Minutes
Indianapolis Hiking Club Board Meeting
Date: September 18, 2025

President Elect Cathy Fisher called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm.

Present: Marti Burton, Mervyn Cohen, Phil Coons, Marian Fahy, Annie Falvey, Cathy Fischer, Martha Rivera June, Paul Klimowitch, Karen LeClerc, Delaram Moghaddam, Laura Otten, Kae Ramey, Terry Roesch, Konnie Schlechte, and Ed Wright

Minutes: The revised minutes of the August 21, 2025 board meeting and the September 4, 2025 general assembly were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Marian Fahy reported a balance and net worth of $24,611.76 as of August 31, 2025. The treasurer's report was approved.

Bills submitted for payment and approved by the Board:

Payee	Amount	Reason
Martha Burton	$147.12	Badges
Martha Burton	$13.90	Envelopes
Annie Falvey	$86.31	General Assembly snacks – Costco
Annie Falvey	$23.44	General Assembly snacks – Trader Joe's
Nick Jurkiewicz	$68.00	General Assembly – Tech Support
Church Mutual	$3074.00	IHC Insurance Premium

Members
New members – Julie Ayer, Sherri Barnett, Christopher Endries, Michael Patrick Fox, Paula Franz, Susan Kessler, Janie Melsheimer, Mary Myers, Terie Schaeffer
Current membership is 538 compared to 560 last year.

Committee Reports:

Membership

Marti Burton reported a record number of new members this month. She will be sending a google group message out to explain the timing of when mileage badges are ordered. THANK YOU, MARTI, for your years of service to the club!

Pathfinder

The October/November hike schedule was approved following discussion and changes to the annual dues notice and winter banquet reservation forms. These forms will be available online 10/1/25.

Mileage/Database

John McShea reported club members have hiked 95,143 miles in the current club year. Total hiker hikes are 16,376 and the average hike length is 5.81 miles.

Webmaster

Paul Klimowitch has completed his work on a password requirement for mileage entry. When implemented, a leader can edit mileage, rather than having to delete and re-add. The system will ask for confirmation if the mileage entered is greater than 10 miles. Paul will ask the tech committee for approval and an implementation schedule at their next meeting Sept 22. The committee will also discuss the rollover to the new club year on October 1.

Electronic Media

Per Phil Coons, we have 4238 Facebook followers. THANK YOU, PHIL, for your years of service to the club!

Publicity

Delaram Moghaddam reported we have 1944 Instagram followers. She shared that the Pike library is now offering free use of their space and equipment to create podcasts. Delaram is thinking through this and proposed one podcast per month, or every other month, with any member of the club as a potential interviewee. Podcasts would be uploaded to Facebook and Instagram. More to come in future meetings.

Publications

Kae Ramey advised this will be a bigger mailing with the dues notice and winter banquet reservation forms being sent out in addition to the mailed schedules.

Social

Annie Falvey reported that the general assembly went well and that the location has been reserved and the caterer notified in preparation for the winter banquet.

Historian

Mervyn Cohen advised that he is beginning work on the Trailblazer. He mentioned the idea of a new name and will request thoughts and discussion at a future meeting.

Discussion Items:

1. Cathy Fischer advised that approved constitution and bylaw changes and updated job duties have all been updated on the club website.
2. Following board discussion, Mervyn Cohen made a motion to open Zelle payments to existing members for dues renewal and winter banquet reservations. Annie Falvey provided the second and the board voted in approval. The annual dues notice and 2026 winter banquet reservation form will be updated with Zelle instructions prior to being mailed out to the membership. A Zelle payment option will be available for new members when the electronic membership application is available.
3. Based on operational savings this year, Terry Roesch made a motion to lower the Winter Banquet reservation cost to $20 per person. Delaram Moghaddam provided the second and the board voted unanimously to approve.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be at 1 pm, Thursday, October 16, 2025, John Knox Presbyterian Church, 3000 N. High School Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46224.

The meeting adjourned at 2:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Konnie Schlechte, Secretary