Minutes
Indianapolis Hiking Club Board Meeting
Date: 15th May 2025

Present:
Debbie Bucholz, Mervyn Cohen, Jean Ballinger, Marti Burton, Phil Coons, Marian Fahy, Cathy Fisher, Pat Lawler, Karen LeClerc, Delaram Moghaddam, Kae Ramey, Terry Roesch, Konnie Schlechte, and Ed Wright.

President Debbie Bucholz called the meeting to order at 1:00pm at John Knox Church

Minutes The previously distributed, corrected, minutes of 17th April 2025 were approved.

Treasurers Report: Marian Fahy reported that as of 30th April 2025 our net worth was $25,106.74. The report was approved.

Bills submitted for payment and approved by the Board were:

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT		
Indiana Parks Alliance	Donation	$350.00		
Delaram Moghaddam	Business and Rack cards	$100.55		
Michael Khalil	Refund *	$227.94		
Martha Burton	Postage	$5.25		
Deborah Bucholz	Badges	$104.32		
			Total	$788.06

*Deposit Error

Committee Reports

Membership

The new members are Christine Klotz, Kathleen OConnor, Debra Barnes, Bonnie Brown, Nancy Meyer, Beverly Marshall, and Ricky Brashear.

Current membership is 516 compared to 536 last year.

Pathfinder

Since the draft schedule was distributed, Ed has received an additional 24 hikes including many for 7:00 AM. These late hikes create lots of work**.**

Mileage/database

Nothing new

Webmaster

Nothing new

Electronic Media

We have 4110 Facebook likes.

Publicity

Deloram reported 1033 Instagram followers. She also asked, and the board agreed, that the next printing of the club handout brochure should have new photos.
Hiking club photos are a currently placed on Facebook. There was discussion about improvement, particularly as many club members are not on Facebook. It was felt that putting the photos on the web would be very tiresome. It was suggested that we explore some method of automatically transferring photos from Facebook to the club website or perhaps to a Google storage site.

Publications

The new hiking schedule will be sent out soon.

Social

Plans for the picnic are finalised. Members will be encouraged to wear their name badges to the picnic and promised a small reward if they do so. Pat will arrange for the hall at the Unitarian church for the September 4th club meeting.

Conservation

Nothing new

Historian

Nothing new

Directors and VP

Karen will arrange for the sale of short sleeve club shirts. They will all be sold on a prepaid basis with initial payment being made to Karen.

Old Business

1. Nominating committee – They have identified a club member that would like to be considered for the role of vice president next year.
2. Constitution changes – these will be presented to the board at the next meeting, for approval, and inclusion in the next schedule.

New Business

1. Memorial hike for Kathy Whalen - this will be held on Friday 20th June at the Crown Hill cemetery. This will be followed by a celebration of life at the Unitarian church. This will start at 12:30 PM.

2. Emergency contact information for club members - it was felt that it would be desirable to have some emergency contact information if a club member suffered an adverse event on a hike. Discussions identified a difficulty with this. It was felt that it would be extremely difficult to collect a database with emergency contact information for every club member. Another suggestion which was felt to be impractical would be to ask all members to keep their phones open on all hikes with an emergency contact identified on the phone. Karen proposed that an e-mail be sent to all club members, suggesting that they keep a card in

their wallet or a purse with a list of emergency contacts. This was approved by the board and Debbie said she would send out such an e-mail.

Next Meeting: this will be on Thursday the 19th of June at 1:00 PM at John Knox Presbyterian Church

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm.

Mervyn Cohen for Konnie Schlechte Secretary