

Indianapolis Hiking Club Board Meeting

Date: May 21, 2026

Vice President Laura Otten called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Present: Debbie Bucholz, Marian Fahy, Annie Falvey, Paul Klimowitch, Karen LeClerc, John McShea, Delaram Moghaddam, Laura Otten, Kae Ramey, Terry Roesch, and Ed Wright

Minutes: Approval of the revised minutes of the April 23, 2026 board meeting was deferred until the next meeting since they have not been received by the board.

Treasurer's Report: Marian Fahy reported a balance and net worth of \$26,182.58 as of April 30, 2026. Total income received for April 2026 was \$250.16. Total expenses paid for April 2026 were \$294.42. Ed Wright made a motion to approve the report with a second from Terry Roesch. The treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

Bills submitted for payment:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
4/20/2026	Marian Fahy Delaram	HP Inkjet Cartridge (950xl/951)		\$90.36 *
5/13/2026	Moghaddam	Publicity - pencils		\$94.17
4/29/2026	Theresa Roesch	Postage	\$15.12	
5/19/2026	"	Badges	<u>\$169.85</u>	
		Subtotal - Theresa Roesch		\$184.97
			Total	<u>\$369.50</u>

*Reflects 50% of \$180.71 cost.

An explanation was given to the board regarding the 50% cost on the ink cartridge. Annie Falvey made a motion to approve the bills to be paid with a second from Terry Roesch. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Membership

New members: Dave Caudill, Lynn Caudill, Mary Kay Rust, Heather Holland, Ruth A. Jean

YTD new members total: 69

YTD total members marked active in the database: 534

Current membership is 534 compared to 516 last year.

The May order of mileage badges, patches, and name badges are to be distributed soon.

Kae Ramey (21,000 miles) and Debbie Bucholz (4,000 miles) were recognized by Terry Roesch for their recent achievements.

Pathfinder

The proposed June/July hike schedule has been updated with corrections/additions. A motion was made by Delaram Moghaddam with a second from Karen LeClerc to approve the schedule. The motion carried.

Mileage/Database

Total miles to date: 62,860

Number of hiker hikes: 10,458

Average hike length: 6.01 miles

Webmaster

Paul Klimowitch stated a few more members have received logins as hike leaders for entering mileage.

Paul is also working on some background hike location information. He may have a tool for Ed to see if a location has already been captured for addition to hike descriptions. He may also be adding or changing a method for tracking mileage.

Publicity

Delaram Moghaddam reported we have 4886 Facebook followers, 3888 Instagram followers and 73 YouTube subscribers. Plans for the next podcast interviewee have been postponed until another date. Suggestions were offered as to who else could be interviewed in the meantime.

Delaram also stated that she ordered more publicity materials (pencils and flyers) for Earth Day Indiana and future events. Staples made an error in taking payment for the flyers, so we got those for free this time.

Publications

Kae Ramey will get the new hike schedule printed and mailed out. (65 members have requested and paid the \$10 fee to have a printed schedule mailed to them. One has now withdrawn her request since she is moving, leaving 64 schedules to be mailed.)

Social

The date and location have been set for the annual picnic. Annie Falvey will need someone to pick up the chicken (about 150 pieces). She will also be buying an additional cooler with budgeted money.

Annie asked for and received suggestions for the General Assembly speaker.

Historian

No report (Mervyn Cohen not present)

VP/Directors

Karen LeClerc presented a "dry fit" club shirt that she would like to offer members on a prepaid basis. She will bring more specific information as to cost, etc. at the next board meeting.

Karen also said the Trail Mixer events didn't do as well as expected. The Club will still have free access for next year's event.

Debbie Bucholz states 40 people have signed up for the Indianapolis Indians baseball game on July 12.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Debbie Bucholz shared with the Board some things she noticed on our Meetup page. There was one negative review that commented on the Google map being incorrect and no notification received about a hike cancellation. There was a discussion on maps, images, and how hike cancellations are entered. Those who are involved with maintaining our events pages will look into how to address the issues and report back next month.

Future Business:

1. Dry fit shirts for sale
2. Meetup maintenance

Next Meeting:

The next board meeting will be at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, June 18, 2026, John Knox Presbyterian Church, 3000 N. High School Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46224.

The meeting adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Bucholz for Konnie Schlechte, Secretary