

Minutes
Indianapolis Hiking Club Board Meeting
Date: 15th February 2024

Present: Debbie Bucholz, Marti Burton, Mervyn Cohen, Phil Coons, Marian Fahy, Annie Falvey, Pat Lawler, Mary Barbara Miller, Kae Ramey, Lori Showley, Kathy Whalen, Rick Wortman and Ed Wright

President Debbie Bucholz called the meeting to order at 1:00pm at John Knox Church.

Minutes The previously distributed corrected minutes of 18th January 2024 were approved.

Treasurers Report: Kathy Whalen reported that as of 15th February 2024 our balance was \$24,518.68 and net worth was \$24,518.68. The report was approved.

Bills submitted for payment and approved by the Board were:

BILLS PRESENTED: February 15, 2024				
DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	DETAILS	TOTAL
01/06/24	Kae Ramey	Envelopes-Feb/Mar Schedule + Roster	\$127.45	
01/06/24	" "	" " " "	\$31.42	
01/20/24	" "	Postage - Feb/Mar Schedule + Roster	\$338.04	
01/20/24	" "	" " " "	\$146.97	
01/19/24	" "	Printing	\$372.40	
11/17/23	" "	Tax on Printing Dec/Jan Schedule (Missed by Tresurer in December)	\$5.28	
			TOTAL	\$1,021.56
01/26/24	Marti Burton	Postage-Membership	\$65.75	
02/06/24	" "	" "	\$1.63	
			TOTAL	\$67.38
01/28/24	David (Rick) Wortman	2024 St. Patrick's Day Parade Registration	\$200.00	
			TOTAL	\$200.00
			MO. TOTAL	\$1,288.94

Members

New members are Ellie Trahin, Roger Trahin, Dawn Zumbrun, and Susan Hunt.

Current membership is 517 compared to 522 at this time last year.

Committee Reports

Membership.

Marti is working with Paul to be able to accurately identify the number of years that each member has been with the club.

Publicity

The club has signed up and paid for participation in the Saint Patrick's Day parade on Friday the 15th of March.

Pathfinder

Requests for hikes for April and May will be sent out this week.

Publications

Only 2 mailed schedules have been returned, a record.

Webmaster

The web is up to date.

Electronic Media

We have 3104 Facebook I followers.

Old photos from the onset of the club and from club anniversary celebrations have been posted on Facebook.

Conservation

Nil

Historian

Nil

Social

There was consensus that the winter banquet should be held early in January and on a Saturday. January the 11th 2025 was suggested. Various venues are being explored and no decisions have yet been made. Desirable features are for a venue that is already set up, and allows alcohol to be brought. Round versus rectangular tables and a good price are desirable features.

Old Business

1. Duties of board members

Debbie reported that this is almost complete and will soon be posted on the website. Some duties of non-board members as such as technology, maintaining the email Google groups and obtaining award gifts will also be included.

2. Annual Audit and quarterly financial review

The annual audit has been completed by Mike Khalil who found no discrepancies. The board approved his report. Mike has requested not to do this for next year. An alternative person was discussed but has not yet agreed to do this a job.

Marian Fahy and Kathy Whalen completed the Quarterly Financial Review and found no issues.

3. Indy parks fundraiser and criteria for future requests

Concerns were raised that we have no policy for making decisions regarding funding request presentations to the board or the award of donations. Mary Barbara agreed to draft such a policy and share it with board members for discussion at the next board meeting.

New business

1. Technology support.

The first meeting of the new technology committee will be held later this month

2. Digitising old hiking schedules

Mervyn requested funding. We have every schedule since the formation of the club in 1957. They are currently in paper format and in danger of being lost forever.

Apart from the trailblazer, this is the major historical collection that we have.

Mervyn will work with Paul to make sure that the digitising is done in a manner that will allow easy searching of the electronic document. Mervyn will prepare a formal request for the next board meeting to utilise some of the existing balance of donated funds, which is over \$700.00.

3. April board meeting

Because the April scheduled meeting conflicts with the annual trip to the Smoky Mountains, Debbie will move the meeting to either the 11th or the 25th of April.

4. Angel fund

There was little enthusiasm for creating such a fund. Cases of a members not being able to pay their membership dues will be considered by the membership chair on a case-by-case basis.

Future Business

1. Club logo and a motor car window clings’.

Work is continuing on a potential new club logo. There were not many window clings’ still available, but this is not considered an urgent item. We do not have any existing club policies regarding the design and usage of the club logo, or the club motto.

2. Presentation

John Bacone’s Indiana parks alliance fundraiser presentation will be postponed until next month.

3. Collaboration with the Indianapolis ski club

Debbie will schedule a hike in Eagle Creek park and invite ski club members to participate. This would increase awareness of the club and potentially result in new membership.

Place and Time of Next Meeting:

The next board meeting will be on Thursday, 21st March at 1:00 pm. at John Knox Church, 3000 N. High School Road, Speedway, IN 46224.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20pm.

Mervyn Cohen. Minutes taken for Konnie Schlechte Secretary