

Minutes
Indianapolis Hiking Club Board Meeting
Date: March 18, 2021

President Mary Barbara Miller called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm via Zoom

Present: Marti Burton, Mervyn Cohen, Phil Coons, Harold Crooks, Anne Heighway, Pat Lawler, Mary Barbara Miller, Kae Ramey, Konnie Schlechte, Lori Showley, Susan Sievers, Phil Smith, Barb Strite, Kathy Whalen, Ed Wright and Karen Zimmerman

Minutes: The minutes of the February 18, 2021 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Whalen reported a balance and net worth of \$18,186.87 as of March 18, 2021. The treasurer's report was approved.

Bills submitted for payment and approved by the Board:

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Ed Wright	\$106.46	Website Renewal
Barb Strite	\$60.45	Badges – Mileage Awards
Kathy Whalen	\$17.12	5/3 Check Order

Members

New members – George Blankenbaker, Jin Zhang, Jamie Campbell
Current membership is 491 compared to 511 last year

Committee Reports:

Conservation

Marti Burton will be scheduling a maintenance hike at Eagle Creek.

Publicity

Ed Wright will further develop and activate the Meet Up site once the new schedule is approved. Ed, Susan Sievers and Barb Strite are the initial sponsors of the site. (Scheduling a hike on Meet Up requires a sponsor.) Ed will notify hike leaders of Meet Up members that sign up for a club hike. Susan explained that the evaluation process of the Meet Up site will be based on how many guest hikers and new members we get through the site. Hike leaders will provide the names of guest hikers to Barb Strite. Cherie Voegel has offered to help follow up with guest hikers.

The celebration to honor Glee Crowder's achievement of 50,000 miles hiked will be Thursday, April 8, 9 am, at the Eagle Creek Discovery Center. The celebration will be outside in the parking lot. Mary Barbara Miller will serve as emcee. Glee will be presented with a certificate of achievement and flowers. There will be a posterboard with Glee's photo for all to sign. David Kincaid has written a poem which the group will sing to Glee. Phil Coons will serve as photographer. Susan Sievers added that Congressman Andre Carson has provided a certificate of achievement for Glee, and the Southside Times will interview Glee. Susan is still working to obtain other media coverage of the event and has requested a certificate from Mayor Hogsett. Pat Lawler will send a google groups message to remind our membership of the celebration.

Pathfinder

The April/May hike schedule was approved.

Electronic Media

We have 2129 Facebook followers and 2076 Facebook likes.

Social

Pat Lawler requested discussion at the next board meeting regarding the July 17 scheduled date for the annual club picnic. The discussion will determine if we will proceed with that date, or move it to the fall.

Historian

Mervyn Cohen reported that things are moving ahead well with the history booklet for the club's 65th anniversary. Pat Lawler, Bob Kriz, Ed Wright, Phil Smith and Anne Heighway are working with Mervyn on this project.

Discussion Items:

1. Karen Zimmerman has asked to step down from her role as Mileage/Database Manager. Board members identified two potential candidates in the club and agreed to contact them to see if they are interested in the position. Karen will provide detail to give to prospective candidates and has agreed to mentor whoever accepts this role. If these efforts are not successful, Mary Barbara Miller will prepare and send a google groups message to the entire club to seek a replacement for Karen.
2. The club will celebrate its 65th anniversary at the winter banquet, 12/5/21. Achievement awards distributed at the banquet will include the new anniversary logo. There was a suggestion to have a commemorative shirt and/or hat that members could purchase to

mark the occasion. Further discussion of the celebration will continue at the next meeting. A hike only will be scheduled on the actual anniversary date, 1/23/22.

3. Board members should send any questions about the insurance policies that the club carries to Phil Smith, Mary Barbara Miller, or Lori Showley by April 1. A question list will be compiled, and Phil Smith will contact our insurance agent. Discussion of the questions and responses will be part of next month's meeting agenda, then the board will decide if there are additional questions and if the agent should be invited to a future meeting.
4. It was agreed that if Governor Holcomb relaxed restrictions before the next board meeting, Mary Barbara Miller will contact the board and schedule a special Zoom meeting to discuss possible changes to the club's COVID-19 policy.

Place and Time of Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be Thursday, April 15, 2021, 1 pm, via Zoom.

The meeting adjourned at 2:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Konnie Schlechte, Secretary