
4. Membership fees will be reduced on May 1 of each year effective this October 1, 2016. Currently, the reduction occurs in July.

The membership application will be revised to reflect the new fee schedule.

-We will not track mileage for guest effective October 1, 2016. Guest should still sign the sign-up sheet for the liability release. They will be contacted by membership if they include their phone number. This change will be communicated in the next schedule.

-Members of the board were encouraged to attend a meeting of the DNR at 1:00PM at Morgan Monroe State Forest. The meeting will consider and discuss issues related to the extension of the Knobstone trail.

-Betty Steed bequeathed \$5,000 to the club in her will. She asked that it be used for a party. We anticipate that 180-200 people will attend the Christmas party and the board decided to use the money to defray the cost.

We discussed awards for the Bicentennial hikers. The board approved:

1. Buttons for those attending at least one bicentennial hike
2. A separate award for those attending all 25 hikes, most likely a shirt.

Place and Time of Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be at John Geabler's house on September 13, 2016 at 6:00 pm. New board members will attend. Current board members are asked to bring a dish to pass.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Anna Griffin on behalf of Mervyn Cohen, Secretary