

**Minutes**  
**Indianapolis Hiking Club Board Meeting**  
**Date: 17 June 2021**

**Present:** John Mcshea, Marti Burton, Mervyn Cohen, Harold Crooks, Pat Lawler, Kae Ramey, Phil Smith, Susan Sievers, Barb Strite, Kathy Whalen, Rick Wortman, Lori Showley, Anne Heighway, Ed Wright and Karen Zimmerman.

Lori Showley called the meeting to order at 1 PM.

**Minutes** The previously distributed corrected minutes of May 2021 were approved.

**Treasurers Report:** Kathy Whalen reported that as of 17 June 2021 our balance was \$17,514.54 and net worth was \$17,514.54. The report was approved.

**Bills** submitted for payment and approved by the Board were:

<u>Who</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Barb Strite	\$26.00	Postage-Badges/Membership
Kae Ramey	\$335.45	Jun/Jul Schedule mailing Printing
	-\$67.09	Overcharge refund
	\$157.00	Postage

**New members are:**

Lesli Bair, Sylvia Berzins, Janet Guildenbecher, Janet Labbe, Paul Labbe, Bonnie O'Connor, Anthony Pavinelli.

Current membership is 507 compared to 516 last year.

**Committee Reports**

a) **Conservation**

Marti reported that several forms of trailwork, completed on hiking club hikes, have been sent to Eagle Creek Park. This should meet our needs to obtain free rental of the picnic location and free entry to the picnic.

b) **Publicity**— no new report

c) **Pathfinder**

Requests for the next hike schedule will be sent out soon. Ed expressed a need to increase the number of new hikes, especially at weekends.

d) **Publications** – no new report

e) **Webmaster**

The website is up to date

f) **Electronic Media**

There have been 2160 Facebook likes and 2227 Facebook followers

g) **Social**

- Arrangements for the picnic are proceeding well. Members will be able to enter the park without payment. As sausages will be provided, the number of chicken pieces purchased will be decreased compared to last year.

- The general assembly is scheduled. The Board approved Pat's request to invite a speaker to the gathering.
- It is still difficult to find a caterer for the winter banquet and 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Lori said that she would take full responsibility for finding a caterer and would ask Mary Fischer to help her. It was agreed that the charge of \$20.00 two years ago would need to be increased.

#### **h) Historian**

- Preparation for the book that will be published for the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary is proceeding well and is ahead of schedule.
- Historian duties will in future include a review of club documents for previous discussions of new items presented to the board for consideration.

#### **Discussion Items**

- a. Susan/Lori: Hiker safety. Susan presented a suggested change to hike leader guidelines for wilderness hikes. These changes were;  
*“For wilderness hikes, know the local park or ranger contact numbers. Know how to ‘pin your location’ using your smart phone. Carry the following: emergency whistle (the sound of a whistle carries much further than your voice); sign-up sheet OR take a picture using a cell phone of sign-up sheet; Nitrile gloves; first aid kit”*. These changes were discussed in detail with overwhelming agreement that they were necessary. Lori and Susan will discuss suggestions made by the board, and prepare a revised document, with a vote scheduled for our next meeting.
- b. Nominating committee - Rick reported that the selection of candidates for the positions of VP, publicity, and a new at-large board member are progressing extremely well.
- c. Mervyn asked board members to email any ideas for expanding liaison between the hiking club and Eagle Creek Park Foundation to be sent to him.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 15, 1:00  
 Flanner and Buchanan Meeting Room  
 2950 N. High School Rd. Speedway, IN 46224

Mervyn Cohen for Konnie Schlechte -Secretary