

**Minutes**  
**Indianapolis Hiking Club Board Meeting**  
**Date: July 18, 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, Dave Drzewiecki, Marian Fahy, Annie Falvey, Mary Barbara Miller, Konnie Schlechte, Lori Showley, Kathy Whalen, and Ed Wright

Debbie opened the meeting with an announcement that Janie Westermeier has agreed to take on the Meet Up responsibilities of the Publicity officer. Debbie is hopeful that Janie will agree to assume the full role for the next club year.

**Minutes:** The revised minutes of the June 20, 2024 meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kathy Whalen reported a balance and net worth of \$22,496.90 as of July 18, 2024. The treasurer's report was approved. In addition, Kathy submitted the 2023-24 Third Quarter Budget Worksheet. Of the \$19,910.00 budgeted for expense, an additional \$1171.75 was spent in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, for a total of \$11,932.98 in actual expenses year to date. Of the \$19,750.00 budgeted as income, an additional \$610.00 was collected in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. We have surpassed the proposed income by \$860.00. The quarterly report was approved with an added line item for admin expenses.

**Bills** submitted for payment and approved by the Board:

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Marti Burton	\$80.25	Badges, Mileage (12)
Konnie Schlechte	\$13.91	Admin Supplies – cards
Konnie Schlechte	\$13.60	Admin Supplies - stamps

**Members**

New members – Peter Benner, Heidi Studebaker, Adrienne Takacs  
Current membership is 554 compared to 559 last year.

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership**

Marti Burton offered a reminder that the dues collected from new members joining in August and September will cover their dues for next year as well.

## **Pathfinder**

Ed Wright and Jean Ballinger presented the August/September hike schedule, and it was approved by the Board. The schedule will include additions of a club trip in October led by Kelley Hale, and a Thursday afternoon weekly hike led by Martha Rivera June.

## **Webmaster**

Ed will post the new schedule to the website by end of day Friday. Ed Wright, Debbie Bucholz and Paul Klimowich are meeting following the board meeting to discuss Webmaster duties.

## **Mileage**

John McShea provided the following stats as of July 17, 2024: Total miles hiked = 77,826; Individual hiker hikes = 13,580; Average hike length = 5.73

## **Publicity**

In the absence of a publicity officer, Debbie Bucholz asked the directors for help with the Penrod Arts Fair booth, Saturday, September 7, 2024. A tent is needed, along with volunteers to work in the booth.

There will be a price increase of \$30 for Meet Up, (effective with the first renewal in 2025,) from \$98 to \$128 for a 6-month membership. There will be future board discussion to determine if we will continue with Meet Up.

## **Electronic Media**

We have 3575 Facebook followers.

## **Social**

The annual club picnic is Saturday, July 27. Annie Falvey reported that again this year the club will provide fried chicken and drinks. (It was agreed that water is sufficient.) Members have been asked to bring a side dish or dessert to share. We will also collect school supplies again. Entry to the park is free by informing the gate attendant that you are a member of the club.

## **Historian**

For the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the club, we recreated what was thought to be the first club hike at Holliday Park. Mervyn Cohen reported that the first club hike (January 1957) was actually in Spades and Brookside Parks. We will observe the “correct” location of the first hike as we celebrate the club’s 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Mervyn shared a copy of the first hike schedule, dated February 15, 1957.

## **Discussion Items:**

1. Marian Fahy reported that there is no need to annually update our list of officers on INBIZ. In fact, she learned the original incorporating officers list cannot be changed. Kathy Whalen is correctly listed as the current registered agent.
2. Debbie Bucholz reported the next step for the technology committee is online form processing. They are still working slowly on accepting electronic payments. Debbie and Marian are meeting for further discussion of this topic.
3. Debbie Bucholz read the 2024-25 proposed slate of officers as recommended by the nominating committee: Debbie Bucholz, President; Susan Hunt, Vice President; Konnie Schlechte, Secretary; Marian Fahy, Treasurer; Jean Ballinger and Ed Wright, Pathfinders; Martha Rivera June, Pat Lawler, Karen LeClerc and Kathy Whalen, Directors. In an email vote conducted after the meeting, Konnie Schlechte made a motion to accept the slate of officers as presented by the nominating committee. Annie Falvey provided the second, and the proposed slate was approved by the board.

**Place and Time of Next Meeting:** The next board meeting will be Thursday, August 15, 2024, 1 pm, at John Knox Presbyterian Church, 3000 N. High School Rd, Speedway, IN 46224.

The meeting adjourned at 2:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Konnie Schlechte, Secretary