Minutes
Indianapolis Hiking Club Board Meeting
Date: January 16, 2025

President Debbie Bucholz called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Present: Debbie Bucholz, Marti Burton, Mervyn Cohen, Marian Fahy, Annie Falvey, Cathy Fischer, Martha Rivera June, Paul Klimowitch, Pat Lawler, John McShea, Delaram Moghaddam, Kae Ramey, Konnie Schlechte, Kathy Whalen, and Ed Wright.

Minutes: The revised minutes of the December 19, 2024 board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Marian Fahy reported a balance and net worth of $31,425.47 as of December 31, 2024. Marian also provided the First Quarter FY2024/25 Budget to Actuals results. Of the $17,980.00 budgeted as income, $15,691.00 has been collected. Marian noted club membership of 570 as of 9/30/24 compared to 498 club memberships to date to explain the Q1 budget to actual difference. Of the $17,980.00 budgeted for expenses, $2842.86 was spent. The treasurer's reports were approved. In addition, Debbie Bucholz stated that the internal review of the first quarter's financials found no exceptions.

Bills submitted for payment and approved by the Board:

Payee	Amount	Reason
CR Heroes	$3519.76	Winter Banquet Catering
Annie Falvey	$55.75	Winter Banquet Party Supplies
Deborah Bucholz	$8.45	Around the World Stickers (Awards)
Martha Burton	$14.70	Magnets for Name Badges
Martha Burton	$11.96	Award Display Stands
Martha Burton	$144.93	Name Badges
Marian Fahy	$145.40	HP Inkjet Cartridge (950xl/951)
Paul Klimowitch	$387.32	HP Computer and Monitor Cable
Paul Klimowitch	$29.99	Microsoft Office License
Paul Klimowitch	$10.69	Power Cord
Paul Klimowitch	$16.04	Ethernet Adapter

Members
New members – Darla Franklin, Jackie Haines, John Phillips, Lisa Stamm, Richard Stroup, Marcie Wright
Current membership is 492 compared to 512 last year.

Committee Reports:

Pathfinder

The February/March scheduled was approved. Ed Wright will post the new schedule to the club website.

Webmaster

From the Technology Committee, the following procedures will be in effect:

1. On October 1 the webmaster shall remove all previously suspended member records (active field = 2) from the current year member table.
2. On October 1 the webmaster shall mark all renewing membership records as unpaid (Paid field = 0.)
3. As dues payments are received, the treasurer shall mark membership records as paid (Paid field = 1 and verify Active field = 1.)
4. On December 1, the treasurer will provide a dues notice reminder to still unpaid members.
5. On January 1, the treasurer or the webmaster will mark remaining unpaid member records as suspended (Active field = 2.)

Paul Klimowitch reported that everything related to suspended membership is set up and working. Paul has the new club computer set up and working and is working on compiling data to sort and prepare lists as requested by board members. The technology committee is working on an online form for new members to use.

Electronic Media

We have 3991 Facebook followers. Debbie Bucholz announced that Phil Coons plans to retire from the board at the end of the club year and Delaram Moghaddam will manage the Facebook site, along with Instagram.

Publicity

Delaram Moghaddam reported we have 545 Instagram followers, an increase of 175 over last month. On January 2nd, Indianapolis Monthly magazine accompanied the group on Tish Brafford's Thursday morning hike on the Fall Creek Trail. The story and photos taken will be featured in an article titled "How To Make Friends" in the February issue. Marla Zinkan has signed the club up to participate in the St. Patrick's Day parade again this year on Friday, March 14th. Delaram contacted the Indiana Historical Society to inquire about

decorating a tree for their Christmas Tree Festival and learned sponsorship opportunities range from $500-$5000. She will ask for additional detail on a $500 opportunity. Delaram also contacted the Indianapolis Art Center about a tent at the Broad Ripple Art Fair and is waiting for a response.

Publications

Kay will be mailing out the February-March schedules to the members that have paid the $10 fee, and the new club roster to all members (1 per household.)

Social

Annie Falvey shared (and everyone agreed) that the Winter Banquet was a success. There were 134 paid members and guests; the caterer was paid for 135 meals. Annie said she will request some tweaks to the menu for next year. It was agreed that the reservations deadline will be extended next year to 10 days before the event. “No Refunds” will be added to the reservations form for future banquets and it was agreed no refunds will be given for cancellations for this banquet. In the future, members can arrange to “transfer” their reservations to someone else, but the social director (or any board member) will not be involved in the details.

Discussion Items:

1. Marian Fahy reported that she, Debbie Bucholz and Kathy Whalen met with a PNC representative December 30, 2024, and opened a new money market account. There was also a discussion of additional electronic options available to the club including ACH processing (vs. checks) and merchant (credit card) processing.
2. An audit for 10/1/23 – 9/30/24 was completed by club members Cheryl Conces and Dewey Conces Jr. Their letter to the IHC Board explains their process and findings of accuracy within the annual audit. No recommendations were suggested. Their letter is attached and will be recorded with these minutes.
3. A recommendation from the 2009 IHC audit, adopted Nov 2009, stated to “continue the practice of limiting the treasurer’s checks to herself to no more than $100 each.” Following a discussion of this practice, Kathy Whalen made a motion to change the practice of limiting the treasurer’s reimbursement to him/herself (via check or electronic payment) to a limit of $200. In addition, a check to the treasurer must be signed by another authorized signer. Cathy Fischer provided the second, and the vote was unanimous to approve the change.

4. Marti Burton discussed the new practice of awarding the first mileage badge to new members when they reach 500 miles of hiking with the club. Marti suggested awarding 500-mile badges to any member that has currently hiked between 500 and 1000 miles. This would result in a maximum cost of $335. John McShea made a motion to order nametags for members with current mileage of 500-1000 miles, at the discretion of the membership officer. Marian Fahy provided the second and the board voted to approve the purchase.
5. Remaining business was tabled until the next board meeting.

Place and Time of Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be Thursday, February 20, 2025, 1 pm, at John Knox Presbyterian Church, 3000 N. High School Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46224.

The meeting adjourned at 2:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Konnie Schlechte, Secretary