Minutes
Indianapolis Hiking Club Board Meeting
Date: October 16, 2025

President Cathy Fisher called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm. Cathy welcomed vice president Laura Otten to the board and thanked Debbie Bucholz for her direction and time served as president.

Present: Jean Ballinger, Debbie Bucholz, Mervyn Cohen, Marian Fahy, Annie Falvey, Cathy Fischer, Martha Rivera June, Paul Klimowitch, Pat Lawler, Karen LeClerc, John McShea, Delaram Moghaddam, Laura Otten, Kae Ramey, Terry Roesch, Konnie Schlechte, and Ed Wright

Minutes: The revised minutes of the September 18, 2025 board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Marian Fahy reported a balance and net worth of $21,449.14 as of September 30, 2025. In addition, Marian provided the Budget to Actuals report for fiscal year 2024/25. Total income for the year was $18,480.41. Total expenses were $15,608.60. The treasurer's reports were approved.

Bills submitted for payment and approved by the Board:

Payee	Amount	Reason
Karen Ramey	$301.14	Print schedules/forms
Karen Ramey	$131.04	Envelopes
Karen Ramey	$442.20	Postage

**Marian requested authorization to reimburse Karen LeClerc for the purchase of club merchandise. Konnie Schlechte made a motion, and Jean Ballinger provided the second to reimburse Karen LeClerc up to $1500 for purchase of club merchandise upon submission of receipts. The board voted in approval

Members
New members – Tom Ayer, Steve Baker, Bruce Brian, Rebecca (Becky) Brian, Bill Fairfield, Daniel Haywood, Skylar Haywood Sloan Haywood, Doreen Koning, Tari Rudolf

Committee Reports

Pathfinder

Ed Wright will be sending out a request for December/January hikes.

Mileage/Database

John McShea reported club members hiked 99,521 miles during the club year ending 9/30/25. Total hiker hikes were 17,114; the average hike length was 5.8 miles. There were 401 active hikers, with 32 members hiking 1000 or more miles.

Webmaster

As of October 15, a username and password is required to enter mileage. Per Paul Klimowitch, 18 hike leaders were activated at the time of the meeting. Contact Paul with any questions.

Publicity

Delaram Moghaddam reported we have 4274 Facebook followers and 2063 Instagram followers. The Pike library is offering free classes on how to use their equipment for podcasts. Delaram and Cathy Fisher will attend the training, and Cathy will interview Delaram with the goal of attracting new younger members. Delaram also plans to interview long-time members and leaders for future podcasts.

Social

Annie Falvey stated the club picnic will be July 25, 2026. Annie will check on the deposit amount for the winter banquet, and when it is due to be paid.

Historian

Paul Klimowitch advised that since all old hike schedules have been scanned to the club website, he would like to recycle the paper. Mervyn Cohen asked for the paper schedule from the first club hike to keep in his records to go with the minutes from the first board meeting.

VP/Directors

Laura Otten stated the budget meeting is scheduled October 28 and the proposed budget for fiscal year 2025/26 will be presented at the November board meeting.

Karen LeClerc will place the achievement awards order. Karen polled the membership to ask if they would prefer a backpack or a small six-pack cooler as an achievement award, and the backpack was the clear winner. Karen will provide instructions on how to order a backpack for members that wish to purchase one. She will also order bandanas with the club logo to be sold at the winter banquet. The price will be $10.

Discussion Items:

1. All instances of inaccurate mileage have been resolved.
2. John Knox Presbyterian Church will provide space for board meetings through September 2026 without a fee. As a thank you, we will collect donations for the church's food pantry on Thursday's Eagle Creek hikes 10/30, 11/6,11/13, 11/20. Club members may also give donations to any board member. We will collect donations again at the winter banquet.
3. Cheryl and Dewey Conces will again serve as auditors of the financial records for fiscal year 2024-25. They will be given the financial records in early November to allow sufficient time to conduct the audit and report back to the board in January.
4. Due to changes in board positions for the 2025-26 club year, signers need to be updated on the PNC bank accounts (checking and money market.) The three signatories for these accounts should be Marian Fahy, treasurer, (primary), Catherine Fischer, president, and Deborah Bucholz, director. Konnie Schlechte made a motion to update the signers as listed. Jean Ballinger provided the second and the board voted unanimously to approve the change.
5. Following discussion of a suggestion from Marian Fahy, Debbie Bucholz made a motion to post the year end actuals (income and expenses) to the club website. Annie Falvey provided the second and the board voted in approval.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be at 1 pm, Thursday, November 20, 2025, John Knox Presbyterian Church, 3000 N. High School Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46224.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Konnie Schlechte, Secretary