

Minutes
Indianapolis Hiking Club Board Meeting
Date: April 27, 2023

President Rick Wortman called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm

Present: Jean Ballinger, Kathy Braun, Debbie Bucholz, Marti Burton, Mervyn Cohen, Phil Coons, Pat Lawler, John McShea, Kae Ramey, Konnie Schlechte, Lori Showley, Lorraine Smith, Kathy Whalen, Rick Wortman, and Ed Wright

Minutes: The minutes of the March 16, 2023 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Whalen reported a balance and net worth of \$18,209.62 as of April 27, 2023. In addition, Kathy submitted the 2022-23 Second Quarter budget worksheet. Of the \$17,302.31 budgeted for expenses, an additional \$3375.17 was spent in the second quarter, leaving a balance of \$8409.65. Of the \$14,335.00 budgeted as income, an additional \$1525.00 was collected, leaving a balance of \$251.00 to reach projection. The treasurer's reports were approved.

Bills submitted for payment and approved by the Board:

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Ed Wright	\$98.94	MeetUp – 6 months
Kae Ramey	\$637.96	Printing - Apr/May schedule
Kae Ramey	\$160.68	Postage - April/May schedule
Marti Burton	\$10.80	Postage - Membership

Members

New members – Linda Abbenhaus, Cheryl Halik, Martha Rivera June, Kathy Kreuzman, Wayne Osborne, Jane Rapinchuk, Janie Westermeier
Current membership is 536 compared to 533 last year.

Committee Reports:

Pathfinder

Preparation of the June/July schedule is underway.

Publicity

In Marla Zinkan's absence, Debbie Bucholz shared information on the Earth Day Indiana Festival at Garfield Park, June 3, 2023, 11 am – 5 pm. The festival has over 110 exhibitors, live music, food trucks, a beer garden and is free to the public. The charge for exhibitor space is \$75 and Marla offered to man the booth if the club chooses to participate.

Electronic Media

We have 2715 Facebook followers

Social

Pat Lawler asked for “fun” ideas for the Summer Picnic. Ed Wright will ask Bob Kriz if he would be willing to grill hot dogs again, with an understanding that Bob would be reimbursed for his expenses. As is our tradition, the membership will be asked to donate school supplies and a suggested list will be in the picnic write-up in the next schedule. Pat will contact Jeff Roberts to ask if he would be willing to be our speaker at the General Assembly meeting, providing a presentation of his Honor Flight experience last year. A caterer needs to be secured for the Winter Banquet. In addition, the current venue of this event (Weilhammer Hall at Nativity Catholic Church) is increasing their rental rates from \$60 to \$150 per hour. The \$60 rate is locked in for our reserved date this year, 12/3/23. We will need to explore venue options for the future. Pat will discuss this with Unitarian Universalist Church of Indiana, (Pat's church) where we hold the General Assembly meeting. John Knox Presbyterian Church has a large room with attached kitchen that is currently rented for \$200 for a full day.

Discussion Items:

1. After further discussion of the Indiana Earth Day Festival, Lori Showley made a motion to pay the \$75 fee and participate in the event. Debbie Bucholz provided the second and the board vote was unanimous to approve. There was a suggestion to hand out the 65th anniversary booklet to those who visit the IHC booth. Debbie Bucholz will schedule a hike at Garfield Park that day at 9 am, which will conclude at the park as the festival begins.
2. As the effort to find a good quality, reasonably priced caterer for the Winter Banquet continues, it was suggested that we poll our club membership to see if anyone has a personal connection or has had a positive experience with a catering service. Konnie Schlechte will send out a google group message and compile the results for the next board meeting. The hope is to find a “forever caterer” that we can use each year.

3. Rick Wortman will send out a google group message regarding a change in parking location for the Thursday Eagle Creek hikes. It will be effective May 4 only.
4. Debbie Bucholz reported that she currently has 20 club members signed up as volunteers for the 500 parade, and 20 have purchased tickets for the Indians game June 4. Debbie will send a follow up google group message soon.
5. Konnie Schlechte reported a successful Smokies trip, with 50+ people attending. Over the 3 day trip, 6 different leaders offered 14 hiking options from easy to challenging.

Place and Time of Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be May 18, 2023, 1 pm, at John Knox Presbyterian Church, 3000 N. High School Rd, Speedway, IN 46224.

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Konnie Schlechte, Secretary