

Minutes
Indianapolis Hiking Club Board Meeting
Date: September 23, 2021

President Mary Barbara Miller called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm. Mary Barbara welcomed Lorraine Smith and Marla Zinkan to the board, and thanked retiring board members Susan Sievers, Phil Smith and Karen Zimmerman.

Present: Marti Burton, Anne Heighway, Pat Lawler, John McShea, Mary Barbara Miller, Kae Ramey, Konnie Schlechte, Lori Showley, Susan Sievers, Lorraine Smith, Phil Smith, Barb Strite, Kathy Whalen, Rick Wortman, Ed Wright and Karen Zimmerman

Minutes: The revised minutes of the August 19, 2021 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Whalen reported a balance and net worth of \$16,343.05 as of September 23, 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>
Mount Vernon Fire Ins Co	\$889.00	Directors & officers insurance
Kae Ramey	\$165.00	Postage (purchased pre price increase)
Kae Ramey	\$38.94	Mailing supplies
Halo Branded Solutions	\$745.43	65 th anniversary shirts
Konnie Schlechte	\$11.00	Postage
Konnie Schlechte	\$16.05	Cards
Barb Strite	\$82.76	Mileage badges
Liberty Mutual Ins	\$2038.00	General liability & business auto ins
Ed Wright	\$98.94	Meetup 6 month subscription
Eagle Creek Foundation	\$500.00	Donation
Chef Susan's Catering	\$500.00	Deposit to hold 12/5/21 for Winter Banquet

Members

New members – Sheryl Babladelis, Beth Baker Schoch, Karen Bushfield, Esther Carter-Day, Gretchen Cozzolino, Bill Jamison, Gigi Jamison, Andrew Nover, Maria Quintana
Current membership is 523 compared to 523 last year.

Committee Reports:

Membership

The MeetUp committee recommended renewal of IHC membership for an additional six months. The board approved the expense.

Publicity

The IHC will have an information table at McCloud Nature Park Fall Colors Festival on October 16. A new club banner has been ordered for this and other future events. Marla Zinkan will send out a google group message to recruit volunteers to represent the club.

Indianapolis Business Journal requested a brief interview with IHC to discuss the \$25 million grant for trail improvements/extensions. Ed Wright will be in contact with Marla to determine which hike leader(s) will respond for the club. This offers a great publicity opportunity to IHC.

Pathfinder

The October/November schedule was approved and will be posted to the website.

Publications

Kae Ramey will be mailing out the new schedule. She will also mail annual dues notices and winter banquet reservation forms to all club members.

Electronic Media

We have 2318 Facebook followers and 2230 Facebook likes.

Historian

Phil Smith reported that the 65-year history book is complete and the committee is choosing the cover style. The 40-page book isn't printed yet, but should be ready for distribution at the winter banquet.

Discussion Items:

1. Barb Strite reported that 87 members voted to approve the slate in the online election of officers for the 2021-22 club year. There were zero votes in opposition. Ed Wright made a motion to certify the electronic vote. John McShea provided the second and the board approval was unanimous.
2. Mary Barbara Miller reported that Harold Crooks would like to retire from the board. Per the constitution, the president can appoint a successor. Member Sue Collins has expressed an interest in filling the role. Nominations will remain open until next month's board meeting.
3. With Karen Zimmerman's retirement from the board, a second signer is needed for the checking account. Pat Lawler agreed to work with Kathy Whalen on this.

4. The board discussed and approved a \$500.00 donation to Eagle Creek Foundation.
5. The board discussed and approved a price of \$15.00 for the 65th anniversary shirts that will be available for purchase at the winter banquet.
6. Due to ongoing Covid concerns, and after discussion of the entry restrictions multiple local entertainment venues have put in place, the board agreed that the winter banquet will be open to all club members and their guests who have been fully vaccinated or provide a negative Covid 19 test result dated within three days of the event. Documentation will be confirmed at arrival to our celebration.
7. The annual budget meeting will take place in October. The vice president, treasurer and directors will prepare the 2021-22 budget to be presented at the November board meeting.
8. Ed Wright nominated Bob Kriz for the annual service award, based on Bob's outstanding generosity and dedication to the club. The nomination was approved by the board.

Place and Time of Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be Thursday, October 28, 2021, 1 pm, at Flanner and Buchanan, 2950 N. High School Rd, Speedway, IN 46224.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Konnie Schlechte, Secretary