

Minutes
Indianapolis Hiking Club
Date: 15th March 2016

Present: Janet Cohen, Mervyn Cohen, Anna Griffin, Mike Khalil, Pat Lawler, Phil Smith, Chuck Turner, Mary Williams, Karen Zimmerman

Vice President Phil Smith - called the meeting to order at 6.05pm, at Westlane Middle School. A quorum of 9 Board members was present.

Minutes The previously distributed corrected minutes of the electronic meeting dated 2.15.2016 were approved.

Financial Report: Karen Zimmerman reported for Kathy Whalen that as of 3.15.2016, 2016 our balance was \$14,855.32 and net worth was \$14,855.32. The financial report was approved unanimously.

Bills submitted for payment and approved by the Board were:

<u>Who</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Janet Cohen	\$100.00	Deposit paid to Excalibur Catering for 2016 Christmas dinner
Ed Wright	\$200.00	ICD Soft (Hong Kong) website renewal for two years
Mary Williams	\$67.41	Badges

Committee Reports:

Mileage and Membership:

New members approved by the Board are;

Dorcas Dillingham

Melina Elliott

Reinstated members approved by the Board are;

None

Karen Zimmerman reported for Kathy Whalen that current membership is 530 compared to 540 last year.

Publicity Mike Khalil reported:

- The club was represented by members at the recent Boat, Sport and travel show. Mike felt this was of value and should be continued. He suggested taking a photo album, rather than a photo board to this type of event in the future.
- He felt that the club should no longer be present at future Hoosier Outdoor Experience shows.

Pathfinder:

- The hiking schedule for April and May, with two changes, was approved unanimously.

Web master

- \$200.00 was paid for a 2 year renewal of the clubs website. Karen Zimmerman felt we could find a much cheaper rate in the future and that this should be explored

Social: Janet Cohen reported:

- The summer picnic is on the 23rd July 2016.
- Instead of exchanges of hiking gear, all IHC members will be asked to bring school items that can be donated to IPS school children.

Conservation – Chuck Turner reported

- He walked the Tecumseh and Knobstone trails and was saddened by the amount of forest logging.
- The petition to Governor Pence to reduce logging in State Forests is still ongoing. 10,000 signatures are needed. Hike leaders are encouraged to invite hikers to sign.

Publicity

- We have 824 facebook likes and 111 twitter followers.

Bicentennial Hikes

- Pat Lawler keeps the stamps and gives them to hike leaders as needed
- Passport books – there are still about 75 available and there is no need to order more at this time.

Unfinished Business:

- A motion to hold the 2016 Annual General Meeting at the Unitarian Church was approved unanimously.

New Business:

- Mike Khalil had previously distributed recommendations to improve the financial audit. These were briefly discussed. It was decided that the recommendations will again be sent to Board members for discussion and decisions at the next meeting

Place and Time of Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be at Westlane Middle School on 19th April, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7.15 pm.

Mervyn Cohen Secretary