

Minutes
Indianapolis Hiking Club Board Meeting
Date: April 25, 2024

President Debbie Bucholz called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Present: Jean Ballinger, Kathy Braun, Debbie Bucholz, Marti Burton, Phil Coons, Marian Fahy, Annie Falvey, Pat Lawler, John McShea, Kae Ramey, Konnie Schlechte, Lori Showley, and Kathy Whalen

Minutes: The revised minutes of the March 21, 2024 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Whalen reported a balance and net worth of \$23,058.65 as of April 25, 2024. In addition, Kathy submitted the 2023-24 Second Quarter Budget Worksheet. Of the \$19,910.00 budgeted for expenses, an additional \$2725.37 was spent in the second quarter, for a total of \$10,761.23 in actual expenses so far this year. Of the \$19,750.00 budgeted as income, an additional \$565.00 was collected in the second quarter, which exceeds the proposed total income for the year. The treasurer's reports were approved.

Bills submitted for payment and approved by the Board:

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Rick Wortman	\$94.00	Application for Earth Day Festival
Marian Fahy	\$6.45	Copies for submission 990
Marian Fahy	\$150.00	Filing 990 for year ending 9/30/21
Kae Ramey	\$99.02	Printing Mar/Apr schedule
Kae Ramey	\$42.67	Envelopes Mar/Apr schedule
Kae Ramey	\$98.60	Postage Mar/Apr schedule
Kae Ramey	\$70.55	Postage Mar/Apr schedule
Marti Burton	\$26.73	Cards/Envelopes – Membership correspondence
Mervyn Cohen	\$192.74	Schedule Scanning

Members

New members – Karen Anttila, Mary Ann King, Kelly Royal, Brittany Southworth, and Audrey Taylor

Current membership is 530 compared to 536 last year

Committee Reports:

Pathfinder

June/July hikes have been requested. Ed Wright and Jean Ballinger are currently building the

new schedule.

Webmaster

Ed reported the website is currently up to date. Regarding the Website Security project, Ed provided this update - except for most CGI scripts (custom Perl code), conversion of http links to https for the rest of the website is complete.

Mileage/Database

John McShea reported 54,896 miles have been hiked to date this club year. The average hike is 5.72 miles.

Publicity

In Rick's absence, Debbie Bucholz reported the club will again participate in the Earth Day Festival at Garfield Park. The event is June 1, 11 am-5 pm. Debbie will lead a 5 mile hike that will begin at 9 am. Also, the Peace Learning Center will have "gratitude hikes" as part of an event in November. Rick Wortman or Debbie Bucholz will follow up with the organization to determine if there is a role for the hiking club.

Electronic Media

We have 3385 Facebook followers. Phil Coons advised that he has received 3 photo albums that belonged to our dear friend Narcisso Povinelli. Phil will begin sorting through and posting photos.

Social

Annie Falvey reported that the Winter Banquet will be held on Saturday, January 11, 2025, at St. Therese Little Flower Catholic Church, 4720 E 13th St, Indianapolis IN 46201. The event will be in the cafeteria, which has seating for up to 300. The fee is \$300 and includes use of the sound system. The Summer Picnic will be Saturday, July 27, 2024, at Eagle Creek Park. Fried chicken will be provided and everyone will be asked to bring a dish to share. The General Assembly will be either Thursday, September 5 or Thursday, September 12, 2024, at Unitarian Universalist Church, 615 W. 43rd Street, Indianapolis. Pat Lawler is checking availability. John McShea will be the guest speaker and talk about his trip on the Camino.

Historian

Mervyn Cohen sent a report that the digitization of all paper hiking schedules is complete.

Discussion Items:

1. Debbie Bucholz provided an update from the technology committee meeting April 11, 2024. The next project the committee is looking at is online payments. Bank fees are being researched and a 4-question survey is going out to the membership. The next meeting is May 9, 2024 and the next topic on the committee's agenda is online form fill.
2. Marian Fahy advised that the IRS notice regarding the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021, has been resolved without a penalty. The missing 990 was filed electronically. The costs associated with this are included in Bills to be Paid listed previously.
3. Marti Burton will follow up with the Eagle Creek Foundation regarding donations made by club members for benches in memory of Joann Applegate and Narcisso Povinelli. Marti will also confirm the current bench prices.
4. Konnie Schlechte provided a summary of another successful Smoky Mountains club trip. During the three days, there were 10 hikes, led by 4 different leaders. 40 members and guests attended a group dinner at the Appalachian Clubhouse.
5. Marian Fahy meets with Kathy Whalen quarterly to review every club expense for documentation and board approval.
6. Debbie Bucholz stated she will be forming a nominating committee in May. Debbie has asked board members to advise if they plan to stay in their current role. A discussion on term limits will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Place and Time of Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be Thursday, May 16, 2024, 1 pm, at John Knox Presbyterian Church, 3000 N. High School Rd, Speedway, IN 46224.

The meeting adjourned at 1:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Konnie Schlechte, Secretary