

**Minutes
Indianapolis Hiking Club
April 21, 2015**

Present: Jean Ballinger, Jeff Edmonson, Mike Khalil, Mary Ann Layman, Pat Lawler, Kathy Oguss, Mick Parker, JoAnne Starzyk, Chuck Turner, Kathy Whalen, Mary Williams, Ed Wright, Karen Zimmerman

President Pat Lawler called the meeting to order at her home at 6:30 pm on April 21, 2015.

Minutes of March 17, 2015:The previously distributed corrected minutes were approved.

Financial Report: Kathy Whalen reported that as of April 21, 2015 our balance was \$15,781.51 and net worth was \$15,781.51. The financial report was approved. We have 20 fewer members now than at this time last year. Currently we have 517 renewed and 28 new for a total of 545.

Bills to be Paid:

The following bills were submitted for payment: June Sergi (\$57.76 supplies) and Karen Zimmerman (\$226.43 printing) for a total of \$284.19. The board approved payment of the bills.

Committee Reports:

Mileage and Membership: Mary Williams reported that we have two new members and one late renewal. These were approved by the board.

Publicity: Mike reported on an email he sent earlier that Allison Transmission will be having a health fair for its employees on Wednesday, July 22, 2015. The Hoosier Outdoor Experience will be held in September.

Pathfinder: No report. The next schedule should list the nominating committee.

Publications: No report.

Webmaster: No report.

Electronic Media: No report.

Social: JoAnne has reserved Shelter A for the annual picnic July 25. There will be chicken and drinks provided. She has requested the 501c 50% reduction of the meeting fee for the annual meeting Wednesday September 2, 2015. The annual Christmas Party will be Sunday December 6. The same hall and caterer are available.

Conservation: There have been a few ideas for awards: 1) one hike leader per hike; 2) a mileage award based on age; 3) best new hike; 4) a more formal presentation of awards

ceremony. Had a maintenance hike. Proposed to board that we pursue adopting a trail on the west side of Eagle Creek reservoir.

Historian: Trees are down in Mary Bird Sanctuary where there will be a May 16th hike. There will be a Labor Day weekend hike September 3-5, 2016 at Starved Rock Lodge, Illinois.

Unfinished Business:

Tracking mileage and recognition and awards: Tabled again from last board meeting.

New Business:

Future events: There was discussion about have a gear sale/swap at the annual picnic. A committee will explore the possibility of recreating the Walk Across Indiana in 2016 to celebrate Indiana's bicentennial.

Place and Time of Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be at the home of Pat Lawler (8704 Sunningdale Blvd., Indianapolis, IN 46234) on May 19, 2015 at 6:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Zimmerman on behalf of Philip Coons.