Minutes
Indianapolis Hiking Club Board Meeting
Date: August 21, 2025

President Debbie Bucholz called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Present: Jean Ballinger, Debbie Bucholz, Marti Burton, Phil Coons, Marian Fahy, Annie Falvey, Cathy Fischer, Paul Klimowitch, Delaram Moghaddam, Kae Ramey, Konnie Schlechte, and Ed Wright

Minutes: The revised minutes of the July 17, 2025 board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Marian Fahy reported a balance and net worth of $24,770.56 as of July 31, 2025. The treasurer's report was approved.

Bills submitted for payment and approved by the Board:

Payee	Amount	Reason
Annie Falvey	$37.40	Picnic Supplies
Annie Falvey	$188.56	Food – Chicken
Annie Falvey	$19.95	Waters and Ice
Annie Falvey	$15.54	Ice
Karen Ramey	$111.39	Printing Schedules
Karen Ramey	$124.18	Postage
Konnie Schlechte	$13.38	Greeting Cards
John Bacone	$50.00	General Assembly Speaker Stipend
Church Mutual Insurance	$3074.00**	Annual Premium

**Marian requested authorization to provide reimbursement when the bill is received. (She has a preliminary notice.)
The board also agreed that funds budgeted and not spent for the club picnic ($38.55) may be added to funds budgeted for General Assembly expense.

Members
New members – David Bagwell, Marti Bagwell, Nathan Canfield, Coral Carpenter, Jeni Christoffersen, Christopher Moravec
Current membership is 532 compared to 557 last year.

Committee Reports:

Pathfinder

Ed Wright and Jean Ballinger have requested hikes for the October/November schedule.

Mileage/Database

John McShea reported club members have hiked 86,917 miles in the current club year. Total hiker hikes are 14,998 and the average hike length is 5.79 miles. 20 members currently have over 1000 miles this year; 3 members have over 2000 miles YTD.

Webmaster

Paul Klimowitch is continuing work on a password requirement for mileage entry and is close to completing the task. Paul added this will set us up for better security updates in the future. As of this time, a date has not been set for the next tech committee meeting.

Electronic Media

Per Phil Coons, we have 4215 Facebook followers

Publicity

Delaram Moghaddam reported we have 1770 Instagram followers. She advised that in the next couple of months, the Pike Library will be offering free access to their facility and equipment to create podcasts. Delaram is interested in pursuing this as an additional option that can be uploaded to our social media.

Social

Annie Falvey reported that the club picnic was a success – well attended and expenses coming in under budget. The school supplies that were collected were donated to Teacher's Treasures. Annie will take care of obtaining water and snacks for the General Assembly meeting September 4. She has reserved Little Flower for the Winter Banquet and has a hold for the date with the caterer.

Discussion Items:

1. Debbie Bucholz will meet the tech person from Unitarian Universalist Church, along with John Bacone, at 4:30 pm, September 4, to ensure tech setup as needed for the meeting. Board members are asked to arrive at 5:30 pm to assist with set up. The social time begins at 6 pm, with the meeting starting at 6:30. There will be an easel on display during the social time highlighting constitutional changes to be voted on. Debbie will begin the meeting with achievements for the year, followed by an explanation of the constitutional changes and voting on each one. Elections of officers will be next, followed by election of the board of directors. After being

elected, Cathy Fischer will read the list of appointed positions. Debbie will offer thanks to the members leaving the board and introduce John Bacone as the speaker to close the meeting.

2. Ed Wright will provide copies of the New Membership Application, Annual Dues Notice, and Winter Banquet Reservation form to the board for review prior to the next meeting.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be at 1 pm, Thursday, September 18, 2025, John Knox Presbyterian Church, 3000 N. High School Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46224.

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Konnie Schlechte, Secretary