Minutes
Indianapolis Hiking Club Board Meeting
Date: August 20, 2026

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

Present: Jean Ballinger, Debbie Bucholz, Marian Fahy, Annie Falvey, Cathy Fischer, Paul Klimowitch, Karen LeClerc, John McShea, Delaram Moghaddam, Laura Otten, Terry Roesch, Konnie Schlechte, and Ed Wright

Minutes: The minutes of the July 16, 2026 board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Marian Fahy reported a balance and net worth of $24,930.61 as of July 31, 2026. The treasurer's report was approved. Cathy Fischer added that the quarterly financial review was conducted July 28 by herself, Marian and Laura Otten. No exceptions were found.

Bills submitted for payment and approved by the Board:

Karen Ramey	$78.39	Printing
Karen Ramey	$100.00	Postage
Theresa Roesch	$140.42	Badges
Theresa Roesch	$82.39	Printing
Theresa Roesch	$13.14	Postage
Annie Falvey	$310.07*	Summer Picnic
Church Mutual Insurance	TBD**	Annual Premium Estimate
Annie Falvey/Unitarian Universalist		Estimate includes Guest Speaker
Church Staff	$375.00**	Stipend & Church Staff AV Support

*Paid as Board approved reimbursement of summer picnic expenses up to $500 at July board meeting
**Requesting authorization to pay upon submission of invoice and/or receipts

Committee Reports

Membership

Terry Roesch reported 12 new members – Kasia Hanna, Pamela Johnson, Marcia Miller, Junior Salas, Liz Salas, Vivienne Sales, Justin Stack, Marty Thompson, Bob Vieceli, Catherine Vieceli, Linda Wolfe, Ron Wolfe. YTD New Member total = 96 YTD Total Members Marked Active (in database) as of 8/2026 = 563

Pathfinder

Jean Ballinger and Ed Wright have requested October/November hikes. Ed also shared that he is training Richard Stroup to take over the weekday pathfinder scheduling.

Mileage/Database

John McShea provided the mileage report as of 8/19/26:

Total miles to date hiked: 87,013 Total hiker hikes: 14,566 Average hike length: 5.97 miles per hike

Webmaster

Paul Klimowitch reported that he assisted with loading of hikes to MeetUp. All remaining Friday and weekend hikes for August are on MeetUp and point to the calendar page of the club website. Paul will train Janie Westermeier and Marla Zinkan to add all club hikes scheduled in September. Debbie Bucholz reported that sometimes the message from MeetUp regarding a club hike seems vague and other times it is fine. Paul will research our access to see if we have access to the contents of that message. It was also noted that photos on MeetUp don't sync directly to the hike that is posted.

Publicity

Delaram Moghaddam reported 5261 Facebook followers, 4403 Instagram followers and 88 YouTube subscribers.

Delaram has posted her interview with club historian Mervyn Cohen to the club's YouTube channel. It is the second podcast episode. She will interview president elect Laura Otten September 6 and plans to upload the podcast before the General Assembly.

Delaram also shared that she (and club president Cathy Fischer) received an email invitation from Megan Mustin, development manager at the Peace Learning Center in Eagle Creek Park. Megan offered to host a group of club members to discuss how the two groups can promote and collaborate with each other.

Social

Annie Falvey reported details are set for the General Assembly on Thursday, September 10. Annie will get refreshments and tablecloths for the social gathering prior to the

meeting. Annie has confirmed the Winter Banquet location (St Therese-Little Flower Parish School) and will need to provide them with our certificate of insurance and deposit prior to December 1st.

VP/Directors

Karen LeClerc reported 41 t-shirts left to sell. She will offer them at the General Assembly and continues selling at hikes she leads or attends. Karen recommended Branded Market as the new vendor for the club. Karen provided the board with a draft of the store they put together for our review. Karen also emphasized any time there is a difference in pricing, Branded Market will communicate with our member before the order is placed.

Discussion Items

1. Cathy Fischer will send out a google group message asking all leaders to review the Hike Leader Guidelines. These guidelines were established for the safety of all hikers and to reduce club liability.
2. Board members reviewed the Annual Dues Notice and Winter Banquet Reservations form. Dues will remain the same. The skills section will be deleted. Based on the mass schedule at St Therese-Little Flower, the time of the winter banquet will need to be moved up an hour, making the social hour at 1 pm and dinner at 2 pm.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be at 1 pm, Thursday, September 17, 2026, John Knox Presbyterian Church, 3000 N. High School Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46224.

The meeting adjourned at 1:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Konnie Schlechte, Secretary