

Minutes
Indianapolis Hiking Club Board Meeting
July 17 2018

Present: Jean Ballinger, Marti Burton, Philip Coons, Jackie King, Mary Ladd, Pat Lawler, Phil Smith, Barb Strite, Chuck Turner, Kathy Whalen, Ed Wright, Karen Zimmerman

President Jackie King called the meeting to order at 6.00pm at the MCL Cafeteria.

Minutes: The previously distributed minutes of June 2018 were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Whalen reported that as of 17th July 2018 our balance was \$14,383.38 and net worth was \$14,383.38. The financial report was approved unanimously. The Quarterly Treasurer's Report was submitted. We are in good shape financially. Bills submitted for payment and approved by the Board were: Barb Strite, postage \$30.64 and badges \$77.20 for a total of \$107.84.

Committee Reports:

Publicity: We received an email regarding the Boy Scouts building a bench in Morgan Monroe State Forest. Their request for donations will be placed on the IHC Yahoo message board. Phil Smith has been asked to give a talk at the Murat Shrine meeting of September 11.

Pathfinder: The August/September Hiking Schedule was approved. It will be online on Wednesday and will be sent to Sally Sandman (Schedule Mailing) and Bob Hackenberg (set up website Database) by Friday.

Publications: No report.

Mileage and Membership: 12 badges and 14 patches are to be distributed. We have 3 new members (Midge Decker, Amy Thomas, and Lisa Tudor) and one reinstated member (Mary Ann Cline). As of this date we have 561 hiking club members.

Webmaster: A committee is working on making our website technology infrastructure more sustainable.

Electronic Media: We have 1304 Facebook Likes and 159 Twitter followers. The club has received a photo album of hikes from Dick Underwood. Some of the photos will be posted on our Facebook page.

Social: The General Assembly is scheduled for September 13th at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Indianapolis. A speaker has been arranged for this meeting. The annual picnic is on July 28th at Eagle Creek Park. Pat Lawler needs help for setting up at the picnic. Folks should bring their own tableware. Pat Lawler will bring ice.

Conservation: Attendance at trail maintenance hikes has been low. We may give up the trail maintenance hike at Morgan Monroe State Forest. There are problems building a bridge on the Boy Scout Trail at Eagle Creek Park. We may combine a trail maintenance hike with the 5-mile hike at Eagle Creek Park on Thursdays. Notice of a Forest Foragers Feast will be placed on our IHC Yahoo message board.

Current Business:

Indianapolis hiking club memorials and honorariums:

Marti Burton proposed the following “Any unspecified donations made to the Indianapolis Hiking Club as memorials or honorariums will be set aside in a Memorial Fund. Donations will not be used as operating funds for the Hiking Club. Funds will be disbursed solely at the discretion of the Board.” This policy was approved unanimously by the Board.

Mileage Accrual: The Board had a lengthy discussion which was tabled until our next meeting. We need to develop a policy. The main issue is whether a policy can be developed to allow mileage to be accrued on limited enrollment hikes, i.e., a hike that is not open to everyone.

Place and Time of Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be at the MCL Cafeteria at 86th and Township Line Road on August 21st at 6:00 pm. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Philip Coons acting for Mervyn Cohen, IHC Sec.