

Minutes
Indianapolis Hiking Club Board Meeting
Date: May 16, 2024

President Debbie Bucholz called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm.

Present: Jean Ballinger, Kathy Braun, Debbie Bucholz, Marti Burton, Mervyn Cohen, Phil Coons, Marian Fahy, Annie Falvey, Mary Barbara Miller, Kae Ramey, Konnie Schlechte, Lori Showley, Kathy Whalen, Rick Wortman and Ed Wright

Minutes: The revised minutes of the April 25, 2024 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Whalen reported a balance and net worth of \$22,437.89 as of May 16, 2024. The treasurer's report was approved.

Bills submitted for payment and approved by the Board:

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Rick Wortman	\$73.81	Publicity/Rack Cards

Members

New members – Joe Hartwell, Kathie Hartwell, Tara Hemami, Mimi Jacobs, Laurell Kinnaman, Shari Lawyer, John Wagner

Current membership is 536 compared to 543 last year.

Committee Reports:

Pathfinder

Ed Wright and Jean Ballinger presented the June/July hike schedule and it was approved by the Board.

Webmaster

Ed stated the June/July schedule will be posted online this evening. Ed discussed the difficulty of posting photos to the website and it was suggested that a programming change could improve the process. In the meantime, Ed will add instructions to the website to send photos to Phil Coons for posting on the club's Facebook page.

Publicity

Rick Wortman stated preparations are complete for the club's participation in the Earth Day Festival at Garfield Park, Saturday, June 1, 11-5. Debbie Bucholz will lead a club hike at 9 am. Rick has a call scheduled this afternoon to discuss gratitude hikes with the Peace Learning Center for a possible event in November.

Electronic Media

We have 3426 Facebook followers.

Publications

Kae Ramey will get the new schedule printed and mailed out.

Social

Annie Falvey reviewed the new location for the Winter Banquet. Annie added that Kathy Whalen has agreed to pick up the fried chicken for the Summer Picnic, and that a speaker is lined up for the General Assembly meeting.

Historian

Mervyn Cohen reported that the scanning project is complete. Hike schedules will be added to the website in one-year increments.

Discussion Items:

1. Debbie Bucholz provided an update from the May technology committee meeting. All website pages are now secure. In a couple of weeks, all links from the website (other than external links) will be secure. Debbie discussed the results of the online payments survey that was sent to all members. Online form fill will be the next consideration by the committee, with the goal of new members being able to sign up and pay their dues at the same time.
2. Marian Fahy and Kathy Whalen met to review January-March expenditures. Marian reported there were no exceptions.
3. Memorial hikes for Joann Applegate will take place before the club picnic in July, and each group (3, 4 and 5 mile) will pass the location of Joann's bench. Narcisso Povinelli's bench will be near Lilly Lake. Jean Ballinger will ask Marthene Kohlmeyer to lead a weekend hike in memory of Narcisso after the bench is in

place. (Since the meeting, Jean has advised the board that Marthene is planning the hike for Saturday, August 10.) Edeltraud Evans will lead a memorial hike at Yellowwood in September.

4. Mike Lindstedt, Cherie Voege and Delaram Moghaddam will serve on the nominating committee for the election of officers for the 2024-25 club year. Kathy Whalen will vacate her position as treasurer, and it was proposed that Marian Fahy, vice president, assume the duties of treasurer, rather than stepping into the role of president. Debbie Bucholz indicated she is willing to serve another term as president, if needed. Kathy Braun, Mary Barbara Miller and Lori Showley will vacate their positions as directors, and Kathy Whalen has offered to fill one of the positions. Debbie will discuss the open positions with the nominating committee (President, Vice President, and two Directors), and request that they also look for someone with an interest in assuming some webmaster duties.
5. A concern was raised about a non-member who was physically unable to complete two hikes at Eagle Creek. Item 10D of the Hike Leader Guidelines gives leaders the authority to discuss options with any hiker they believe may have difficulty.

Place and Time of Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be Thursday, June 20, 2024, 1 pm, at John Knox Presbyterian Church, 3000 N. High School Rd, Speedway, IN 46224.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Konnie Schlechte, Secretary