Minutes
Indianapolis Hiking Club Board Meeting
Date: April 17, 2025

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

Present: Debbie Bucholz, Marti Burton, Phil Coons, Marian Fahy, Annie Falvey, Cathy Fisher, Martha Rivera June, Paul Klimowitch, Pat Lawler, Karen LeClerc, Delaram Moghaddam, Kae Ramey, Terry Roesch and Ed Wright.

Minutes: The minutes of the March 20, 2025, board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Marian Fahy reported a balance and net worth of $25,854.81 as of March 31, 2025. The treasure's report was approved. She noted that we have experienced a decline in membership in the past few years. In 2023, there were 586 members and in 2024 there were 570 members. Currently, we have 514 members. The concern is that if membership continues to decline, we will need to take a closer look at our annual budget as it will impact membership dues income. It was noted that membership rose during the pandemic period as people were anxious to get out and, perhaps, this explains the recent decline.

Bills submitted for payment and approved by the Board:

Payee	Amount	Reason
Delaram Moghaddam	$75.00	Earth Day Indiana Event Registration
Delaram Moghaddam	$16.00	Table & chairs rental for Earth Day Event
Kae Ramey	$124.44	Postage
Kae Ramey	$92.80	Printing Costs

Members

New Members – Sarah Quirk, Tim Garland (spouse of another member)

Committee Reports:

Pathfinder

All Eagle Creek hikes on Thursday, May 22 will be dedicated to Armen Avakian. There will be lunch in a private room at Golden Corral afterward where members can honor Armen and share memories. His family has sent pics for us to share. Ed has requested June/July hikes. Information will include an event in remembrance of Kathy Whalen that John Triplett is organizing. This event is to be held at Crown Hill Cemetery.

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Mileage/Database
John McShea was not present, but Marti Burton read his email that YTD there were 50,870 total miles hiked.

Webmaster
Paul Klimowitch reported that he was able to work remotely with his laptop computer while away for several weeks. Hopefully, he could work from his phone if necessary. There will be a bit of downtime as Paul will be undergoing eye surgery but should be ready for the Tech Committee meeting scheduled for May 22. He is working on online membership applications.

Electronic Media
We have 4074 Facebook followers.

Publicity
Delaram reported that we have 800 Instagram followers. All volunteer positions are filled for the Earth Day event.

Social

Annie Falvey said that we are all set for our annual picnic in July. Details are the same as in past years. Annie will contact Jean Ballinger about having picnic information included in the June/July schedule.

Discussion Items:

1. Konnie Schlechte asked that the club consider donating to the Indiana Forest Alliance. It was decided that, while a wonderful cause, it does not meet the club guidelines for donations because there are no hiking trails. The board did vote in the affirmative to donate the remaining $350 budgeted for donations to the Indiana Parks Alliance which does meet the club guidelines.
2. Debbie Bucholz and Marian Fahy conducted a quarterly financial review and said all looked good!
3. Marti Burton had a couple of members tell her that their mileage had decreased. No one else has had issues so the problem does not seem to be systemic. Discussion followed about ways to develop flags to prevent accidental entries.
4. A nominating committee has been formed: Mike Lindstedt, Delaram Moghaddam and Terry Roesch. Two board members will be leaving: Marti Burton and Phil Coons. Delaram will incorporate Phil's duties into her Publicity role. There followed a discussion about the necessity of having Conservation as a role as it does not

actually reflect the club's goals while something like Trail Maintenance would be more appropriate.

5. Job duties were updated last year. If the board makes changes to and / or eliminates some positions, there will need to be a written request submitted to the board and presented to the General Assembly for a vote.

Place and Time of Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be May 15, 2025, 1 pm at John Knox Presbyterian Church, 3000 N. High School Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46224.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Annie Falvey