

**Minutes**  
**Indianapolis Hiking Club**  
**Date:18<sup>th</sup> October 2016**

**Present:** Jean Ballinger, Janet Cohen, Mervyn Cohen, Philip Coons, Rena Elsner, Pat Lawler, Phil Smith, Kathy Whalen, Ed Wright, Karen Zimmerman, Harold Crooks, Barb Strite, Jackie King, Narcissio Povinelli, Sally Sandman.

President Phil Smith - called the meeting to order at 6:00pm at Westlane Middle School.

**Minutes** The previously distributed corrected minutes of 9<sup>th</sup> September were read and approved.

**Financial Report:** Kathy Whalen reported that as of 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2016 our balance was \$16,628.90 and net worth was \$16,628.90. The financial report was approved. Kathy read through the proposed 2016/2017 budget. This was approved without changes.

Bills submitted for payment and approved by the Board were:

<u>Who</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Phil Smith	\$461.71	Printing of Oct/Nov Schedule, Dues Renewal, Christmas Party Reservation, return envelope
June Sergi	\$294.88	Postage for (see printing/Phil)
Sally Sandman	\$53.07	Postage for (see printing/Phil)
Karen Zimmerman	\$79.15	Mailing labels, envelopes for patches
Halo Branded Solutions	\$782.35	Bicentennial Awards (Pins)
Mary Williams	\$16.21	25 Year Award
Gnaw Bone	\$57.00	Camp Fee (Amount collected from hikers - will be deposited to IHC 10/17/16)

**Committee Reports:**

**Mileage and Membership:**

New members approved by the Board are;

Tammy Anderson, Debbie Bell, Diana Benfield, Michelle Bowen, Claire Campassi, Randy Deane, Dennis Gilbert, Beverly Hiner, Connie Hollar, Fanny Rosenstihl and Jim Wark

Reinstated members approved by the Board are;

Becky Cothran, Allen Pekar, and Nancy Curran

Kathy Whalen reported that current membership is 571 compared to 570 last year. Thus far there have been 274 membership renewals, compared to 311 last year

**Publicity**

No report

**Pathfinder**

Working on Dec/Jan schedule

**Publications**

No report

**Web master**

The web site has been updated to show the new Board

**Electronic Media:**

We have 1018 facebook Likes and 141 Twitter followers

**Social**

So far, 131 have signed up for the Xmas party. Last year's attendance was 146. Janet will call the Church to ask about maximum number of people permitted in the hall and the total number of chairs available. The caterer has done events in the hall with over 220 persons. There was a feeling to have the AGM at the Unitarian Church again next year. No vote was taken. The speaker will be Mark Zelonis, retired curator of all the grounds at the IMA.

**Conservation**

No report

**Recognition and Awards**

See action items

**Bicentennial Hikes**

Two add on hikes have been already scheduled for December

**Action Items**

*Bicentennial hike awards.* The Board approved expenditure of an amount approximately the estimated cost of the awards. This is \$1997.35. Cost of pins is \$762.00. T shirts will cost \$11.00 each and 65 are estimated to be needed. Photo books will cost about \$25.00 each and 25 are estimated to be needed. Phil Smith reported that \$1650 will already be available from 2015/2016 and the rest is still to be identified.

*Budget transfers.*

The following were all approved by the Board

1. Transfer of \$493.15 from the Steed bequest to the Christmas party line in the 2015-2016 IHC budget. This transfer will return the Christmas party line to the original \$600.00 appropriation.
2. Transfer \$600.00 from the Christmas line in the 2015-2016 IHC budget to the Bicentennial hike line in the 2017-2017 IHC budget.
3. Transfer \$721.27 from the Bicentennial line in the 2015-2016 IHC budget to the Bicentennial line in the IHC 2016-2017 budget. This will establish an appropriation of \$1,321.27 for remaining Bicentennial expenses incurred during 2016-2017.

4. Transfer \$4,506.85 from the Steed bequest to the Christmas party line in the IHC 2016-17 budget.

**Other Business:**

*New members* There was initial discussion regarding the need for the Board to continue to vote on applications from ~~for~~ new members. This will be discussed again at the next Board meeting

*Indianapolis Parks Alliance* It was agreed, without vote, that information about this organization will be included in the next hike schedule

*Club Service Award:* There was a brief discussion regarding finding a way to recognize members that the board believes deserve special recognition. Ed Wright reminded the board that the Club already has a Club Service Achievement award that has never been won. Ed suggested that we consider redefining the award to recognize members that the board feels warrant special recognition. Ed will submit a resolution to this effect at the November board meeting.

*Future theme hikes* Jackie King suggested future hikes to include the 12 official historic sites in Indiana. Pat Lawler reminded the Board that our club will be 60 years old in 2017

*Spirit and Place* Mervyn Cohen reminded the Board that our club is a participant in this event. Phil Smith will be our speaker. Mike **Khali** and Barb Strite will prepare and staff a table to showcase the hiking club. Yahoo email will be used to further advertise the event to club members

**New Business:**

None

**Place and Time of Next Meeting:** The next board meeting will be at Westlane Middle School on date, 15 November 2016 at 6:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Mervyn Cohen            Secretary