

**Minutes**  
**Indianapolis Hiking Club Board Meeting**  
**Date: November 19, 2020**

President Mary Barbara Miller called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm via Zoom.

Mary Barbara announced the change in Marti Burton's board position to conservation officer and introduced Rick Wortman as a new at-large board member.

**Present:** Jean Ballinger, Marti Burton, Mervyn Cohen, Phil Coons, Harold Crooks, Anne Heighway, Pat Lawler, Mary Barbara Miller, Kae Ramey, Konnie Schlechte, Lori Showley, Susan Sievers, Phil Smith, Kathy Whalen, Rick Wortman, Ed Wright, and Karen Zimmerman

**Minutes:** The revised minutes of the October 15, 2020 meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kathy Whalen reported a balance and net worth of \$19,950.09 as of November 19, 2020. 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	\$84.63	Name badges
Barb Strite	\$260.05	25-year awards
Halo Branded Solutions	\$527.63	Achievement t-shirts (44)

**Members**

New members – Deborah Bucholz, Connor Endres, Mike Diamente, Stacey Gibbens, John McShea, Regina McShea, Charlene Williams, David Williams, Mary Wilson

Reinstated member – Larita Killian

Current membership is 419 compared to 415 last year

**Committee Reports:**

**Conservation**

Marti Burton has assumed the role of conservation officer. Marti will work with Eagle Creek park to discuss club opportunities/requirements. Marti reported the west side parking lot at Eagle Creek park is now paved.

**Pathfinder**

The December/January hiking schedule was approved without the Covid-19 statement, which will be revised and included prior to distribution.

## **Electronic Media**

We have 2089 Facebook followers and 2038 Facebook likes. Mary Barbara Miller suggested future discussion of ideas on how to tap into these numbers to increase membership. Phil Coons will add a link from Facebook to the December/January hiking schedule and an additional link to the 2020 achievement awards posted on the club website.

## **Social**

Details of the December food pantry collection will be included in the Dec/Jan schedule. Mary Barbara Miller will send a google groups message as an additional effort to ensure club members are aware of the food drive. The annual summer picnic will be July 17, 2021. (Mary Barbara contacted Eagle Creek after the meeting and reserved the shelter.). Pat Lawler has secured the dates for the general assembly meeting and winter banquet in 2021.

## **Discussion Items:**

1. The board reviewed the current Covid-19 policy and discussed at length the options to continue hiking as is, continue hiking with additional modifications, or cancel hiking. The following rules will apply on all December 2020 and January 2021 hikes and be included in the new schedule:
  - Hike leaders will sign in all hikers and read the revised Covid-19 warning which states “By participating on this hike you are indicating that you have not been recently close to someone who has tested positive for Covid-19 or are not awaiting test results, and are not experiencing any flu-like symptoms including fever, coughing, shortness of breath, sneezing, etc.”
  - All hikers will wear a face mask during the sign in process and are strongly encouraged to wear them during the hike.
  - Each hiker is responsible for maintaining their own safe distance (at least 6 feet) from other hikers.
  - If you test positive for Covid-19 or have been close to someone who has tested positive or are awaiting test results, you should self-quarantine and not participate in any Club activities, even if you don't have symptoms.
2. Marti Burton volunteered to coordinate with Ed Wright on the distribution of the 2020 achievement awards. The 44 achievement award winners, as well as the new 25-year members are posted on the club website.
3. Kathy Whalen provided Mike Khalil with the financial details for the 2019-20 audit, which must be completed no later than January 31, 2021. Phil Smith and Konnie and John Schlechte have offered to assist Mike with completing the audit process, as needed.

4. Members will receive a google group message to promote Eagle Creek Foundation and provide information on ways to benefit the foundation by purchasing an annual park pass through them or donating via AmazonSmile. Mervyn Cohen will send the group message.
5. Mary Barbara Miller will distribute the duties of the IHC board of directors for review, in an effort to update roles and responsibilities, and to more evenly distribute the workload of those serving on the board. Phil Smith suggested a face-to-face meeting would be a better avenue for discussion of these duties and any recommendations for change.
6. The remaining discussion item on the agenda was tabled to the next meeting.

**Place and Time of Next Meeting:** The next board meeting will be Thursday, December 17, 2020, at 1 pm, via Zoom.

The meeting adjourned at 2:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Konnie Schlechte, Secretary