

**Minutes**  
**Indianapolis Hiking Club Board Meeting**  
**Date: March 17, 2022**

President Lori Showley called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm

**Present:** Marti Burton, Mervyn Cohen, Sue Collins, Anne Heighway, Pat Lawler, John McShea, Mary Barbara Miller, Kae Ramey, Konnie Schlechte, Lori Showley, Kathy Whalen, Rick Wortman, Ed Wright and Marla Zinkan

**Minutes:** The final minutes of the February 17, 2022 meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kathy Whalen reported a balance and net worth of \$18,848.93 as of March 17, 2022. The treasurer's report was approved.

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

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Ed Wright	\$106.61	Website Renew + Domain Name (ICDSOFT.COM)
Marti Burton	\$92.87	Name Badges – 14
Konnie Schlechte	\$6.42	Get Well Cards

**Members**

New member – Debi Mitchell

Current membership is 532 compared to 491 last year.

**Committee Reports:**

**Conservation**

Welcome Dave Drzewiecki as our new conservation officer.

**Publicity**

Indianapolis Public Library requested nine copies of the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary book. Copies have also been distributed to Zionsville, Carmel and Greenwood libraries. Marla Zinkan, with help from other board members, will distribute additional copies to Fishers, Southport, Plainfield, Brownsburg, Avon and Wayne libraries.

Marla Zinkan and Cherie Voegel will host a slideshow presentation promoting the hiking club at the Greenwood Library on June 14. A club member received a request for a brief presentation about the hiking club for a Brownie troop meeting in Mooresville on April 4. Marti Burton has offered to represent the club.

## **Pathfinder**

The April/May hike schedule was approved. Ed Wright will add the schedule to the club website tomorrow, March 18. Marla Zinkan will assist Ed with posting select hikes from the new schedule to Meet Up.

## **Electronic Media**

We have 2440 Facebook followers and 2337 Facebook likes.

## **Social**

After discussion, it was agreed that the tradition of the President's cane should continue. Pat Lawler is in the process of getting the cane updated to include all past presidents. The board will make a better effort to display the cane at club events and will transfer ownership to the incoming president at the General Assembly meeting in September.

## **Historian**

Mervyn Cohen offered a thank you to Anne Heighway for digitizing many historical documents from Mary Ann Layman. Mervyn will send out a history fact about the club via google groups each month.

Eagle Creek Park celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Phil Smith and Mervyn made a presentation to the Eagle Creek Foundation to propose the creation of a history book. The idea was well received and Phil, Mervyn and three members of the Foundation will collaborate on the book.

## **Discussion Items:**

1. It is imperative to recruit someone with programming background to assist and ultimately replace Bob Hackenberg. Phil Smith will chair a small group to begin this process.
2. The April meeting will be electronic to accommodate those board members attending the Smoky Mountains trip. The May meeting will be held as scheduled, but the June/July hike schedule will need to be approved early via email vote.

**Place and Time of Next Meeting:** The next board meeting will be April 21, 2022, and will be an electronic meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Konnie Schlechte, Secretary