

**Minutes**  
**Indianapolis Hiking Club**  
**Date: May 17, 2016**

**Present:** Marty Applegate, Jean Ballinger, Philip Coons, Rena Elsner, Anna Griffin, Mike Khalil, Pat Lawler, Phil Smith, Chuck Turner, Kathy Whalen, Mary Williams, Ed Wright, Karen Zimmerman

Vice-president Phil Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00PM at Westlane Middle School.

**Minutes:** The previously distributed corrected minutes of April 19, 2016 were approved.

**Financial Report:** Kathy Whalen reported that as of May 17, 2016 our balance was \$14,283.37 and net worth was \$14,283.37. The financial report was approved.

Bills submitted for payment and approved by the Board were:

<u>Who</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Mary Williams	\$106.73	badges	mileage

As decided previously by the Board, John Gaebler reviewed the original Hiking Club bank statement and check registers kept by the Treasurer for January through March, 2016. They were compared with expenses approved by the hiking club board during that quarter and no discrepancies were found.

**Committee Reports:**

**Mileage and Membership:**

- New members approved by the Board were;  
Darla Davis, Linda Force, Judie Hansen, Debora Trice and Sandy Turner
- There were no reinstated members.

Karen Zimmerman reported that the current membership is 544 compared to 548 last year at the same time.

**Publicity**

- Mike Khalil reported that he submitted the permit application to the State Parks for the bicentennial hikes occurring in the second half of the year. The application was approved. As previously approved by the board, this carries a \$25.00 fee.
- Mike Khalil will also attend health fairs at Dow Agri Sciences and CNO Financial Group on behalf of the Indianapolis Hiking Club.

- An email was sent to Mayor Hogsett's office responding to his inquiry about possibly attending some hikes but no response has been received.

### **Pathfinder**

- The June/July hiking schedule was approved.

### **Publications**

- No report was presented.

### **Web master**

Ed Wright reported that due to some last minute revisions, the schedule might be a day or so late.

### **Electronic Media:**

- We have 905 facebook Likes and 125 Twitter followers

### **Social**

- The board was reminded that we will ask members to bring school supplies for distribution to schools in need to the picnic. A more detailed notice along with what type of food to bring to the picnic will follow at a later date.
- Kevin Carlson, manger of the Ornithology Center at Eagle Creek Park will be the keynote speaker at the fall annual meeting.

### **Conservation**

- The Indiana Forest Alliance sent a thank you note for the signatures on their petition regarding logging.
- The Indiana Forest Alliance asked for volunteers in a booth at the State Fair from August 5-August 21, 2016. The Board agreed that they will not contribute to the booth rental but will provide information to Club Members who wish to volunteer.
- One maintenance hike at Eagle Creek Park has been completed. A second one will be on the next schedule.

### **Recognition and Awards**

- Mary Williams distributed mileage badges to board members to present to recipients at hikes.

### **Bicentennial Hikes**

- Attendance at out of town bicentennial hikes has been better than expected.
- There will be 6 bicentennial hikes in June and July.

**Unfinished Business:** no report was presented.

**New Business:** The 2016/2017 nominating committee members are: Rena Elner, Marty Burton and Narcisso Povinelli. At the time of the meeting Sally Sandman had agreed to serve as publications chairperson, Barb Strite as membership chairperson, and Narcissi Povinelli and Harold Crooks as members at large. The position of vice president was still open.

Bob Hackenburg attended the meeting as an invited guest and the Board thanked him and Karen Zimmerman for all the work they have done related to the mileage database and website. Bob explained that he was working on an easier way to program and enter mileage. Eventually, designated volunteers will be able to enter mileage directly relieving some of the burden on the mileage keeper. Bob is also working on a utility that will also members to see which hikes and mileage have been reported and which have not. Future developments could also include a utility that will build the hike schedules and statistical ad hoc reporting.

**Place and Time of Next Meeting:** The next board meeting will be at Westlane Middle School on June 21, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 PM.

Anna Griffin on behalf of Mervyn Cohen, Secretary

Name proposed and Name seconded a motion

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The Board approved the motion by a vote of enter