

**Minutes**  
**Indianapolis Hiking Club Board Meeting**  
**Date: November 18, 2021**

President Lori Showley called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm

**Present:** Jean Ballinger, Marti Burton, Mervyn Cohen, Anne Heighway, Pat Lawler, John McShea, Mary Barbara Miller, Kae Ramey, Konnie Schlechte, Lori Showley, Lorraine Smith, Kathy Whalen, Rick Wortman, and Marla Zinkan

**Minutes:** The revised minutes of the October 28, 2021 meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kathy Whalen reported a balance and net worth of \$19,628.95 as of November 18, 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>
Barb Strite	\$19.44	Postage – Membership mailings
Marti Burton	\$162.77	1 25-yr award, 21 mileage badges
Chef Susan	\$3053.00	Winter Banquet catering (approved to \$3100.00)
Nativity Church	\$300.00	Winter Banquet space rental

**Members**

New members – Bethany Beckett, Peter Benner, Jane Chambers, Jenny Clemmer, Stan Curts, Jill Fogelsong, Perry Fogelsong, John Gervais, Sarah Gillim, Amy Hume, Tom Hume, Kimberly Solan, John Metelko, Miriam Wells, Kay Whitaker, Scott Whitaker

Current membership is 445 compared to 419 last year.

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership**

We thank Barb Strite for her service to the club. Barb's final report listed 16 new members this month, with four coming to us from MeetUp.

Marti Burton has agreed to fill the Membership position on an interim basis. Marti will clarify the duties of the role to aid in recruitment. Marti discussed small changes to the mileage badges that would provide some savings. She will have more details at the next meeting. There is one 25-year award (Reba Wooden) that will be presented by Pat Lawler at the Winter Banquet.

## **Publicity**

Marla Zinkan has sent invitations to the governor's and mayor's offices to attend the Winter Banquet in observance of the hiking club's 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary. She has also asked for proclamations to mark the achievement.

Marla has left information about the hiking club (business cards and pamphlets) at multiple northside business locations, including libraries and REI. She will continue this practice around town and asked board members for help in distributing to businesses in their neighborhoods.

## **Pathfinder**

The December/January hiking schedule was approved with changes as noted by Jean Ballinger.

## **Electronic Media**

We have 2354 Facebook followers and 2260 Facebook likes.

## **Historian**

Mervyn Cohen reported the history book is complete. Envelopes are being prepared to distribute the book, along with other 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary "goodies", at the Winter Banquet.

Mervyn announced the next important upcoming date. June 10, 2022 will mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of Eagle Creek Park. Mervyn will keep the board updated, as there should be many opportunities for the club to be involved in the celebration.

## **Discussion Items:**

1. Kae Ramey suggested that we stop providing printed copies of the Trailblazer to reduce printing and postage expense. Following discussion, Marti Burton made a motion that the Trailblazer will no longer be printed and mailed. Mary Barbara Miller provided the second and the motion was approved. A google group message will be sent in January to advise that the Trailblazer will not be included in the mailing of the Feb/March schedule and club roster.
2. Pat Lawler reviewed final details of the Winter Banquet. Board members will provide appetizers for the event. Pat, Kae Ramey and Kathy Whalen will work the check-in table. Lori Showley will send a google group message on 12/2 to remind attendees to bring food donations and proof of vaccine. Members will also be advised that anniversary t-shirts and hats will be for sale at the event.
3. Pat Lawler will lead the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary hike at Holliday Park, 1/23/22, at 2 pm. Pat advised that refreshments (apple cider and oreo cookies) were served from someone's car trunk at the first hikes. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that the anniversary hike

will also offer refreshments “tailgate style”, along with the chance for conversation among current and former members, prior to the start of the hike.

4. Based on questions and concerns regarding the proposed Trailblazer changes, Mervyn Cohen will create a small subcommittee to look into the amount of work involved to add the suggested items, as well as who will do it. Additional cost will also be a factor to consider. Mervyn will come back to the board to report the subcommittee’s findings.
5. Kathy Whalen presented the IHC 2021-22 proposed budget with total expenses of \$11,885 and total income of \$10,665. Jean Ballinger made a motion to approve the budget as presented, with Mary Barbara Miller providing the second. The vote was unanimous to approve. A copy of the budget is attached to these minutes.

**Place and Time of Next Meeting:** The next board meeting will be December 16, 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