Minutes
Indianapolis Hiking Club Board Meeting
Date: September 17, 2026

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

Present: Debbie Bucholz, Mervyn Cohen, Marian Fahy, Annie Falvey, Cathy Fischer, Paul Klimowitch, Martha Rivera June, Karen LeClerc, Kae Ramey, John McShea, Delaram Moghaddam, Laura Otten, Terry Roesch, Konnie Schlechte, and Ed Wright. Incoming board members Anna Hastings, Lori Showley, Richard Stroup and Janie Westermeier also attended.

Minutes: The minutes of the August 20, 2026 board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Marian Fahy reported a balance and net worth of $24,841.43 as of August 31, 2026. She noted a reconciling item of $25 due to a new member submitting a Zelle payment on 8/31 after the August membership numbers were updated. The treasurer's report was approved.

Bills submitted for payment and approved by the Board:

Theresa Roesch	$24.04	Admin Supplies - Envelopes
Theresa Roesch	$44.78	Postage
Theresa Roesch	$100.31	Badges
Konnie Schlechte	$16.40	Postage
Konnie Schlechte	$9.36	Greeting Cards
Annie Falvey	$104.88	General Assembly – Snacks & Supplies
Annie Falvey	$58.02	General Assembly – Snacks & Supplies
Emilie Sweet	$50.00	General Assembly – Speaker Stipend
Nicholas Jurkiewicz	$68.00	General Assembly – Tech Support
Church Mutual Insurance	$3720.00	Annual Premium Estimate

Committee Reports

Membership

Terry Roesch reported 6 new members – Rita Brosius, Bianca Embry, Lynne Kyle, Mona McConnell, Harpreet Singh, Annette Wesemann. YTD New Member total = 102. YTD Total Members Marked Active (in database) as of 9/17/2026 = 569

Pathfinder

The October-November schedule was approved following discussion of financial details of the scheduled Gnaw Bone event. The draft schedule will be amended to state that admission fees and coffee and donuts will be covered by the Club. Delaram Moghaddam made the motion to approve the revision, Martha Rivera June provided the second, and approval by the board was unanimous.

Mileage/Database

John McShea reported the following: Total Miles Hiked: 95,200; Number of Hiker Hikes: 15,889; Average Hike Distance: 5.99

John added that it is extremely important that no work be done in the 2026/27 member database until after the switchover to the new club year is complete.

Webmaster

Paul Klimowitch reported links to Instagram and YouTube have been added to the home page of the club website. Paul mentioned completion of a utility to help pathfinders search map locations, and he is now gearing up for the year-end changeover.

Publicity

Delaram Moghaddam reported 5324 Facebook followers, 4502 Instagram followers and 91 YouTube subscribers. Delaram's third podcast (with incoming president Laura Otten) is posted to the club's YouTube channel. Ideas for the 4th podcast include interviewing an experienced hike leader, a member spotlight, or a discussion of the social side of the club.

Publications

Kae Ramey reminded the board that this will be an expensive mailing. In addition to the mailed schedules (that members pay for) everyone in the club will receive a dues renewal notice and winter banquet reservation form. There was some discussion of how to eliminate paper and reduce costs, but due to recent concerns that not all members are receiving Google group messages it was decided to follow the same procedure this year. This process will be reviewed for potential improvements in the future.

Social

The General Assembly was a success and several thanked Laura Otten for suggesting the speaker. The board also thanked Annie Falvey for serving as the social chair for the past 3 years. Incoming President Laura Otten will work with a committee of 4 to cover the social duties until a new chairperson is in place. Laura agreed to have her name as the contact person on the winter banquet reservation form.

Historian

Mervyn Cohen suggested that the club celebrate its 70th anniversary at the Winter Banquet in January, perhaps with a cake and a slideshow of photos over the years. Delaram Moghaddam said she will prepare the slideshow.

VP/Directors

Karen LeClerc advised the logo store by Branded Market is open for business. The website link is "Logo Merchandise Store." Karen will send a Google group message to the membership letting them know there is a vast array of products available (not all will be displayed on the website) and to call Branded Market directly with any questions. Branded Market can accommodate a 70th Anniversary logo and offer a choice of either logo on any product purchased. Karen has 19 t-shirts left to sell; all are size L.

Debbie Bucholz is leaving the board but reported she will continue working on the club website.

Discussion Items

1. Due to a conflict with the Burr Oak hiking trip, the date of the October board meeting will be moved to Thursday, October 22. Laura Otten will confirm availability with the church.

2. The 70th anniversary logo will need to be decided at the next board meeting.

3. Karen LeClerc is taking care of the fees payment (for per person day camp usage) and getting the refreshments for the Gnaw Bone event. She expressed concern that the budgeted amount of $300 may not be adequate if a large group attends. Konnie Schlechte made a motion to increase the amount to $500.00. Terry Roesch provided the second and the board voted unanimously in favor of the increase.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be at 1 pm, Thursday, October 22, 2026, John Knox Presbyterian Church, 3000 N. High School Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46224.

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Konnie Schlechte, Secretary