

**Minutes**  
**Indianapolis Hiking Club Board Meeting**  
**Date: March 19, 2026**

President Cathy Fischer called the meeting to order at 1 pm.

**Present:** Marian Fahy, Annie Falvey, Cathy Fischer, Paul Klimowitch, Karen LeClerc, John McShea, Laura Otten, Terry Roesch, Konnie Schlechte, and Ed Wright

**Minutes:** The minutes of the February 19, 2026 board meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Marian Fahy reported a balance and net worth of \$26,334.17 as of February 28, 2026. The treasurer's report was approved.

**Bills** submitted for payment and approved by the Board:

| <u>Payee</u>   | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Reason</u> |
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| Theresa Roesch | \$7.20        | Postage       |
| Theresa Roesch | \$100.31      | Badges        |

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Membership**

Terry Roesch reported 11 new members: Lydia Brannin, Ken Crawford, Laura Feste, Kenneth D. Hall, Mary Ann Lally, Keith Might, Debra O'Brien, Angelia Ridgway, Brock Ridgway, Suzanne Smeltzer, Tammy Wolverton. YTD new members total = 55. Current membership active in database as of 2/19/26 = 517.

#### **Pathfinder**

The April/May hike schedule was approved. Ed Wright stated in addition to a large number of hikes there is an array of future events in this schedule.

#### **Mileage/Database**

John McShea reported that we have 314 members who have hiking activities YTD – six members with over 1000 hiking miles.

#### **Webmaster**

Paul Klimowitch said that he received many questions/comments/suggestions after sending out the new online application for review. As a result, a meeting is scheduled 3/31

to discuss and finalize the form. Paul will be away for a couple of weeks in April but will work on this again when he returns. Richard Stroup has volunteered to help identify the latitude/longitude for every hike so they can be displayed on a map. The goal is to be able to pick a specific day and click on a link that would show a map of all hike locations for that day. You could then click on the location for a description of the hike and eventually add it to your calendar. Paul explained the need to open a Google account to accomplish all of this. Marian will get info from PNC regarding opening a credit card, which is needed for the Google account.

### **Publicity**

Delaram Moghaddam reported 3140 Instagram followers and 4678 Facebook followers. The IHC YouTube channel has 64 subscribers and 167 have viewed the podcast video. Delaram was contacted by Maci Tetrack with WRTV. Maci would like to come to a hike and interview members and ask how hiking affects one's mental health. A suggestion was made to invite Maci to Eagle Creek on a Thursday due to the large turnout of hikers each week.

### **Social**

Annie Falvey has booked Little Flower as the Winter Banquet location on 1/9/27. The cost will remain at \$325. We will need to move our start time up to be sure we are out by 5 pm. Locations are also secured for the club picnic and general assembly.

### **VP/Directors**

Karen LeClerc was contacted regarding pricing for a special patch to recognize a specific group of hikers that completed a specific goal. The board agreed the hikers could self-fund this idea, but no club funds would be offered as it wouldn't be a benefit to most of the membership. A suggestion was made to offer special recognition for the accomplishment at the winter banquet.

April 25 is National Trails Day. Karen suggested in the future we offer multiple hikes, including a family hike, at one location – possibly Eagle Creek - on this date.

Karen also reported on the Trails Mixer Festival – 4/25 through 5/3. There are 18 trails highlighted in the Indy area to explore. The festival website will post our hikes on their link at no charge. Karen will provide the list of hikes scheduled in that timeframe and on any of the trails included. (These are pavement hikes.) This is a good opportunity for some free advertising.

Karen will be scheduling a hike 4/25 to cover both National Trails Day and the Trails Mixer Festival.

**Discussion Items:**

1. The idea of charging late fees and reinstatement fees to members that do not pay their dues in the allowed 90-day timeframe was brought up. After some discussion, the topic was tabled to a future meeting where a larger quorum is present.
2. Marian Fahy received an inquiry regarding payment of dues with a credit card. This will be added to the agenda for discussion at a future meeting.
3. Cathy Fischer will confirm with board members that were not at the meeting today if they are available to attend the April 16 board meeting. The date conflicts with the club's annual trip to the Smokies and there could potentially be a date change needed to ensure a quorum.

**Date and Time of Next Meeting:** The next board meeting will be at 1 pm, Thursday, April 23, 2026, John Knox Presbyterian Church, 3000 N. High School Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46224.

The meeting adjourned at 1:57pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Konnie Schlechte, Secretary