

Minutes
Indianapolis Hiking Club Board Meeting
Date: January 20, 2022

President Lori Showley called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm

Present: Marti Burton, Mervyn Cohen, Sue Collins, Anne Heighway, Pat Lawler, John McShea, Mary Barbara Miller, Kae Ramey, Konnie Schlechte, Lori Showley, Lorraine Smith, Kathy Whalen, Rick Wortman, Ed Wright and Marla Zinkan

Minutes: The revised minutes of the December 16, 2021 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Whalen reported a balance and net worth of \$21,109.00 as of January 20, 2022. In addition, Kathy submitted the 2021-22 First Quarter Budget Worksheet. Of the \$11,885 budgeted for expenses, \$1648.47 was spent in the first quarter. Of the \$10,655 budgeted as income, \$10,784.54 was collected in the first quarter. The treasurer's reports were approved.

Bills submitted for payment and approved by the Board:

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Halo	\$924.85	Hats for Awards/Sales
Marti Burton	\$119.41	Badges - 18

Members

New members – Sara Cobb, David Cobb, Tammy DiLullo, Mike Lindstedt, Judith Lysaker, Scot Marsella, Henry McFall, Sylvia Miller, Nancy Wheeler

Current membership is 514 compared to 483 last year.

Committee Reports:

Membership

After a brief discussion of whether to continue offering new members the option of receiving a printed schedule, Marti Burton made a motion to remove the option from the membership application. John McShea provided the second and the motion was approved. Ed Wright will update the membership application. Anyone currently receiving a printed schedule will **not** be affected by this change. After a brief discussion of the current Membership Award, Mary Barbara Miller made a motion to eliminate the award. Kae Ramey provided the second and the board approved the motion. No one has been given the award recently (except for special

recognition to Bob Hackenberg last year,) as most new members indicate that they learn about the club via the website. Elimination of the award has the added benefit of eliminating some tracking details from the membership officer's duties.

Conservation

The search continues to fill the open Conservation Officer position.

Publicity

Copies of AAA Crossroads magazine were available for the board to see. An article titled "Central Indiana Things To Do" included coverage of the club. Marla Zinkan also had a copy of the Wonder and Awe health and wellness publication that lists the hiking club as a featured business. Marla has had extensive conversations with a member of Dayton Hikers regarding a "Passport to Adventure" program they used. Marla has a wealth of detail available should the club find the opportunity to pursue this type of program in the future. Mary Barbara Miller added that she took club business cards and brochures to the Pike Library branch.

Pathfinder

The February/March hike schedule was approved.

Publications

In addition to the printed hike schedule, Kae Ramey will mail a membership roster to all club members this month.

Webmaster

The 2021 Trail Blazer was approved by the board. Ed Wright will post the Trail Blazer to the club website. The 65th anniversary book is already posted on the website.

Electronic Media

We have 2398 Facebook followers and 2297 Facebook likes.

Phil Coons sent out a google group message requesting that everyone be more aware of taking photos during hikes, especially woods hikes, and submitting the photos to him.

Historian

Mervyn Cohen offered a huge thank you to Kae Ramey for overseeing the efforts to distribute the 65th anniversary books. In addition, 25 former members identified as major contributors to the success of the club will receive an anniversary book and letter by mail.

Discussion Items:

1. Mike Khalil conducted an audit of the 2020-21 fiscal year, reconciling all income and expenses without any discrepancy. A copy of his letter to the Board is attached with the minutes.
2. Pat Lawler will lead the 65th anniversary hike at Holliday Park, Sunday, 1/23/22, at 2 pm. As the Nature Center will be closed (leaving only one toilet available in the park,) and due to the cold weather, refreshments will not be served. Pat will incorporate the tradition of apple cider and oreo cookies at the club picnic in July.
3. John McShea asked for further discussion of hiker safety, hiking injuries and the importance of having first aid and CPR training. Lori Showley will revisit the idea of a “safety fair” at the summer picnic or general assembly meeting. A suggestion was made to carry baby aspirin on all hikes.

Place and Time of Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be February 17, 2022, 1 pm, at Flanner and Buchanan, 2950 N. High School Rd, Speedway, IN 46224.

The meeting adjourned at 2:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Konnie Schlechte, Secretary