

Minutes
Indianapolis Hiking Club
Date: 20th October 2015.

Present: Marty Applegate, Jean Ballinger, Janet Cohen, Mervyn Cohen , Philip Coons, Rena Elsner, John Gaebler, Anna Griffin, Pat Lawler, Phil Smith, Chuck Turner, Kathy Whalen, Mary Williams, Ed Wright, Karen Zimmerman

President John Gaebler called the meeting to order at 6.00pm at Westlane Middle School

Minutes The previously distributed corrected minutes of 15th September 2015 were approved.

Financial Report: Kathy Whalen reported that as of 20th October, 2015 our balance was \$17,125.23 and net worth was \$17,125.23. The financial report was approved.

Budget for 2015 -2016. This was presented by Phil Smith. Proposed income was \$10,550 and expenditure \$13,095. The deficit is due to expenditure on the Bicentennial celebration. The Board approved the budget.

Bills to be Paid:

- \$412.46 - Postage and folding for mailing schedules and party reservation forms.
- \$93.00 – payment to Gnaw Camp for hike. \$93.00 was income collected from hikers.
- \$23.26 – Reimbursement to Mary Ann Layman for Gnaw Bone hike snacks
- \$33.76 – Kathy Whalen ; mailing envelopes.
- \$805.20 – Karen Zimmerman. \$59.90 for envelopes and mailing labels; \$506.37 for printing schedules and party reservation; \$219.33 for rack cards.

The Board approved payment of the bills.

The Board gave pre-approval for up to \$100.00 requested for Bradford Woods hikes.

Committee Reports:

Mileage and Membership: Mary Williams reported that we have 9 new members, and one re-instated member. These were approved by the Board.

Karen Zimmerman presented the trail blazer, hiking activity and year end statistic reports.

The Board approved that the club vice president would be responsible for collecting annual data about new members; how they became aware of the Hiking Club and which Club member (if any) made the referral.

Publicity: - Different methods for advertising the club to get new members were discussed.

Pathfinder: - No report

Publications: - No report

Electronic Media: - We have 711 face book participants

Social: - Christmas party –

- Entertainment will be recorded music . Sound system rental is \$100.00
- \$150.00 will be spent on gift cards. In addition two senior entry passes for State Parks will be additional prizes.
- The food is not subsidized. \$20.00 entry fee covers costs and gratuity.

Annual General meeting

- This will be on the 8th September 2016. It will be at the Unitarian Church at no cost, or at Eagle Creek Park. Chuck Turner said that we will get dollar credits for our Coffer trail maintenance and this could cover rental and admission costs.

Annual Picnic

- This will be on Saturday 23rd July 2016. No bicentennial hikes are scheduled on this date. It will be at Eagle Creek Park at shelter A or at Eagles Nest on the West side of the Park. This has no entry park fee.

Conservation: We get a credit for all work on the Coffer trail. This can be used to pay for hiking club fees at Eagle Creek. We get between \$11.00 and \$15.00 depending on the skill of level our work

Unfinished Business:

Bicentennial Hikes: The Passbooks cost \$2.24 each and there is no discount for bulk purchases. They will be given free to every member. The methods of doing this were discussed. The Passbooks will be stamped and can be kept as a personal memento. Ten stamps will be purchased for \$16.75 each. The hike sign in sheets will track the number of state parks in which each person has hiked.

The Board gave approval for the purchase of 300 passport booklets at \$2.24 each and for the purchase of 10 ‘stamps’ at \$16.75 each.

New Business:

Yahoo: It was felt that the number of club members using Yahoo needs to be increased. Joan Griffitts will be asked to help with teaching members how to join the Yahoo Group.

Place and Time of Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be at Westlane Middle School on Tuesday 17th November, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7.55pm pm.

Mervyn Cohen

Secretary