

Minutes
Indianapolis Hiking Club Board Meeting
Date: January 18, 2024

President Debbie Bucholz called the meeting to order at 1:08 pm.

Present: Kathy Braun, Debbie Bucholz, Marti Burton, Mervyn Cohen, Dave Drzewiecki, Pat Lawler, John McShea, Mary Barbara Miller, Kae Ramey, Konnie Schlechte, Lori Showley, Kathy Whalen, Rick Wortman and Ed Wright

Minutes: The revised minutes of the November 16, 2023 meeting and the December 21, 2023 electronic meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Whalen reported a balance and net worth of \$25,219.02 as of January 18, 2024. In addition, Kathy submitted the 2023-24 First Quarter Budget Worksheet. Of the \$19,910.00 budgeted for expenses, \$8035.86 was spent in the first quarter. Of the \$19,750.00 budgeted as income, \$19,435.00 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>
Marti Burton	\$53.50	Badges – 8 mileage
Halo	\$761.84	Achievement awards

Members

New members – Mike Evancho, Paul Ho, Ashley Kinney, Renee Lombardo
Current membership is 512 compared to 515 last year.

Committee Reports:

Membership

Following a recommendation from Marti Burton and a brief discussion, Ed Wright made a motion that new members would be considered official members of the club and eligible to accrue mileage as of the date their application is reviewed and entered in the club database by the membership officer. Mary Barbara Miller provided the second and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Pathfinder

The February/March hike schedule was approved. Ed Wright reported the schedule would be available on the club website by end of day 1/19/24.

Mileage/Database

A discussion/decision regarding inactive status for non-renewed members was moved to next month.

Publicity

An application for the club to participate in the St. Patrick's Day parade again this year has been submitted. The cost will remain at \$200.

Electronic Media

We have 3040 Facebook followers.

Publications

Kae Ramey reported that several mailed schedules were returned to her for unknown reason after the Dec/Jan schedules went out. She will monitor this situation after mailing the new Feb/March schedules.

Social

Debbie Bucholz provided the report in Annie Falvey's absence. Debbie proposed moving the Winter Banquet to January to avoid the Christmas holiday rush, and to ease the process of securing a caterer. In addition, Debbie suggested her church (Friedens, 8300 S. Meridian St.) as a new location. The rental rate there would be \$45 per hour. The event would need to be moved from Sunday to Saturday, as another church uses the space Sunday afternoons. Additional details/discussion at future meetings.

Historian

Mervyn Cohen stated 2023 Trailblazer is nearly complete and will be available on the club website soon.

Discussion Items:

1. Phil Smith, Paul Klimowich and Patrick Eaton joined the meeting for discussion of ongoing technology support. Phil Smith will lead the new technology committee with Paul, Patrick, Ed Wright and John McShea contributing. Phil stated the committee will have two goals – to enhance club member experience and to make the club more efficient. The committee will generate ideas and research them to come up with recommendations (including cost) that will be presented to the board for decisions. Priority asks from board members include more electronic options while maintaining security and privacy, and automating processes to query the database with specific requests. Paul advised he would be happy to receive email suggestions from all club members.
2. John Bacone has asked to make a presentation at the next board meeting regarding a fundraiser by the Indiana Parks Alliance.
3. Remaining agenda items were tabled to a future meeting.

Place and Time of Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be Thursday, February 15, 2024, 1 pm, at John Knox Presbyterian Church, 3000 N. High School Rd, Speedway, IN 46224.

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Konnie Schlechte, Secretary