

**Minutes**  
**Indianapolis Hiking Club**  
**Date: 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

**Present:** Janet Cohen, Mervyn Cohen, John Gaebler, Pat Lawler, Phil Smith, Chuck Turner, Kathy Whalen, Mary Williams, Ed Wright, Karen Zimmerman, Barb Strite, Sally Sandman, Marti Applegate, Narcissio Povinelli, Harold Crooks, Jackie King.

President John Gaebler - called the meeting to order at 6.05 at his home.

**Minutes** The previously distributed corrected minutes of 16<sup>th</sup> August were approved.

**Financial Report:** Kathy Whalen reported that as of 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2016 our balance was \$18,755.02 and net worth was 18,755.02. The financial report was approved.

Bills submitted for payment and approved by the Board were:

<u>Who</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Kathy Whalen	\$70.44	Mailing Supplies
Mary Williams	\$95.49	Badges
	\$6.80	Postage
Janet Cohen	\$133.97	Picnic (chicken)
	\$50.00	AGM Speaker honorarium
Phil Smith	\$6.42	AGM Copies – financial
Mount Vernon Insurance Co	\$900.00	Directors and Officers liability insurance
Liberty Mutual Insurance	\$767.00	General liability Insurance
	\$216.00	Business auto insurance

**Committee Reports:**

**Mileage and Membership:**

New members approved by the Board are;

Cindy Helton, Trudy (Geertje) Hill, Emine Kumcu, Petra LaFlower, John Merold, and Cindy O'Malia

Reinstated members approved by the Board are;

None

Kathy Whalen reported that current membership is 565 compared to 563 last year.

**Publicity**

None

**Pathfinder**

The new hike schedule for October and November was approved.

**Publications**

None

**Web master**

Hikers can check the number of centennial hikes that they have completed on the club web site

### **Electronic Media**

We have 992 facebook Likes and 134 Twitter followers

### **Social**

The Christmas party will be on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December. We have a gift of \$5,000 to fund the party. Last year's expenditure was \$3,413.15. Money not spent will be used for future social events. Janet Cohen reported that the amount of \$125.00 used last year for door prizes would again be adequate. There will be donated prizes as well.

### **Conservation**

Chuck Turner will check payments to us from Eagle Creek for completed conservation work. The new hike schedule will have information about two new maintenance hikes. Chuck will attend a meeting this week to discuss expansion of the Knobstone trail. When the Boy Scout Trail in Eagle Creek Park reopens, we will consider adopting it.

### **Recognition and Awards**

There was extended discussion on awards for state park hikes. Hikers completing all 25 hikes will get a photo album and shirt, those completing at least 20 hikes will get a shirt, and those completing at least one hike will get a pin. Details of award costs and designs will be discussed by Chuck Turner's committee, who will make recommendations back to the Board.

### **Bicentennial Hikes**

Official hikes will end on the 12<sup>th</sup> November. Make up hikes will end on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016. Karen Zimmerman reported that 20 official hikes have been completed. 8 people have completed 19 hikes, 12 have completed 18 hikes; 2 have completed 17 hikes and 4 have completed 16 hikes.

### **Unfinished Business:**

None

### **New Business:**

None

**Place and Time of Next Meeting:** The next board meeting will be at Westlane Middle School on 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7.15pm.

Mervyn Cohen            Secretary