

Minutes
Indianapolis Hiking Club Board Meeting
September 16, 2014

Present: Shannon Bennett, Richard Braun, Sue Bullock, Jeff Edmonson, John Gaebler, Michele Kestle, Pat Lawler, Kathy Oguss, Jim Rench, June Sergi, Katy Smith, Kathy Whalen, Mary Williams, Ed Wright, Karen Zimmerman

Guests (incoming board members): Philip Coons, secretary), Mike Khalil (publicity), John Lyghtel (awards committee), Mick Parker (vice-president), JoAnne Starzyk (social), Charles Turner (conservation),

Absent: Jean Ballinger, Cecilia Keller, Mary Ann Layman.

President John Gaebler called the meeting to order at his home at 6:30 pm on September 16, 2014.

Minutes of August 19, 2014: The minutes were approved.

Financial Report: Kathy Whalen reported that as of September 16, 2014 our balance was \$11030.31 and net worth was \$11680.31. The financial report was approved. See **September 2014 Financial Report** for details.

Bills to be Paid:

The following bills were submitted for payment: \$935 (director and officer liability), \$870 (general and auto liability). Mary Williams submitted bills for \$7.70 for postage and \$108.07 for badges. The board approved payment of the bills.

Committee Reports:

Mileage and Membership: Mary Williams reported that we have seven new members and three reinstatements. These were approved by the board. Mileage badges were approved and distributed. See **September 2014 Membership/Mileage Report** for details.

Publicity: Katy Smith reported that we need a volunteer for the Hoosier Outdoor Experience from 12:30 to 3:30.

Pathfinder: The previously distributed October/November 2014 hiking schedule was approved by the board. Dues statements and the Christmas Party Reservation Form will be mailed shortly and will also be on the website.

Publications: In a meeting at June Sergi's home the new schedule, Annual Dues Notice and Christmas Party Reservation forms will be prepared and mailed.

Webmaster: Ed Wright reminded the board that the duties of various officers and board members are on our website.

Electronic Media: Shannon Bennett reported that we have 59 Twitter followers and 547 Facebook *likes*.

Social: The board thanked Sue Bullock for her excellent work this past year.

Conservation: Jim Rench thanked everyone who participated on the trail maintenance of the Morgan-Monroe Three Lakes Trail.

Unfinished Business:

End of Year Donations: Of the money to be distributed here are the following percentages: Hoosier Hiking Council, 21%; Eagle Creek Foundation, 18%; Meals on Wheels, 16%; Knobstone Hiking Trail Association; 11%; Indianapolis Cultural Trail, 9%; Indiana State Historical Library, 9%; B&O Trail Association, 8%; Mary Gray Bird Sanctuary, 8%. A total of \$1500 was approved by the board for distribution with one dissension.

Formation of Budget Committee and Dates: The Budget Committee will consist of Mick Parker (Vice-President), Mary Ann Layman (Historian), Kathy Whalen (Treasurer), and the four Directors. They will meet in October and present at our November board meeting.

Activation of AuditCommitteeand Dates: Ron Mutzl, Mike Khalil, Marty Burton will meet in October and present the audit at our November or December board meeting.

New Business:

Mary Williams reported that six paper-weights would be ordered for mileage. It was reported that the Yahoo Group is working. Kathy Duncan's husband Larry passed away on September 12. President John Gaebler thanked the outgoing board members for their service.

Place and Time of Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be at the home of Pat Lawler (8704 Sunningdale Blvd., Indianapolis, IN 46234) on October 21, 2014 at 6:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned for dinner at approximately 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted Philip Coons.