Minutes
Indianapolis Hiking Club Board Meeting
Date: July 16, 2026

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

Present: Jean Ballinger, Debbie Bucholz, Annie Falvey, Cathy Fischer, Paul Klimowitch, Martha Rivera June, Karen LeClerc, Delaram Moghaddam, Laura Otten, Kae Ramey, Konnie Schlechte, and Ed Wright

Minutes: The minutes of the June 18, 2026 board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Marian Fahy reported a balance and net worth of $24,865.32 as of June 30, 2026. Marian also provided the 3rd quarter budget to actuals report, reflecting Oct-June actual income and expenses compared to the approved budget. The treasurer's reports were approved.

Bills submitted for payment and approved by the Board:

Karen LeClerc	$494.88*	Merchandise – 100 shirts
Delaram Moghaddam	$519.61*	Supplies – 500 decals
Theresa Roesch	$17.12	Postage
Annie Falvey	$117.69	Administrative Supplies – 1 cooler
Annie Falvey	$500.00**	Summer Picnic

*Payments made as Board approved funding these items at the June board meeting.
**Board authorized reimbursement for picnic expenses in an amount not to exceed $500 as soon as receipts are submitted. Summer picnic is budgeted at $1000.00.

Committee Reports

Membership

Terry Roesch reported 7 new members – Laura Hughes, Gina Lane, Chuck Slagle, Josh Wesner, Tara Wesner, Joe Wikert, Kelly Wikert. YTD New Member total = 84 YTD. Total Members Marked Active (in database) as of 7/16/26 = 550.

Pathfinder

The August/September schedule was approved. Ed Wright offered that several hikes from the new schedule will link from MeetUp to our calendar page which displays all available hikes on that date. We will monitor how this goes, with the hope of doing it for each new future schedule (to include all hikes,) eliminating the need to maintain MeetUp.

Webmaster

Paul Klimowitch reported that a “CLUB STATS” link has been added to the website. This gives current information (as of the time you click on it) on multiple club statistics. There was some discussion regarding cancelled hikes, and it was agreed all stats will be displayed. Prior years info will also be available.

Publicity

Delaram Moghaddam reported 4284 Instagram followers, 5068 Facebook followers and 78 YouTube subscribers. She added that FOX59 interviewed Debbie Bucholz during a story about ticks and tick safety a few weeks ago, during one of our Eagle Creek Park hikes. Delaram and Mervyn Cohen will be recording the second podcast on July 24, followed by Laura Otten and Delaram in August.

Publications

Kae Ramey will have the new schedule printed and prepare the mailings.

Social

Annie Falvey reported the club picnic is Saturday, July 25 and all arrangements are set. Slow & easy (1-2 miles,) 3, 4, and 5-mile hikes are scheduled prior to the picnic.

Emilie Sweet, the interpretive naturalist at Fort Harrison State Park will be our speaker at the General Assembly, focusing on Indiana’s state parks. Annie will ask Mervyn Cohen to contact the church regarding AV usage for the event. Annie will also get the food and water for the social time prior to the meeting.

Debbie Bucholz reported 41 people attended the Indians game in June, marking another successful social event for the club.

Historian

Mervyn Cohen submitted a report to the board regarding the 70th birthday celebration. His report is attached as an addendum to the minutes.

VP/Directors

Karen LeClerc reported that she will be meeting with a potential new merchandise vendor (Blended Market) on July 20. Karen has received the $5 club t-shirts purchased from Shirt Tales and will send out an email to the membership regarding sales. A discussion of merchandise for the club's 70th anniversary was tabled to a later date.

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Discussion Items

The nominating committee, consisting of Mike Lindstedt, Delaram Moghaddam and Terry Roesch, submitted the following slate of candidates for club year Oct 1, 2026 – Sept 30, 2027: President – Laura Otten, Vice President – Anna Hastings, Secretary – Lori Showley, Treasurer – Marian Fahy, Pathfinders – Jean Ballinger and Ed Wright, Directors – Cathy Fischer, Karen LeClerc, Richard Stroup and Janie Westermeier. The board vote was unanimous to accept the slate of candidates, following a motion by Ed Wright and a second from Delaram Moghaddam.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be at 1 pm, Thursday, August 20, 2026, John Knox Presbyterian Church, 3000 N. High School Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46224.

The meeting adjourned at 1:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Konnie Schlechte, Secretary