Minutes
Indianapolis Hiking Club Board Meeting
Date: January 15, 2026

President Cathy Fisher called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm.

Present: Debbie Bucholz, Mervyn Cohen, Marian Fahy, Cathy Fischer, Paul Klimowitch, John McShea, Delaram Moghaddam, Laura Otten, Kae Ramey, Terry Roesch, Konnie Schlechte, and Ed Wright

Minutes: The revised minutes of the December 18, 2025 board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Marian Fahy reported a balance and net worth of $32,984.97 as of December 31, 2025. In addition, Marian provided the Budget to Actuals report for the first quarter of fiscal year 2025/26. Total income received was $14,788.52. Total expenses paid were $3252.69. Marian reminded the board that the first quarter of the year provides the bulk of the income (via member dues,) while expenses are distributed throughout the year, primarily in the second, third and fourth quarters. The treasurer's reports were approved.

Bills submitted for payment and approved by the Board:

Payee	Amount	Reason
CR Heroes	$4408.49	Winter Banquet Catering
Catherine Fischer	$20.00	Milestone Award Hat
Theresa Roesch	$10.16	Postage – New Member Mailings
Theresa Roesch	$120.37	Mileage Badges
Deborah Bucholz	$42.80	Achievement Awards – Additional Backpacks
Deborah Bucholz	$104.79	Milestone Award Trophy
Annie Falvey	$85.62	Winter Banquet Decorations
Annie Falvey	$117.69	Administrative Supplies – One Cooler
Eagle Creek Park Fdn	$750.00	Donation
Indiana Parks Alliance	$350.00	Donation
John Knox Church/ Storehouse Food Pantry	$100.00	Donation

Members
New members – Aria Arrizabalaga, Linda Kraatz, Amy Loane, Monica Olson
Current membership is 487 compared to 492 last year.

Committee Reports

Pathfinder

The February/March hike schedule was approved.

Webmaster

Paul Klimowitch stated $165 in fees for web hosting will be coming due. (Funds were budgeted to cover this.) 61 hike leaders have set up user names and passwords for entering mileage. There have been no issues with this new system. Paul added he has been digging into the archives and will check with Bob Hackenberg to see if Bob has anything to add to ensure everything related to the club is backed up on a regular basis.

Publicity

Delaram Moghaddam reported we have 4493 Facebook followers and 2636 Instagram followers. Delaram asked for board approval to set up a free YouTube channel for the podcasts she is working on. Kae Ramey made the motion, Terry Roesch provided the second, and the board voted to approve the request. The first podcast will be Cathy Fischer interviewing Delaram as a younger, very active club member. The second podcast will be Delaram interviewing a longer-term club member to discuss experiences, trips with the club, etc. The YouTube channel will also be used for Delaram to upload publicity videos. Delaram brought up a suggestion from Marla Zinkan to purchase custom rubber bracelets with the IHC name and logo to be passed out at the St. Patrick's Day parade. After discussion, it was agreed that bracelets may be a good idea to consider, but not for the St. Patrick's Day event.

Publications

Kae Ramey will get the new hike schedule printed and mailed out. (65 members have requested and paid the $10 fee to have a printed schedule mailed to them.)

Social

Cathy Fischer reported in Annie Falvey's absence that the Winter Banquet was a great success with a good turnout. The leftover food was donated to Wheeler Mission Center for Women and Children. VP Laura Otten delivered all the donated items to John Knox Church for the Storehouse Food Pantry. There will be further discussion at the next board meeting regarding possible changes to the reservation form. Cathy will ask Annie to reserve the shelter at Eagle Creek Park for the annual club picnic. The board agreed on

Thursday, September 10 as the date for the General Assembly. Mervyn Cohen will reserve the space at Unitarian Universalist Church. Recommendations are needed for a speaker for the event.

Historian

The board offered kudos to Mervyn Cohen for another great issue of the Trailblazer.

VP/Directors

Debbie Bucholz presented the club Service Award to Paul Klimowitch, and reported that all 50 bandanas with the club logo have been sold.

Discussion Items:

1. Cathy Fischer reported the club is registered to participate in the St. Patrick's Day parade, March 13, 2026.
2. The quarterly review audit was performed January 6 by Marian Fahy, Cathy Fischer and Laura Otten. No exceptions were found.
3. Dewey and Cheryl Conces completed the IHC Audit for the period 10/1/24 – 9/30/25. No exceptions were found. A letter detailing their process was sent to the board and will be posted to the club website.
4. Cathy Fischer discussed a recent google group message that appeared to be a phishing email from a member whose personal email account was probably hacked. Cathy advised caution and suggested simply deleting anything that appears to be a phishing email.
5. As there was no historical record located, a vote was taken to approve the concepts of the club's achievement awards including the Pathfinder Award, Trailblazer Award, Millennium Award, Marathon Award, Milestone Award, Trail Maintenance Award, Bill and Nell Larrison Pinnacle Award, Club Service Award, Around the World Award and Best Photo Award. Terry Roesch made the motion, John McShea provided the second, and the board voted unanimously to approve these achievement awards.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be at 1 pm, Thursday, February 19, 2026, John Knox Presbyterian Church, 3000 N. High School Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46224.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Konnie Schlechte, Secretary