Minutes
Indianapolis Hiking Club Board Meeting
Date: June 19, 2025

President Debbie Bucholz called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm.

Present: Jean Ballinger, Debbie Bucholz, Marti Burton, Mervyn Cohen, Phil Coons, Annie Falvey, Cathy Fischer, Martha Rivera June, Paul Klimowitch, Karen LeClerc, John McShea, Delaram Moghaddam, Kae Ramey, Konnie Schlechte, and Ed Wright.

Minutes: The revised minutes of the May 15, 2025 board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Marian Fahy reported a balance and net worth of $25,102.78 as of May 31, 2025. The treasurer's report was approved.

Bills submitted for payment and approved by the Board:

Payee	Amount	Reason
Martha Burton	$7.07	Postage
Martha Burton	$5.59	Postage
Martha Burton	$4.04	Postage
Martha Burton	$31.96	Merchandise - Magnets
Karen Ramey	$94.22	Print Schedules
Karen Ramey	$26.74	Envelopes
Karen Ramey	$124.44	Postage

Members
New members – Ken Coad, Lesa Guinn, David Mikell, Jeanine Mikell, Roger Rudolf
Current membership is 523 compared to 543 last year.

Committee Reports:

Pathfinder

August/September hikes have been requested.

Mileage/Database

John McShea reported club members have hiked 69,987 miles in the current club year. Total hiker hikes are 12,133, and the average hike length is 5.77 miles.

Webmaster

Paul Klimowitch reported he is working to secure mileage entry. There will be continued discussion at the next technology meeting. (Date is not yet scheduled.) The goal is to require the 93 hike leaders to log in using their email address and a selected password to enter hike mileage.

Electronic Media

We have 4167 Facebook followers. The transition to Delaram Moghaddam as FB administrator is going well.

Publicity

Delaram Moghaddam reported we have 1326 Instagram followers. The Indiana Earth Day event at Garfield Park was well attended, and several people who now follow IHC on Instagram visited the club's table. There was discussion regarding Penrod, and it was agreed the club will not participate again. Delaram will look for other future events.

Social

Annie Falvey will send a reminder email to the club regarding the July 26th picnic. There will be an "incentive" (a free magnet) for members that wear their nametag. Annie will order the fried chicken from Safeway. Debbie Bucholz added that 38 club members will be attending the Indians game on July 27th.

Conservation

Dave Drzewiecki has resigned from the board only but will continue to send notifications of hiking and trail maintenance opportunities to the membership.

Directors/VP

Karen LeClerc has received 15 paid orders for shirts. She is working with a local vendor, Shirt Tales in Plainfield.

Discussion Items:

1. Proposed Constitutional/Bylaw Changes
    A. Conservation is included in the list of Appointed Officers under Article IV of the Constitution. A change to the Appointed Officers list is necessary, following a decision that Conservation will not remain a board position. Our most recent

Conservation Officer resigned from the board only and will continue sending notifications of hiking and trail maintenance opportunities to the club membership. Article 6, Section 2, DUTIES, currently states “(a) Conservation, The Conservation Officer shall act as liaison between various environmental organizations and the Club and shall keep the Club abreast of current items in the area of conservation which would be of interest to the Club.” Following discussion, the proposed revision would make the following change: “(a) Conservation, Remove Conservation, rename to Trail Maintenance, move to Duties of Board of Directors document under Non-Board Member Positions.” Konnie Schlechte made a motion to approve the proposed revision as stated. Annie Falvey provided the second and the board voted to approve the revision.

B. Article 6, Section 2, DUTIES, of the Constitution currently reads “(h) Electronic Media Director, The Electronic Media Director shall manage the Club’s participation in any social networking sites, publications or other electronic media subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. This position will be responsible for all electronic media other than the Club website managed by the Webmaster. The Director will maintain Club membership with the site and manage and maintain content.” Following discussion, the proposed revision is to remove the Electronic Media Director position and merge the role and description under Publicity. Jean Ballinger made a motion to approve the proposed revision, with Annie Falvey providing the second. The board voted to approve the revision.

C. Article VIII of the Constitution currently states “Any proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be presented in writing at either a regular meeting of the Board of Directors or of the General Assembly, and if seconded and approved for a vote of adoption by a majority present, the proposal shall be published in the next regular bulletin sent to all the members via mail or website. Voting for the proposed amendment shall be at the next General Assembly after publication. A two-thirds majority of the votes cast shall be required for adoption.” Following discussion, the proposed revision is “Any proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be presented in writing at either a regular meeting of the Board of Directors or of the General Assembly, and if seconded and approved for a vote of adoption by a majority present, the proposal shall be published in the next regular bulletin sent to all the members via email, mail or website. Voting for the proposed amendment shall be at the next General Assembly after publication. A two-thirds majority of the votes cast shall be

required for adoption." Annie Falvey made a motion to approve the revision, and Cathy Fisher provided the second. The board voted to approve the revision.

D. Under the Bylaws of the current Constitution, Section 1, Membership Applications, states "Applications for membership shall be presented to the Board of Directors at board meetings. Applicants must be at least 18 years old and have participated in at least two (2) Club hikes. Applications must be accompanied by one year's dues. Membership applications will be reviewed by the Board of Directors at the next meeting after the membership applications are received." Following board discussion, the proposed revision reads "Applicants must be at least 18 years old. Applications must be accompanied by one year's dues." Mervyn Cohen made a motion to approve the revision, with Karen LeClerc providing the second. The board voted to approve the revision.

E. Under the Bylaws of the current Constitution, Sec. 2, Dues, states "The Board of Directors shall determine the dues necessary to maintain the activities of the Club. Each year at the General Assembly meeting in September, the President shall announce the dues for the new year, effective October 1. If dues are not paid within 60 days of October 1, the member shall be notified, and if not paid within another 30-day grace period, the member shall be suspended and not granted the benefits of active membership such as obtaining mileage and mailed schedules. A suspended member shall be reinstated upon payment of all current dues. All new members shall pay one year's dues and a one-time application fee in the amount determined periodically by the Board of Directors. Reduction in applicable fees for those joining during later periods of the membership year will be determined by the Board of Directors. Fee changes will be announced by the President at the September General Assembly." Following board discussion, the proposed revision reads "Sec. 2, Dues, The Board of Directors shall determine the dues necessary to maintain the activities of the Club. Each year at the General Assembly meeting in September, the President shall announce the dues for the new year, effective October 1. If dues are not paid within 60 days of October 1, an attempt will be made to notify the member. If not paid within another 30-day grace period, the member shall be suspended and not granted the benefits of active membership such as obtaining mileage and mailed schedules. A suspended member shall be reinstated upon payment of all current dues. All new members shall pay one year's dues in the amount determined periodically by the Board of Directors. Reduction in applicable fees for those joining during later periods of the membership year will be determined

by the Board of Directors. Fee changes will be announced by the President at the September General Assembly." Jean Ballinger made a motion to approve the revision, and Annie Falvey provided the second. The board approved the revision.

F. Following board discussion of Sec. 4, Nomination of Officers, and Sec. 5, Election of Officers, of the current bylaws of the Constitution, Jean Ballinger made a motion that both sections remain unchanged, and Karen LeClerc provided the second. A majority vote of the board confirmed Sec. 4 and 5 of the current bylaws will remain unchanged.

2. The nominating committee presented the following slate of officers to the Board for the 2025-26 Club year: President – Cathy Fischer, Vice President – Laura Otten, Secretary, Konnie Schlechte, Treasurer – Marian Fahy, Pathfinders – Ed Wright and Jean Ballinger, Directors – Debbie Bucholz, Pat Lawler, Karen LeClerc, Martha Rivera-June. Marti Burton made a motion to approve the slate of officers. Annie Falvey provided the second, and the board voted unanimously to approve the slate.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be Thursday, July 17, 2025, at 1 pm, at John Knox Presbyterian Church, 3000 N. High School Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46224.

The meeting adjourned at 1:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Konnie Schlechte, Secretary