

**Minutes**  
**Indianapolis Hiking Club**  
**Date: 21<sup>st</sup> August 2018**

**Present:** Marti Burton, Mervyn Cohen, Harold Crooks, Mike Khalil, Mary Ladd, Pat Lawler, Sally Sandman, Phil Smith, Barb Strite, Kathy Whalen, Ed Wright, Karen Zimmerman.

Vice President Phil Smith - called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm at MCL Cafeteria, 2370 W. 86th Street.

**Minutes** The previously distributed corrected minutes of 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018 were approved.

**Financial Report:** Kathy Whalen reported that as of 21<sup>st</sup> August 2018 our balance was \$13,345.54 and net worth was \$13,345.54. The financial report was approved.

Bills submitted for payment and approved by the Board were:

<u>Who</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Sally Sandman	\$190.06	Printing
	\$198.80	Postage
Marti Burton	\$149.31	Chicken for annual Club picnic
Pat Lawler	\$31.25	Annual Club picnic expenses

**Committee Reports:**

**Mileage and Membership**

New members approved by the Board are;  
Amy Dickerson, Cathy Drzewiecki, David Drzewiecki, Mary Barbara Miller.

Kathy Whalen reported that current membership is 566 compared to 553 last year.

**Publicity**

Hendricks county has offered to advertise any hikes in their county on their website

**Pathfinder**

Work has started on the October/November schedule

**Publications**

Nil

**Web master**

Forms for the Winter Banquet and Annual Dues were approved. Annual dues will not be changed. The Winter Banquet will have a new 30 minutes social gathering, with snacks, before sitting down for the dinner.

### **Electronic Media:**

We have 1318 Facebook Likes and 158 Twitter followers

### **Social**

#### **Conservation**

Chuck Turner has stepped down as Board member in charge of conservation. Phil Smith reported on a meeting with Sandra Messner from the Indiana Forest Alliance. The Board agreed to permit the Alliance to have a table and make a very short presentation at the General Assembly next month. In the next club schedule, the Presidents letter will draw attention to the work of the Forest Alliance and invite hiking club members to host fundraising gatherings for the Forest Alliance and to become members of the Forest Alliance

### **Action Items**

#### **A. Limited Enrollment Hikes**

##### **New Policy: Limited Enrollment Hikes**

Mike Khalil proposed and Mervyn Cohen seconded a motion.

All hikes with limited enrollment must meet the following requirements to appear on the Indianapolis Hiking Club schedule and have mileage recorded in the mileage database.

1. A full description of the hike and registration process must appear in the future events section of the Indianapolis Hiking Club schedule at least two months before the initial registration date. The description must include all relevant information concerning the registration process.
2. The hike must be made available to all members of the Indianapolis Hiking Club on a first come first served basis.
3. If the hike is under the control of a member of the Indianapolis Hiking Club and the hike limit is reached a waiting list must be established. Members will be notified that they have been placed on a waiting list and at what position.
4. If there is a waiting list, any hike opening will be filled in order from the waiting list.

5. Hike attendance sheets must be completed for each hike of limited enrollment trips.

6. The decision to add a limited-enrollment hike to the schedule lies solely with the hike leader. If the hike is added to the schedule it's the responsibility of the leader to assure all requirements of this resolution are followed.

The Board approved the motion by a vote of 9 to 3

## **B. Data Committee initial report**

### **New Policy -**

Harold Crooks proposed and Mike Khalil seconded a motion to approve the following Data Committee recommendations:

1. Eliminate hike co-leaders unless the hikes are actually different hikes.
2. Make hike leader field on the mileage entry screen an editable field, i.e. the leader whose name is in the hike schedule will be assumed to be the hike leader, however this can be changed if someone else actually leads the hike.
3. On the mileage entry screen add an option to cancel the hike, thereby relieving the mileage officer from having to do this via a database update.
4. Encourage all hike leaders to record the mileage for their hikes. To assist in the effort, access to the mileage database will be added to the mileage page on the Club website.
5. Hike sheets will no longer be automatically distributed to hike leaders with the mailed schedule. Hike leaders who do not print their own hike sheets may request hike sheets from the publications chairman and make arrangements for receiving the hike sheets. Blank hike sheets will no longer be mailed.
6. For a trial period of 6 months, guest hikers who leave a phone number on a hike sheet will no longer be called by the membership chairman. This effort is believed to be unproductive. The impact of this change will be evaluated at the end of the trial period.

All recommendations will become effective by Oct. 1, 2018.

The Board approved the motion by a vote of 12 to 0.

## **Other Business**

- A. The Hiking Club General Assembly will be held at the Unitarian Church on 43<sup>rd</sup> Street on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 6.00pm. The Eagle Creek Park Foundation will present their

proposed almost \$3 million development on the West side of Eagle Creek Park

**B. Board meetings for 2018-2019 hiking year.**

Meetings will be held at the Westlane Middle School at 6:00pm on Thursday evenings.

Meetings will be scheduled monthly. Based on the agenda items, the meetings every second month may be conducted via email.

**Place and Time of Next Meeting:** The next board meeting will be the combined meeting of the old and new members of the Board. It is tentatively scheduled for 18<sup>th</sup> September at Marquette Manor. This date may be changed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:01pm.

Mervyn Cohen            Secretary