

Minutes
Indianapolis Hiking Club Board Meeting
Date: June 18, 2026

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

Present: Jean Ballinger, Mervyn Cohen, Marian Fahy, Annie Falvey, Cathy Fischer, Paul Klimowitch, Karen LeClerc, John McShea, Terry Roesch, Konnie Schlechte, and Ed Wright

Minutes: The minutes of the April 23 and May 21, 2026 board meetings were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Marian Fahy reported a balance and net worth of \$25,861.24 as of May 31, 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>
Karen Ramey	\$91.10	Printing – Schedules
Karen Ramey	\$108.20	Postage
Theresa Roesch	\$27.30	Postage

Committee Reports

Membership

Terry Roesch reported 7 new members - Debra Blackwell, Betty Brewer, Patricia Daziens, Tricia Fox, Gisele Gauthier, Debbie Hicks and Loretta Thompson, and 1 reinstated member – Jaimie Campbell. YTD new member total = 77. YTD membership active (in database) as of 6/18/26 = 543.

Terry made a request for funds to be approved for the purchase of 500 window clings (sent with welcome letter to new members) and 200 100-mile award patches. These expenses were not included in the current year budget. After discussion, Jean Ballinger made a motion to approve an amount not to exceed \$850 to cover the costs of the window clings and patches. John McShea provided the second, and the board voted to approve the request.

Pathfinder

Ed Wright has sent out a request for August/September hikes.

Mileage/Database

John McShea reported total hikes YTD: 11,811 and total miles: 70,739. The average hike distance is 5.99 miles.

Webmaster

Paul Klimowitch indicated that future updates to the locations table will be restricted to a limited number of authorized individuals. He has been working with Ed Wright on some display clean-up. Regarding Meet Up, there will be a test using the July 31 date that will direct Meet Up contacts to the club website where they will see all the club hikes available on that date (7/31.) Based on the feedback we receive, the goal would be to do this every day, rather than having just a few hikes posted on Meet Up. This would minimize the set-up of MeetUp hikes and maintenance to any changes of original hike descriptions. Paul is also giving thought to a statistics page for the website.

Publicity

Delaram Moghaddam reported 4148 Instagram followers, 4930 Facebook followers and 76 YouTube subscribers. She stated the Earth Day Indiana event last month was well attended and several membership forms were given out. There was positive interest in IHC and several attendees were familiar with us and seemed ready to join. Delaram and Mervyn will record the second IHC podcast June 23, on the topic of an in-depth look at the club's history.

Social

Annie Falvey reported the club picnic is Saturday, July 25. She is checking with CR Heroes on their cost for side dishes. She will pick up tablecloths and order the fried chicken. A speaker is needed for the General Assembly September 10. There were some suggestions from the board that will be investigated.

Historian

Mervyn Cohen reported that the 7 for 70 hiking committee has selected the 7 hikes for the club to explore next year (with 3 alternates.) All will be 5-6 miles, with shorter options available. Many have a 10-mile option. Mervyn is looking for hike leaders.

VP/Directors

Karen LeClerc reported that ShirtTales (our merchandise vendor) has new owners and has offered her 100 short sleeve tee shirts for \$5 each. This price would be for sizes S-XL, larger sizes would be a dollar or two more. The shirts would have a large club logo on the front, nothing on the back. Karen offered to order the shirts, keep the inventory, and sell the shirts at club hikes and events. After discussion, John McShea made a motion to approve an amount not to exceed \$550 to purchase the shirts. Jean Ballinger provided the second and the board voted to approve the purchase. Marian Fahy opposed the motion.

Discussion Items:

The following board members will be vacating their positions at the end of the club year: Cathy Fisher, President, Konnie Schlechte, Secretary; and Debbie Bucholz, Martha Rivera June and Pat Lawler, Directors. Cathy Fischer will move into one of the director positions when her term as president ends. Current VP Laura Otten will move into the president role. The nominating committee, consisting of Mike Lindstedt, Delaram Moghaddam and Terry Roesch, will conduct the search for candidates to fill the VP, secretary and open director roles.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be at 1 pm, Thursday, July 16, 2026, John Knox Presbyterian Church, 3000 N. High School Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46224.

The meeting adjourned at 2:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Konnie Schlechte, Secretary