

Minutes
Indianapolis Hiking Club Board Meeting
Date: October 20, 2022

President Rick Wortman called the meeting to order at 1:04 pm. Rick welcomed Debbie Bucholz and Kathy Braun to the board.

Present: Debbie Bucholz, Marti Burton, Phil Coons, Dave Drzewiecki, John McShea, Mary Barbara Miller, Kae Ramey, Lori Showley, Lorraine Smith, Kathy Whalen, Rick Wortman, Ed Wright and Marla Zinkan

Minutes: The minutes of the September 22, 2022 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Whalen reported a balance and net worth of \$12,381.28 as of the end of the fiscal year (September 30, 2022), and a balance and net worth of \$17,656.28 as of October 20, 2022. In addition, Kathy submitted the 2021-22 Fourth Quarter budget worksheet, reporting expenses of \$729.14 under the budgeted amount of \$11,885 and income of \$981.54 over the budgeted amount of \$10,655 at year end. The treasurer's reports were approved.

Bills submitted for payment and approved by the Board:

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
John McShea	\$44.93	Mailing Labels
Marti Burton	\$30.20	Postage - Membership
Kae Ramey	\$488.67	Printing – Oct/Nov schedule + Renewal & Banquet Reservation
Kae Ramey	\$298.80	Postage – Oct/Nov schedule + Renewal & Banquet Reservation
Kae Ramey	\$50.40	Postage – Oct/Nov schedule + Renewal & Banquet Reservation

Members

New members – Pamela Adamson, De Bush, Jane Gooliak, Carman Kercher, Surjit Malhi, Karen Richmond, Brad Smith, Chris Steadham, Laura Steadham, Cynthia Weiner

Current membership is 288 compared to 358 last year.

Committee Reports:

Conservation

Dave Drzewiecki is awaiting approval from Eagle Creek Park on a trail busting form. Once approved, the forms will be available online with a map of the park. IHC members can complete a volunteer form and advise the park they will participate. The individual will pick up trash and small limbs and alert the park to any larger issue on the trail. Trail credit earned would be applied to the club. A google group message will be sent out as soon as the park approves.

Publicity

Glee Crowder and Marla Zinkan were interviewed for an article that appeared in the Southside Outdoor Journal. Marla will seek approval from the Journal to publish the article on our website.

Electronic Media

We have 2597 Facebook followers and over 2400 Facebook likes. Phil Coons reported that Facebook has changed its format slightly and some may find it challenging.

Social

Nameless Catering will provide the meal for the winter banquet. The agreement is confirmed for 125 people at a cost of \$2832.91. 75 members have RSVP'd to date. Board members will be asked to provide appetizers again this year and possibly desserts. Marla Zinkan's husband Pete has secured rental of sound equipment for the banquet at a cost of \$133.75. Lori Showley and Kathy Whalen will determine if we can use the equipment on hand at Nativity. If yes, the rental equipment from IRC music will be cancelled. Further discussion of the banquet will take place at the November meeting.

Mary Barbara Miller will contact Eagle Creek Park to discuss reserving a shelter for the 2023 summer picnic. The board is looking at the 4th or 5th Sunday in July for the picnic, in hopes of having a hike again next year during Oldenberg's Freudenfest, July 14-15, 2023.

Discussion Items:

1. The question was raised if after reaching 10,000 miles, the club practice should be changed to give badges every 5000 miles, rather than every 1000. This will be discussed further at a future meeting.

2. Ed Wright reported that Meetup has made some enhancements on its website and voiced concern that the price may increase in the future. The board is aware there has been an uptick in new members since we rejoined Meetup.
3. Ed Wright sent a detailed email to the board prior to the meeting advising the selection of a long sleeve t-shirt in Carolina blue for this year's 43 Achievement Award winners. Also in the email, Ed and Lorraine Smith proposed purchasing additional long sleeve t-shirts in navy blue (that will not be designated Achievement Award winner) for sale to club members. After discussion, Marti Burton made the motion to approve with a second from Lori Showley. The board approved the motion to order 48 long sleeve t-shirts (in navy) to sell at the Winter Banquet for approx \$16 each. (Price is dependent on final pricing from the vendor.)

Place and Time of Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be November 17, 2022, 1 pm, at Flanner and Buchanan, 2950 N. High School Rd, Speedway, IN 46224.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted as recorded by Marla Zinkan,
Konnie Schlechte, Secretary