Minutes
Indianapolis Hiking Club Board Meeting
Date: 18th December 2025

Present: Debbie Bucholz, Mervyn Cohen, Marian Fahy, Annie Falvey, Cathy Fischer, Martha Rivera June, Paul Klimowitch, John McShea, Laura Otten, Kae Ramey, Terry Roesch and Ed Wright

Minutes The previously distributed corrected minutes of 20th November 2025 were approved.

Treasurers Report: Marian Fahy reported that as of 31st October 2025 our balance was $31,957.16 and net worth was $$31,957.16. The report was approved. Current membership is 457 compared to 472 at the same time last year.

Bills submitted for payment and approved by the Board were:

DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	DETAILS	TOTAL	
11/29/2025	Delaram Moghaddam	Holiday Craft Fair - booth rental	$45.00		
11/29/2025	"	Holiday Craft Fair - supplies	$83.97		
		Subtotal		$128.97	
Various	Theresa Roesch	Welcome packets - printing	$49.76		
Various	"	Welcome packets - postage	$39.90		
Various	"	Name badge magnetic holders	$28.86		
Various	"	25 year awards and one name badge	$205.04		
		Subtotal		$323.56	
11/21/2025	Karen Ramey	Schedules - printing	$81.37		
11/24/2025	"	Schedules - postage	$108.50		
		Subtotal		$189.87	
Pending	CR Heros / Annie Falvey	Winter Banquet expenses for Caterer and supplies - Not to exceed		$4,400.00	*
			Total	$5,042.40	

* estimates/ not to exceed the amounts for the winter Banquet requested for Board approval as the bills will be paid prior to the next Board meeting.

On January 6th 2026, an electronic vote was requested to increase spending on the winter banquet from a not to exceed $4400 to a not to exceed $4600 due to an increase in late reservations resulting in additional meals added to the original order from the caterer. Delaram Moghaddam made a motion to approve, and Cathy Fischer provided the second. The motion was approved by the board.

Members

New members are Sangeeta Kalia, Ann Buttery, Sarah L. Rose, John L Wilson, Mehran Hourmozdi, Sholeh Hourmozdi, Linda L. Travison, Elizabeth Reifeis, Ray Fowler, Jenn Fowler, Kathie Hartwell and Joe Hartwell. Two of these people had previously been members and their mileage was reinstated

Committee Reports

Membership

Approximately 90 members will have their status changed to *suspended* on the 1st of January 2026, as they have not yet paid membership dues. Last year the number was slightly less. Ed said that this is a normal number, as about 15% of members do not renew each year.

Pathfinder

Ed stated that the request for hikes for February and March will be sent out.

Mileage/database

Two hundred eighty-eight IHC members have hiked 21,086 miles since October 1st this year. There were 3,490 member hikes YTD (as of December 17) .
21,086 miles / 3,489 = 6.04 average miles per hike.

Webmaster

The control panel for the website has been upgraded.

Electronic Media

We have 2,432 Instagram followers and 4,399 Facebook followers.
The hiking club booth generated a lot of interest at the Holiday Craft Fair at St. Pius X Church/School. Hopefully, we will get some leads from those who showed interest and took some of our business cards/flyers.
There is currently no update on Pike Library's podcast room and Deloram will look into starting recording podcast after the start of next year.

Publicity

Postage expense will significantly increase next month because of the annual mailing of the club roster to every member.

We instituted a $10 annual charge for members who wished to have the hiking club schedule sent to them by regular mail. There are about 65 members who receive the schedule by this method. Marian reported that the $10 does not

completely cover the cost of this mailing due to increased potage and printing expenses

Social

About 120 members have made reservations for the winter banquet next January.

Historian

The annual Trail Blazer is complete and will be sent by e-mail to every member of the Hiking Club just before the January winter banquet.

Directors

Bandanas with the club logo will be available at the Winter banquet. The board approved a request from Karen to sell them for $5 each at the winter banquet.

Laura is working to purchase a special award to be handed out at the winter banquet.

Old Business

1. PNC bank account. The Board members who can sign checks are Marian Fahy, Treasurer, Cathy Fischer, President, and Debbie Bucholz, Director.

New Business

1. Ed suggested changing the criteria for the photo award and the creation of one new annual award.

Debbie Bucholz proposed and Terry Roesch seconded a motion.

The Indianapolis Hiking Club change the annual award for most photos to the best photo and make the 'around the world' life hiked miles of 24,901 an official award.

The Board approved the motion by a vote of 12 to 0

The Publicity Director will take responsibility to determine how the best photo process will work. It will tentatively include a committee to pick between 5 and 10 semifinalists which will be submitted to the entire club for a vote. The photo receiving the most votes will be deemed the winner.

2. Marian asked the Board to approve our annual donations at our January 2026 meeting. This is a few months earlier than usual. Marian felt this would make it easier for the recipients to prepare their budgets before Spring

Next Meeting: 15 January, 1:00 PM EST
John Knox Presbyterian Church

The meeting adjourned at 2.10 pm.

Mervyn Cohen for Konnie Schlechte, Secretary