

Minutes
Indianapolis Hiking Club
Date: 21nd March 2017

Present: Janet Cohen, Mervyn Cohen, Philip Coons, Harold Crooks, Rena Elsner, Mike Khalil, Jackie King, Pat Lawler, Narcissio Povinelli, Sally Sandman, Phil Smith, Barb Strite, Chuck Turner, Kathy Whalen, Ed Wright, Karen Zimmerman.

President Phil Smith - called the meeting to order at 6:00pm at Westlane Middle School.

Minutes The previously distributed corrected minutes of 21st February were approved.

Financial Report: Kathy Whalen reported that as of 21st March, 2017 our balance was \$13,879.00 and net worth was \$13,879.00. The financial report was approved.

Bills submitted for payment and approved by the Board were:

<u>Who</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Barb Strite	\$28.08	Awards: Mileage badges
Karen Zimmerman	\$21.39	Publicity business cards
	\$281.92	Publicity rack cards
Sally Sandman	\$27.82	Printing

Committee Reports:

Mileage and Membership

New members approved by the Board are;

Jim Goulding, Lisa Hunter, and Nancy Goldfarb.

Reinstated members approved by the Board are;

None

Kathy Whalen reported that current membership is 533 compared to 530 last year.

Publicity

Mike Khalil asked for volunteers to staff a table at the CNO financial health fair on Friday 12th May from 10.30am to 1.30pm.

Pat Lawler suggested that the Hiking Club have a table at the next Black Expo event.

The hiking Club will not have a table at the Hoosier Outdoor event in June. Previous experience does not warrant this.

Phil Smith volunteered to give a talk about the Hiking Club at the Fishers library.

Pathfinder

The Board approved the schedule for April/May 2017.

Publications

Sally Sandman has printed new Hike Attendance Sheets with Karen Zimmerman's new address.

Web master

Ed Wright reported that the club web site is up to date.

Electronic Media:

We have 1100 facebook Likes and 140 Twitter followers

Social

Janet Cohen reported that plans are in place for the Summer picnic. In addition to asking for donations of school supplies we will ask for children's picture dictionaries to aid Exodus in teaching English to new immigrants.

Chuck Turner will get free park entry passes for those attending the picnic.

Conservation

Chuck Turner reported:

The VA project in Crown Hill Cemetery, which would tear down very old trees, has been put on hold, pending further discussion

Recognition and Awards

These were presented by Karen Zimmerman

Action Items

- a. *The Indiana Forest Alliance is interested in hiking with our Hiking Club to increase awareness of tree removal in the State Forests. The Board decided to request the Alliance to organize the hike. It would not be listed in our hike schedule, but hiking club members would be sent a Yahoo email, encouraging them to join the hike.*
- b. *Promotion of commercial products.*
The club has been asked to promote a commercial product. After discussion, the following motion was presented:

New Policy

Phil Smith proposed and Jackie King seconded a motion.

The Indianapolis Hiking Club does not endorse or promote specific products.

The Board approved the motion by a vote of 15 to zero.

c. Use of the *roster of active club members*

There was discussion regarding the use of the club member roster for advertising. To help avoid misuse of this annual member list is currently only distributed to members by regular mail and it is not available electronically.

New Policy

Phil Smith proposed and Rena Elsner seconded a motion.

The use of the information in the roster of active hiking club members for commercial or personal solicitations and the conversion of directory information to digital media is strictly prohibited.

The Board approved the motion by a vote of 15 to zero.

The statement will be included on the next 2018 roster in January 2018

Other Business:

- a. Service dogs – this was discussed last month. Phil Smith has contacted the lady concerned, verified that her dog is a trained service dog and informed her in a letter that she and her service dog are welcome on any hikes. It is not known if she has yet participated in a hike
- b. Non recording of hike mileage. The policy adopted last month is in the president's message of the April/May hike schedule

Place and Time of Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be at Westlane Middle School on 18th April, 2017 at 6:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Mervyn Cohen Secretary