

INDIANAPOLIS HIKING CLUB
December 17, 2013
6:30 – 8:00 pm
Location: Athenaeum - 401 East Michigan Street

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Members Present: President: John Gaebler
Vice President: Pat Lawler
Pathfinders: Ed Wright
Treasurer: Kathy Whalen
Secretary: Cecilia Keller
Membership: Mary Williams
Mileage:
Publicity: Katy Smith
Publications: Karen Zimmerman
Social Committee: Sue Bullock
Electronic Media Director: Shannon Bennett
Conservation: Jim Rench
Directors: Richard Braun, Jeff Edmonson,
Club Historian: Mary Ann Layman

IHC board meeting was called to order by President John Gaebler at 6:30 pm, December 17, 2013.

Approval of last meeting's minutes:

November 19, 2013's minutes, taken and distributed by Cecilia Keller were brought up for approval by President John Gaebler. Motion was made by Jeff Edmonson to accept the minutes, seconded by Karen Zimmerman. All voted in favor of accepting the minutes.

Financial Matters:

Balance as of November 19, 2013:	\$15,313.42
Balance as of December 17, 2013:	\$15,360.64

Complete report, as submitted by Kathy Whalen, will be placed in the secretary's file for future reference. Karen Zimmerman motioned for acceptance of the financial report; Jim Rensch seconded. All voted in favor of accepting the financial report as presented.

The following bills were submitted to the board for approval:

Payee

Excalibur Catering - \$2,418.50 (Christmas Party: \$1,950.00 Food + \$175.50 Tax + \$293.00 Tip)

Cecilia Keller - \$24.85 (\$15.65 Sympathy/Get Well Cards + \$9.20 Postage)

Sue Bullock - \$428.12 (See below)

 \$100.00-Church rental for Christmas Party

 \$150.00-Door prizes for Christmas Party

 \$48.12-Tablecloths and centerpiece decorations for Christmas Party

 \$50.00-Audio System rental for Christmas Party

 \$80.00-Door prizes for General Assembly

Karen Zimmerman - \$775.68 (\$450.12 Printing + \$325.56 Postage)

Mary Williams - \$59.44 (Badges)

John Lyghtel - \$57.80 (Pinnacle Award)

Kathy Whalen \$7.14 (Annual filing fee to maintain Non-Profit Business Entity status)

Mary Ann Layman - Up to \$100 for fee for hikes in Bradford Woods during January 2014

Motion was made by Jeff Edmonson to have Kathy pay the above bills; seconded by Mary Williams and approved by all board members present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mileage/Membership:

Mary Williams reported 5 new member names and 1 reinstatement.

Motion was made by Ed Wright for acceptance of new members; Jeff Edmonson seconded.

Social:

Sue Bullock reported the Christmas party was a success. There were no negative comments. It was suggested that we might schedule a time to socialize ahead of or after the meal next year since we were through eating early.

Publicity:

Katy Smith reported that the Indianapolis Star is still not publishing the Fit List, even though they had told her previously that it would be starting again. Shannon Bennett tweeted the Star regarding bringing back the fitness column.

It was agreed that we will want to staff the Quiet Expo again this year. It will be the 3rd weekend of February.

Electronic Media:

Shannon Bennett reported 29 Twitter followers and 400 Facebook likes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Design for New Brochure:

Karen Zimmerman and Katy Smith presented a mock-up of a new IHC rack card with a QR code, which links to our website. The rack card will replace the brochures we currently use. Cost for 1,000 cards would be \$205. Jeff Edmonson moved to authorize purchase of 1,000 cards, Jim Rench seconded; all voted to approve this expenditure.

Archive of Historical Information:

Karen Zimmerman contacted the Indiana Historical Society library. They are interested in archiving our documents. If we decide to do this, we would donate our collection of Minutes, Treasurer's Reports, Trailblazers, etc. to the historical society. They would organize the papers and put them in acid free folders. As time permits the collection would be digitized and would be publicly accessible. John Gaebler asked Karen to work with Mary Ann Layman and Pat Lawler to think about how to approach this and what we might want to submit. They will report back in 2 or 3 months.

Dog Hike Report:

Susan Roberts reported that the scheduled dog hike in December was poorly attended due to inclement weather. Only 2 dogs attended. This was not an adequate trial. Susan is interested in leading another dog hike. The Board will continue to review the dog hikes.

Club Historian:

John Gaebler welcomed Mary Ann Layman as the newly appointed Club Historian.

NEW BUSINESS:

Future Events, Outings and Complaints

John Gaebler mentioned that the reservations for the annual club picnic to be held the last Saturday in July should be made in January. Sue Bullock will call after the first of January to reserve the shelters at Eagle Creek.

Jeff said the Top 10 by 2025 award will be announced this Friday.

Kathy Whalen said the registration of the club as a non-profit business entity has been filed.

Place and time of next meeting:

President John Gaebler confirmed 6:30 pm, January 21, 2014 at the Athenaeum as the time and place for the next board meeting.

Jeff Edmonson motioned for the meeting to be adjourned at 8:00 p.m.; Jim Rench seconded. Approved by all board members present.