

Minutes
Indianapolis Hiking Club Board Meeting
Date: December 17, 2020

President Mary Barbara Miller called the meeting to order at 1:06 pm via Zoom

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

Minutes: The revised minutes of the November 19, 2020 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Whalen reported a balance and net worth of \$20,185.28 as of December 17, 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	\$28.00	Postage-Member Welcome
Kae Ramey	\$268.84	Printing – Dec/Jan Schedule
Kae Ramey	\$44.28	Envelopes
Kae Ramey	\$126.80	Postage - Schedule
Kae Ramey	\$27.00	Postage – Schedule
Kathy Whalen	\$22.00	Business Entity Filing

Members

New members – Pam Meyer, Carole Miller, Carl Widland
Current membership is 475 compared to 478 last year

Committee Reports:

Conservation

Marti Burton reported that work is being done on the west side of Eagle Creek and Eagle Crest. The completion date is unknown at this time.

Publicity

Ed Wright suggested that the club investigate the possibility of joining Meet Up Groups as a way to connect with potential members. Ed provided background of the club pursuing a similar idea 12 years ago. An exploratory committee was proposed to look into Ed's suggestion. Phil Coons, Anne Heighway, Susan Sievers, Phil Smith, Rick Wortman and Ed Wright agreed to participate, and will gather information and report back to the board.

Webmaster

Ed Wright reported that the website has been updated with all year end information.

Electronic Media

We have 2095 Facebook followers and 2045 Facebook likes. Phil Coons reported that he tries to post something to the Facebook page every day. Since the November board meeting, he has added the 2020 achievement winners, a link to the current hiking schedule, information on how to join the hiking club, the canned food drive, and obtaining Eagle Creek park passes through the EC Foundation. Phil also reposted the club's Covid-19 policy.

Social

Pat Lawler reported over 300 pounds of food have been collected thus far. These items have been delivered to MLK Center, Caring House and Boulevard Place. \$125 in cash donations was delivered to Wheeler Mission. Pat offered to continue the collection effort through Christmas. She also reported that all but two of the 25-year awards have been presented to the recipients, and their photos are posted on the club website.

Historian:

Mervyn Cohen reported that he continues to receive historic material from members, and that there are two special events coming up. First, over the next 6-8 weeks, Glee Crowder will complete 50,000 miles of hiking with the club. Special recognition of this milestone and an award to honor Glee will be planned. A suggestion was made to look into some type of media event that would both honor Glee and provide publicity for IHC. Second, the hiking club will mark its 65th birthday in January, 2022. We will celebrate the occasion at the 2021 Winter Banquet. Mervyn plans to have a history booklet completed for distribution at the event.

Discussion Items:

1. Bob Kriz, longtime club member and financial supporter, reached out to Ed Wright with a new logo to commemorate the club's 65th year in 2022. Bob has purchased 600 patches with the new logo which he would like to distribute at the Winter Banquet this year. He has also offered to pay for the cost of mailing the patches to members that do not attend. In addition, Bob will underwrite the cost of the history booklet that Mervyn prepares. The board agreed to the use of this new logo for one year.
2. Mary Barbara Miller asked if there was an update on the status of the 2020 audit. Konnie Schlechte will contact Mike Khalil, who oversees the project.

3. In order to begin a review of the duties of the members of the IHC board of directors, a small group was formed to look at existing documentation that details the responsibilities of each position, propose any necessary changes, and submit recommendations to the entire board. Marti Burton, Mary Barbara Miller, Konnie Schlechte, Barb Strite, Kathy Whalen and Ed Wright will participate in the review process.
4. Board members participated in a discussion of the current Covid-19 policy and agreed on the following changes:
 - a. The Covid-19 policy that every hike leader reads to his/her hike participants will be revised to include “The Board of Directors **strongly** recommends wearing a mask throughout the hike.”
 - b. Hikes submitted for the February/March schedule will not include any mention of meals or coffee included with a hike.
 - c. Mary Barbara Miller will send out a google groups message to remind the membership that each of us must do our part to keep ourselves and each other safe while hiking, and what actions to take if you are exposed to or test positive for Covid-19.
5. The remaining discussion items on the agenda were tabled to the next meeting.

Place and Time of Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be Thursday, January 21, 2021, at 1 pm, via Zoom.

The meeting adjourned at 2:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Konnie Schlechte, Secretary