

Minutes
Indianapolis Hiking Club Board Meeting
February 17, 2015

Present: Shannon Bennett, Philip Coons, Jeff Edmonson, John Gaebler, Pat Lawler, Kathy Oguss, Mick Parker, JoAnne Starzyk, Charles Turner, Mary Williams, Karen Zimmerman

After a fine taco dinner, President Pat Lawler called the meeting to order at her home at 7:15 pm on February 17, 2015.

Minutes of January 20, 2015: The previously distributed corrected minutes were approved. After the meeting Karen Zimmerman agreed to take the minutes of the April meeting because Phil Coons will be absent.

Financial Report: Karen Zimmerman reported for Kathy Whalen. As of February 17, 2015 our balance was \$16,674.12 and net worth was \$16,674.12. The financial report was approved. See **February 17, 2015 Financial Report** on the website for details. We have 538 members currently. We discussed Betty Steed's donation to the club.

Bills to be Paid: The following bills were submitted for payment: Karen Zimmerman, \$523.43 for printing Feb/March schedule and membership roster; June Sergi, \$472.58 (\$429.80 for postage and \$42.78 for envelopes). The board approved payment of the bills.

Committee Reports:

Mileage and Membership: Mary Williams reported that we have two new members and thirteen late membership renewals. These were approved by the board. See **February 2015 Membership/Mileage Report** for details.

Publicity: Mike Khalil reported by email that the IHC will be represented two weekends at the Indianapolis Sports Show running from February 20 through March 1.

Pathfinder: No report.

Publications: Mary Burton has donated about \$350 worth of stamps which may be used club business.

Webmaster: We have had many cancellations due to inclement weather.

Electronic Media: Shannon Bennett reported that we have 64 Twitter followers and 604 Facebook *likes*.

Social: Joann reported that the club assembly is scheduled for 9-3-15.

Conservation: Trail maintenance on the Knobstone was cancelled, but another is planned. The B&O and Vandalia Trail were mentioned as possible projects, but the weather has to improve. The Greenway Foundation has an annual fundraiser next Tuesday.

Historian: Pat reported for Mary Ann. As of this date, 22 of 25 rooms for the spring outing at Spring Mill State Park have been rented. We have not rented a room for a group meal due to the expense.

Unfinished Business:

Member Retention: No further action.

Tracking Mileage/Recognition Awards: We discussed that when members renew they can indicate whether they want their miles tracked. They will still need to sign in at each hike. There was no vote on this issue. Chuck will solicit ideas for updated and new awards in the schedule and on Yahoo Groups.

Response to letters from members: The responses have been sent.

New Business:

New membership category for retired members: There are a number of long-term members who are elderly or no longer hiking. This issue was discussed and tabled as unfinished business.

Reinstatement fees: Already resolved.

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 March 17, 2015 at 6:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted Philip Coons.