

Minutes
Indianapolis Hiking Club Board Meeting
Date: August 19, 2021

President Mary Barbara Miller called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Present: Jean Ballinger, Marti Burton, Mervyn Cohen, Harold Crooks, John McShea, Mary Barbara Miller, Kae Ramey, Konnie Schlechte, Susan Sievers, Phil Smith, Barb Strite, Kathy Whalen, Rick Wortman, and Ed Wright

Minutes: The revised minutes of the July 15, 2021 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Whalen reported a balance and net worth of \$17,142.52 as of August 19, 2021. The treasurer's report was approved.

Bills submitted for payment and approved by the Board:

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Barb Strite	\$8.00	Postage
Kathy Whalen	\$81.74	Chicken for picnic
Pat Lawler	\$19.47	Water for picnic
Pat Lawler	\$9.98	Ice for picnic
Pat Lawler	\$3.21	Sanitizer for picnic
Pat Lawler	\$4.48	Cups for picnic
Kae Ramey	\$309.38	Printing Aug/Sept schedule
Kae Ramey	\$33.00	Postage Aug/Sept schedule
Kae Ramey	\$330.00	Postage Aug/Sept schedule
Kae Ramey	\$65.21	Mailing envelopes Aug/Sept schedule

Members

New members – Daniel Davis, Karen Davis, Clarice Doucette, Betty Fisherkeller, Karla Simpson

Reinstated member – Loleta “Letty” Foutch

Current membership is 517 compared to 522 last year

Committee Reports:

Publicity

Discussion and decision regarding continued participation in Meet Up will be part of the September agenda.

Mary Barbara Miller will present an overview of IHC at McCloud Nature Park at 2 pm Saturday, 8/21.

Pathfinder

Ed Wright will send out a request today for October/November hikes.

Electronic Media

We have 2277 Facebook followers and 2201 Facebook likes.

Historian

Mervyn Cohen reported the committee working on the history book completed its work well ahead of schedule and is anxiously waiting for a proof from the publisher. The books will be provided, along with a couple of additional anniversary gifts, to all members. Distribution will begin at the Winter Banquet. A generous “anonymous” donor is covering the cost of the books and gifts. Mervyn also reported that he has acquired information on two of the founding members of the club, Bob Murray and Bill Murphy.

Discussion Items:

1. Based on financial data provided by Kathy Whalen that detailed \$5234.71 in unreserved funds available to the club, Mervyn Cohen made a motion that there be no change in member dues for the upcoming IHC year. Ed Wright provided the second. The board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.
2. IHC has been notified that the planned venue for the General Assembly meeting scheduled September 9 is no longer available. The Unitarian Universalist Church has closed their campus due to Covid concerns. After discussing the possibility of a change in location, as well as ongoing Covid challenges, Phil Smith made a motion that the in-person General Assembly meeting be cancelled and that the 2021-22 election of officers take place electronically as it did last year. Jean Ballinger provided the second, and the vote was unanimous in favor of the motion. Mary Barbara Miller will send out a Google groups message on September 1 to notify club members of this decision. (413 of 523 members are signed up on Google groups.). Her message will include the following slate of officers: Lori Showley – President, Rick Wortman – Vice President, Jean Ballinger and Ed Wright – Pathfinders, Konnie Schlechte – Secretary, Kathy Whalen – Treasurer, Harold Crooks, Anne Heighway, Mary Barbara Miller and Lorraine Smith – Directors. The message will instruct members to send an email to Barb Strite, brstrite@att.net, to approve the slate as recommended, or to not approve the slate as recommended. Votes must be submitted to Barb by September 8. Barb will tally the votes and report the results to the board on September 9.

3. During discussion of the Winter Banquet, it was confirmed that the Board will begin set up at the venue at 12:30 on Sunday, December 5. Members will be invited to arrive at 1:30 for the social hour. Dinner will be served at 2:30. Discussion items for a future meeting include an update on catering, payment schedule for the caterer, and if the board will provide appetizers and additional desserts for the event.
4. The commemorative 65th anniversary shirts have been received by Lorraine Smith and will be available for sale at the Winter Banquet. There will be discussion at a future meeting to determine the sale price.

Place and Time of Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be Thursday, September 16, 2021, 1 pm, at Flanner and Buchanan, 2950 N. High School Rd, Speedway, IN 46224.

The meeting adjourned at 2:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Konnie Schlechte, Secretary