

**Minutes
Indianapolis Hiking Club
August 18, 2015**

Present: Jean Ballinger, Shannon Bennett, Richard Braun, Philip Coons, Jeff Edmonson, John Gaebler, Mike Khalil, Mary Ann Layman, Pat Lawler, Kathy Oguss, Mick Parker, JoAnne Starzyk, Charles Turner, Kathy Whalen, Ed Wright, Karen Zimmerman

President Pat Lawler called the meeting to order at the home of Phil Coons at 6:30 pm on August 18, 2015.

Minutes of July 21, 2015: The previously distributed corrected minutes were approved.

Financial Report: Kathy Whalen reported that as of August 18, 2015 our balance was \$14,484.96 and net worth was \$14,484.96. The financial report was approved. See **August 18, 2015 Financial Report** for details.

Bills to be Paid:

The following bills were submitted for payment: Karen Zimmerman \$274.99 (printing 300 hike attendance sheets and 200 schedules for Aug/Sept); June Sergi, \$256.96 (\$198.80 postage and \$57.76 envelopes); Kathy Whalen, \$12.83 (envelopes); JoAnne Starzyk, \$137.97 (picnic chicken). The board approved payment of the bills.

Committee Reports:

Mileage and Membership: No report on mileage (see next month's minutes for report). Mary Williams reported that we have one new member and no reinstatements. The new member was approved by the board.

Publicity: Mike reported that we have three volunteers for the Hoosier Outdoor Experience on September 19-20. He will send out another solicitation for more volunteers. We plan to list the club's bicentennial hikes on the Indiana Bicentennial website.

Pathfinder: No report this month.

Publications: No report.

Webmaster: No report this month.

Electronic Media: Shannon Bennett reported that we have 81 Twitter followers and 680 Facebook *likes*.

Social: JoAnne reported that the picnic equipment exchange was successful. A few items are left over.

Conservation: Chuck reported that Eagle Creek Park's Brittany Davis has suggested that the IHC take on a trail for maintenance on the east side of the reservoir, possibly the north loop of the Red Trail. We could pick up trash and keep the weeds down. We would need to sign a partnership agreement. The third Saturday in September could be a maintenance day.

Awards: A proposal for an award for the most members recruited in a year was approved by the Board. Ed and Chuck will draft a description for the next Board meeting.

Historian: No report.

Unfinished Business:

Bicentennial Hikes: The preliminary schedule for the Bicentennial hikes is completed and will be attached to the Oct/Nov hiking schedule and placed on the IHC website. Jeff exhibited the proposed IHC Bicentennial hiking t-shirts, caps, and logo. The t-shirts will be about \$18. The caps will vary in price depending upon the type. The full logo is too big for the caps so part will be placed on the front and the ***Indiana Hiking Club*** lettering will be placed on the back. The Indiana DNR has a form for us to complete for the use of their design which will be placed on the t-shirts. Plans are for members to order t-shirts at the Christmas party.

New Business:

Incident Report: The recent incident report was discussed and resolved to the Board's satisfaction. Incident reports are to be kept by the Secretary.

Place and Time of Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be at the home of Pat Lawler (8704 Sunningdale Blvd., Indianapolis, IN 46234) on September 15, 2015 at 6:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Philip Coons.