

Minutes
Indianapolis Hiking Club
Date: 19th April 2016

Present: Marty Applegate, Janet Cohen, Mervyn Cohen , Philip Coons, John Gaebler, Anna Griffin, Mike Khalil, Pat Lawler, Phil Smith, Chuck Turner, Kathy Whalen, Ed Wright, Karen Zimmerman

President John Gaebler - called the meeting to order at 6.00pm at Westlane Middle School.

Minutes The previously distributed corrected minutes of 15th March 2016 were approved.

Financial Report: Kathy Whalen reported that as of date, 2016 our balance was \$14,575.41 and net worth was \$14,575.41. The financial report was approved.

Bills submitted for payment and approved by the Board were:

<u>Who</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Phil Smith	\$210.58	Printing of April/May schedule
Kathy Whalen	\$36.16	Purchase of 250 mailing envelopes
June Sergi	\$172.80	Postage for April/May schedule
Karen Zimmerman	\$165.00	Patches

Phil Smith proposed and Mike Khalil seconded a motion

The president or his designee will review the original IHC bank statements and check register every quarter as part of the quarter financial report. This review will include an audit of expenses approved by the IHC Board during the past quarter as compared to the check register and original bank statements from that quarter. The president will report the results of this audit during the quarter financial report to the IHC Board at the next regularly-scheduled Board meeting following the end of the quarter.

The Board approved the motion by a vote of 13 – 0.

The Board discussed options for reducing costs of printing and mailing hike schedules.

Committee Reports:

Mileage and Membership:

New members approved by the Board are;

Dave Curtiss, Dianne Curtiss, Jamey Daugherty, Marilyn Durst Bishop, Mary Kay Murray, Mike Shipman, Nancy Shipman.

Reinstated members approved by the Board are;

David Howe, Therese Howe. Judy Pike

Kathy Whalen reported that current membership is 534 compared to 545 last year.

Publicity

There were good articles in Geist magazine and the Indy Star about the Hiking Club. Mike will attend health Fairs at Dow and CNO financial in May. E mails were received from Mayor Hogsett's office that he would like a hike with the Club. We will reply and give him several options. Pat Lawler received a message from 'reconnecting Indy waterways'. They would like to connect with us. Pat will send them our schedule.

Pathfinder - No report

Publications - No report

Web master

- Karen Zimmerman reported that a new database on a web server was ready to go live. Miles will be kept on the old data base as well, until the end of the year. Hikers would be able to review miles and hike location of club members.

Phil Smith proposed and Phil Coons seconded a motion"

The online, web based, Hiking Club mileage record be placed on the Hiking Club website. Any Club member can opt out of having their mileage displayed. They can also opt out of having their mileage recorded.

The Board approved the motion by a vote of 13 – 0.

Electronic Media:

- We have 886 facebook Likes and 114 Twitter followers

Social

- The annual picnic is confirmed. Members will be asked to bring donations of school items to the picnic. This information will be included in the hike schedule
- Suggestions were made to the social secretary for speakers for the AGM

Conservation

- Chuck Turner reported that he has reached agreement with Eagle Creek Park for the Hiking Club to maintain the Coffey Dam trail (this is below the ornithology center) in return for free access to some Park facilities.
The full agreement is attached.
- On May 7th the Broad Ripple farmers market will be giving out free trees.

Bicentennial Hikes

- These are going well. Four have been completed

Unfinished Business:

- Old minutes had left the situation regarding dog hikes unclear

Ed Wright proposed and Chuck Turner seconded a motion

“The Board resolves that pet hikes be permitted subject to the following conditions. The leader will ensure that all pet owners sign the liability release on the pet hike attendance record (this is attached to the minutes) and follow the rules outlined on the form, including, all pets must have a valid rabies tag, pets must be leashed and the leader has the authority to dismiss any misbehaving pets.”

The Board approved the motion by a vote of 13 – 0.

New Business: None

Place and Time of Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be at Westlane Middle School on 17th May 2016, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7.55 pm.

Mervyn Cohen Secretary