

Minutes
Indianapolis Hiking Club Board Meeting
Date: 23rd April 2026

Present: Jean Ballinger, Debbie Bucholz, Mervyn Cohen, Marian Fahy, Cathy Fischer, Martha Rivera June, Paul Klimowitch, Karen LeClerc, John McShea, Delaram Moghaddam, Laura Otten, Kae Ramey, Terry Roesch, and Ed Wright.

Cathy Fischer, President, called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

Minutes The previously distributed and corrected minutes of 3/19/2026 were approved.

Treasurers Report: Marian Fahy reported that as of 31st March 2026 our net worth was \$26,226.84 The report was approved.

Schedule of Transfers: Marian reported the bank transfers for the current fiscal year between the two PNC banking accounts, a checking, and a money market account.. Money is transferred between these two accounts to keep the checking account with sufficient funds to cover disbursements and meet the required minimum balance of \$5,000. The balance of Club funds are in the money market account. The report was approved.

Budget to Actual Six Months Report: Marian reported that the Club was in good financial shape as most of the member due revenue has been received. The report was approved.

Bills submitted for payment and approved by the Board were:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
3/25/2026	Karen Ramey	Printing Schedules	\$126.25	
3/28/2026		Postage	\$107.56	
		Subtotal - Karen Ramey		\$233.81
4/23/2026	Theresa Roesch	Badge Magnets	\$43.29	
		Postage and four Name Badges	\$17.32	
		Subtotal - Theresa Roesch		\$60.61
Pending	Delaram Moghaddam	Earth Day Festival		\$77.00
			Total	\$371.42

Committee Reports

Membership

All March mileage badges and 25-year awards have been distributed.

Nine new members: Denise Craig (reinstated), Blaise Kriech, Summer Turner, Kimberly Burrows, Michael Burrows, Amy Stovall, Terri Cecil, Chuck Johnson and Carol Johnson.

YTD New Member Total is 64.

Current membership is 529 compared to 514 last year.

Pathfinder

Request for hikes for June and July have been sent out.

Mileage/database

Total miles walked thus far this year is 54,405. Average hike is 6 miles long.

Webmaster

Paul is working with Richard Stroup to plot the precise map location for each hike.

Publicity

We have 3,619 Instagram followers, 4,799 Facebook followers and 72 YouTube subscribers. Delaram was asked if she knew how many people who are following us, rather than the number of 'hits'.

Delaram has volunteers for the Earth Day Indiana Hike/Event on May 30th.

A media person would like to hike with the club for a story.

Karen reported that an anonymous donor is giving \$3,000 to the club to reduce the price of any item to be sold. Ideas were jacket and a commemorative T shirt for the "7 for 70" hikes next year. A final decision will be made at the next meeting.

Karen brought some free bags and T shirts from the Greater Indy Trailways. We have 4 hikes listed this year, but we should increase to 8 next year. It is amazing free publicity for the club.

There will be a Boone County Maintenance Hike on the Big 4 Rail trail on May 7th.

Publicity

Nil

Social

There were suggestions for a speaker for our September annual club meeting.

Annie will contact the suggested candidate to see if he is available.

Historian

Mervyn reported that his committee have identified nearly 30 potential hikes for our 70th anniversary, "7 for 70 " hikes next year. They are working to create a small final list. Board members were asked to let Mervyn know if they would like to lead any of the hikes.

Directors

Debbie will soon provide information for tickets to an Indians baseball game

Old Business

Marian asked to withdraw the proposal for late fees and reinstatement fees. There aren't that many members who pay late or who reinstate their membership so any fees would be negligible.

New Business

1. The current membership application form is working well, and the Technology Committee decided not to pursue the electronic application.
2. Terry reported the current membership application form on the Club website has been updated to include Zelle payments.
3. Any decision regarding adding the ability to pay with a credit card was tabled. Marian reported that if we used our bank for this, they would charge a one-time \$200 set up fee, a \$13 monthly service charge and a 3% processing fee for each payment. An alternative payment method could be ACH in which a direct charge is made to a member's checking account (like a check). There would be a monthly service charge of \$20 for this service.

Next Meeting: 21st May 2026, 1:00 PM EST
John Knox Presbyterian Church

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Mervyn Cohen for Konnie Schlechte, Secretary