

**Minutes**  
**Indianapolis Hiking Club Board Meeting**  
**Date: February 18, 2021**

President Mary Barbara Miller called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm via Zoom

**Present:** Marti Burton, Mervyn Cohen, Phil Coons, Harold Crooks, Anne Heighway, Pat Lawler, Mary Barbara Miller, Kae Ramey, Konnie Schlechte, Lori Showley, Susan Sievers, Phil Smith, Kathy Whalen, Rick Wortman, Ed Wright and Karen Zimmerman

**Minutes:** The revised minutes of the January 21, 2021 meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kathy Whalen reported a balance and net worth of \$19,822.50 as of February 18, 2021. The treasurer's report was approved.

**Bills** submitted for payment and approved by the Board:

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Barb Strite	\$26.90	Postage-Badges & member materials
Kae Ramey	\$1071.39	Printing-Roster, Trailblazer, Feb/Mar schedule
Kae Ramey	\$213.04	Printing-Roster, Trailblazer, Feb/Mar schedule
Kae Ramey	\$178.80	Postage-Roster, Trailblazer, Feb/Mar schedule
Kae Ramey	\$165.00	Postage-Roster, Trailblazer, Feb/Mar schedule
Kae Ramey	\$90.50	Postage-Roster, Trailblazer, Feb/Mar schedule

**Members**

New members – Swati Gunale, Kathy Hough, Samar Srour  
Current membership is 485 compared to 509 last year

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership**

In conjunction with last month's decision to remove the category of reinstated member, all references to the term "reinstatement" and "reinstated member" have been removed from the club website.

**Publicity**

Susan Sievers announced that Kae Ramey's B&O hikes will be added to the calendar included in the Hendricks Power e-newsletter. Marti Burton noticed the events calendar when she received the e-newsletter and provided Susan with the suggestion. Susan asked the board to look for similar opportunities in written and electronic correspondence they receive.

Ed Wright will activate the Meet Up site in conjunction with the April/May hiking schedule. Ed will incorporate suggestions from board members for the text that will appear on the club's Meet Up page.

### **Pathfinder**

Ed Wright and Jean Ballinger will begin work on the April/May schedule this week.

### **Publications**

Kae Ramey will request use of 20 lb weight paper for printing of all club documentation for mailing to help stabilize printing costs. The board will consider, for future discussion, the possibility of eliminating the mailing of the Trailblazer annually.

### **Electronic Media**

We have 2116 Facebook followers and 2064 Facebook likes.

### **Social**

Pat Lawler reported receiving a Thank You letter from Wheeler Mission for the cash donation received as a result of the club's canned food drive in December. With additional food collected, Pat was happy to report a total of nearly 800 pounds of canned goods donated by club members. Pat will lead further discussion on the annual picnic at the next board meeting, including the possibility of moving the date from July to October.

### **Historian**

Mervyn Cohen reported that he continues to work through all of the information provided to him, and that things are starting to fall into place for what will be a very comprehensive online history of the club. Mervyn also advised the board that longtime member Bob Kriz has offered to fund production of a printed booklet that outlines the highlights of the club's history. This is in addition to the hand-out materials (patches, etc.) that Bob is providing for club members at the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, which will be part of the annual awards banquet in December.

### **Discussion Items:**

1. Glee Crowder will reach the 50,000 miles hiked milestone in the next few weeks. A celebration to honor her accomplishment will be held at the Eagle Creek Park Earth Discovery Center prior to the Thursday morning hikes early in April. The event will be announced in the next schedule. Susan Sievers will work on potential media coverage. Pat Lawler will have a framed certificate of recognition to present to Glee, as well as a

photo mat available for club members to sign. David Kincaid will be asked to prepare and present a poem or story to mark the occasion. A google group message will be sent out to be sure club members are aware of the celebration.

2. Remaining discussion items from the agenda were tabled to the next meeting.

**Place and Time of Next Meeting:** The next board meeting will be Thursday, March 18, 2021, 1 pm, via Zoom.

The meeting adjourned at 2:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Konnie Schlechte, Secretary