

Minutes
Indianapolis Hiking Club Board Meeting
Date: 19th January 2016

Present: Marty Applegate, Janet Cohen, Mervyn Cohen, John Gaebler, Mike Khalil, Pat Lawler, June Sergi, Phil Smith, Chuck Turner, Kathy Whalen, Karen Zimmerman

President John Gaebler - called the meeting to order at 6.03 pm at Westlane Middle School.

Minutes The previously distributed corrected minutes of 12.15.2015 were approved.

Financial Report: Kathy Whalen reported that as of 19th Jan, 2016 our balance was \$16,122.29 and net worth was \$16,122.29. The financial report was approved.

Bills submitted for payment and approved by the Board were:

<u>Who</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Janet Cohen	\$380.00	\$280.00	Nativity church rental 12.14.16
		\$100	Nativity church refundable security deposit Dec 2016
Kathy Whalen	\$177.72	\$7.14	State Business entity filing fee
		\$25.60	Mailing supplies (9" x 12" Envelopes)
		\$19.98	Mailing Supplies (No. 10 envelopes)
		\$125.00	Rental Eagle Creek Shelter A 7.23.16
Mary Williams	\$56.17		Badges

Committee Reports:

Mileage and Membership:

- New members approved by the Board are:
Marilyn Moor, Debra Rosing, John Schlechte, Konnie Schlechte, Wayne R Sharp, Caroline Viernes, John Viernes,
- Karen reported that current membership is 514 compared to 521 last year.
- Karen is working with Bob to set up an online mileage data base.

Publicity:

- There are volunteers for the Ford Boat, Sport and Travel Show.

Pathfinder: The schedule for February and March was approved by an email vote of 13 – 0 on 22nd Jan

Publications: No report

Electronic Media: - We have 767 facebook Likes and 102 Twitter followers

Social: -

- The Board agreed that the September General Assembly Meeting will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church on Thursday 8th September. There will be no charge.
- Caterer has been confirmed for the Christmas party on 4th December 2016.

- Ivy Tech will be explored as another option for the 2017 Christmas party

Conservation:

- Chuck reported that there are ongoing discussions to have Eagle Creek decrease charges to IHC in return for IHC volunteer work in the Park.

Recognition and Awards: No report

Bicentennial Hikes:

- DNR have approved a special event permit for our trails and parking plans for all the hikes until the end of June. Separate approval is still needed for July – Dec 2016. This will cost \$25,
- Two hikes are completed. The first hike had 110 members and 25 guests for a total of 135. Suggestions for future hikes are;
 - Have assistant leaders so that a large group can be split
 - Have a sweeper for each group. The hikes attract some inexperienced hikers.
 - Pat suggested offering a short 1 mile hike at each location
 - The release must be read at each hike.
 - It was suggested that Karen report the number of hikers with 100% attendance after each hike.

Unfinished Business:

- Indiana Forrest Alliance presentation. The Alliance was formed in 1990's and is "Not for profit". They are concerned with the amount of logging in State Forests. In 2005 State Forest funding from taxes was decreased and they were asked to make up income by increasing logging. Only 5% of State Forest land is off limits to logging. They have asked us to support their immediate efforts to get the State Government to increase this limit to 10%. They also have a petition to ask the Governor to limit logging by executive order. Contact person is Sandra Messner Sandra@indianaforestalliance.org. Web is <https://indianaforestalliance.org/>

John Gaebler made a motion "that we post the Forest Alliance petition on the club website and also encourage hike leaders to print out the petition ask ask hikers to sign it" The motion was approved unanimously by the Board

New Business: None

Place and Time of Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be at Westlane Middle School in March 2015 at 6:00 pm. Please note a date change from March 22nd to March 15th. The February meeting is cancelled

The meeting adjourned at 7.15 pm.

Mervyn Cohen Secretary