

Minutes
Indianapolis Hiking Club Board Meeting
Date: October 19, 2023

President Debbie Bucholz called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. Debbie welcomed Marian Fahy and Annie Falvey to the board. All board members present introduced themselves during the meeting.

Present: Kathy Braun, Debbie Bucholz, Marti Burton, Mervyn Cohen, Phil Coons, Dave Drzewiecki, Marian Fahy, Annie Falvey, Pat Lawler, John McShea, Mary Barbara Miller, Konnie Schlechte, Kathy Whalen, Rick Wortman and Ed Wright

Minutes: The revised minutes of the September 21, 2023 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Whalen reported a balance and net worth of \$16,769.88 as of September 30, 2023 (the end of the club's fiscal year,) and a balance and net worth of \$22,193.88 as of October 19, 2023. The treasurer's reports were approved.

Bills submitted for payment and approved by the Board:

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Kay Ramey	\$41.40	Envelopes
Kae Ramey	\$263.93	Printing: Oct/Nov Schedule + Fee Renewal & Banquet Reservation Forms
Kae Ramey	\$330.00	Postage
Kae Ramey	\$183.00	Postage
Marti Burton	\$13.90	Greeting Cards
Eagle Creek Foundation	\$500.00	Contribution (Publicity)
Kathy Whalen	\$18.17	Deposit Only Stamp – required by bank
Church Mutual	\$2611.00	Insurance 10/1/23-9/30/24

Members

New members – Matt Braun, Debra Fortman, Kelley Hale, Brenda Hardesty, Stephen Hastings, Peter Kirch, Carol McKinney

Current membership is 319 compared to 288 last year.

Committee Reports:

Pathfinder

Pathfinders Ed Wright and Jean Ballinger will send a request for hikes for the December/January schedule in the next few days.

Webmaster

Ed Wright reported the website is up to date except for the "About Us" page. Ed is currently working to update 25-year members and members with 10,000+ miles.

Mileage/Database

John McShea reported the club hiked 94,801 miles in the 2022-23 club year. The average hike length was 5.66 miles. John added there will be ongoing meetings of the database management committee, probably on a quarterly basis.

Electronic Media

We have 3902 Facebook followers. Phil Coons suggested recruiting a club member to give us a presence on Instagram.

Social

The winter banquet, to be held Sunday, December 3, is our next big social function. Annie Falvey will be updated on the caterer and any other details already resolved. We will review the timeline for the event (from set up through clean up) at the next board meeting. As is our tradition, canned goods will be collected and donated to John Knox Presbyterian Church (they provide our meeting place at no charge) and Boulevard Place food pantries. Several members indicated on their dues renewal form that they would be willing to donate appetizers for club social events.

Conservation

Dave Drzewiecki will send a google group message to poll club interest to participate in a wilderness first aid training program offered through Fishers Fire Department. (Members were notified of this option previously.) Dave will report on club response at the next meeting.

Historian

Mervyn Cohen is working on the Trailblazer and asked the board for any thoughts for changes or additions to the next edition. Mervyn also provided an explanation of the review of IHC Board Decisions document that he keeps current and provides to the board at the first meeting of each club calendar year.

Discussion Items:

1. John McShea made a motion that the club again make a \$500 donation to Eagle Creek Foundation. Mary Barbara Miller provided the second, and the motion was approved unanimously.
2. Mary Barbara Miller will reserve the Eagle Creek for the club picnic in 2024. She will request the 4th Saturday in July.
3. Ed Wright made a motion to nominate Paul Klimowich for the club service achievement award for all the work that he has done with learning the club database and assisting Bob Hackenberg in writing a database manual. Mary Barbara Miller provided the second and the board vote was unanimous.
4. Ed Wright showed a mock-up of a long sleeve shirt (burgundy,white,gold) for the achievement awards to be given out at the winter banquet. The cost will be \$15 + tax + set up and will be purchased from Halo Solutions. Phil Coons made a motion to approve the purchase, Rick Wortman provided the second, and the board approved the purchase.
5. Goals for the upcoming year include securing the club website, offering online payments, exploring a new logo, additional pathfinders, and a possible joint venture with another club(s.) Further discussion will take place at future meetings.
6. Job description review discussion also tabled for our next meeting.

Place and Time of Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be Thursday, November 16, 2023, 1 pm, at John Knox Presbyterian Church, 3000 N. High School Rd, Speedway, IN 46224.

The meeting adjourned at 2:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Konnie Schlechte, Secretary