

**Minutes**  
**Indianapolis Hiking Club Board**  
**Date: 15<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

**Present:**

Shannon Bennett, Philip Coons, Jeff Edmonson, Mike Khalil, Mary Ann Layman, Pat Lawler, JoAnne Starzyk, Kathy Whalen, Mary Williams, Ed Wright, Karen Zimmerman, June Sergi, Marti Applegate, Phil Smith, Kathy Oguss, Mervyn Cohen, Anna Griffin

President Pat Lawler called the meeting to order at her home at 6.30 pm.

**Minutes** The previously distributed corrected minutes of the August monthly meeting and 3<sup>rd</sup> September annual General Assembly meeting were approved.

**Financial:**

Kathy Whalen reported that as of August 18th, 2015 our balance was \$13,822.64 and net worth was \$13,822.64. The financial report was approved.

**Bills to be Paid:**

The following bills were submitted for payment and approved by the Board:

Mt Vernon Fire Assurance company - Directors and officers Liability Insurance \$935.00.

Liberty Mutual Insurance - Business Auto and General Liability insurance \$984.00.

Mary Williams, \$54.30 (badges).

Kathy Whalen, printing treasurers report for the General Assembly meeting \$5.89

The Board approved a future estimated expenditure of \$600.00 for June Sergi for postage.

**Committee Reports:**

**Mileage and Membership:** Mary Williams reported that we have 7 new members. These were approved by the Board. Karen Zimmerman reported that current membership is 563 compared to 584 last year. 285 members now get their hike schedules by email and 177 by regular mail. In addition, all members receive autumn and January postal mailings

**Pathfinder:** The October/November hiking schedule was accepted by the Board and will be posted on our website on 18<sup>th</sup> September.

**Publications:** No report

**Electronic Media:** There have been 81 twitter followers and 686 facebook likes.

**Social:** No report

**Conservation:** The board approved Chuck Turner's recommendation that the IHC adopt the Coffey Dam trail in Eagle Creek Park, which would obligate us to accomplish periodic trail

maintenance and trash pickup. Chuck Turner will sign the necessary papers with Eagle Creek Park next week.

**Historian:**

*Policy motion presented by Pat Lawler, club president.*

“To dissolve the position of Historian on the Hiking Club Board”.

The motion was approved unanimously.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Recognition and Awards:** Ed Wright announced that this year the awards will be engraved picture frames and not clothing.

*Policy motion presented by Ed Wright.*

“There will be a new ‘Membership’ Achievement Award which will be awarded to any club member who recruits three or more new members during the Club year. The member who brings in the most new members will not have to pay dues the following year. Winners of the Membership award will receive the same recognition as other Achievement Award winners”.

The motion was approved unanimously.

The new member application form will include a place for the applicant to name the member who most influenced them to join the Club.

**Bicentennial Hikes:** Chuck Turner requested and the Board approved estimated expenditures of \$1,500.00 for the printing of Passbooks. A detailed budget will be presented later for approval.

Mike Khalil reported on the Bicenennial State Park Hikes. Passport books will be given free to all members of the hiking club. Others may purchase them, but not on state park Property. It was suggested that we could ask non members for a ‘donation’ rather than a payment. The Board approved a \$25.00 payment to the DNR for the hikes. The SP Hikes have been accepted by the state of IN as an official legacy project. The board also voted to cover the \$300 charge from the graphic artist, Michael Bartosz, for the jpeg logo file to be used on Bicentennial merchandise.

**Donations:** Ballots for distribution of funds to be donated were collected. They will be counted and the results reported at the next meeting.

**Place Meetings:** Phil Smith announced that for next year all Board meetings will be held at the Westlane Middle School located at 1301 W 73rd St, Indianapolis, IN 46260.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Mervyn Cohen                      Secretary