

Minutes
Indianapolis Hiking Club Board Meeting
Date: September 19, 2024

President Debbie Bucholz called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm. Debbie thanked the outgoing board members for their service to the club – Kathy Braun, Mary Barbara Miller and Lori Showley.

Present: Jean Ballinger, Kathy Braun, Debbie Bucholz, Marti Burton, Mervyn Cohen, Phil Coons, Marian Fahy, Annie Falvey, Pat Lawler, John McShea, Mary Barbara Miller, Kae Ramey, Konnie Schlechte, Lori Showley, Kathy Whalen, and Ed Wright. Janie Westermeier, who has taken on the Meet Up portion of the Publicity Director duties, also attended, as did Karen LeClerc, one of the incoming directors.

Minutes: The revised minutes of the August 15, 2024 board meeting and the September 5, 2024 general assembly were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Whalen reported a balance and net worth of \$22,155.62 as of September 19, 2024. The treasurer's report was approved.

Bills submitted for payment and approved by the Board:

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Church Mutual	\$2877.00	Insurance
Marti Burton	\$73.00	Postage - Membership
Janie Westermeier	\$40.00	Publicity – Penrod parking
David Wortman	\$135.00	Publicity – Penrod tent
David Wortman	\$75.00	Publicity – Penrod entry/5 @ \$15
Debbie Bucholz	\$100.31	Badges – 15
Annie Falvey	\$10.00	Social – General Assembly/ice
Annie Falvey	\$7.98	Social – General Assembly/water
Eagle Creek Foundation	\$500.00	Donation

The Eagle Creek Foundation donation was added to the bills and approved via email vote following the meeting. Kathy Whalen made the motion to pay the donation and Mervyn Cohen provided the second. 16 affirmative votes from current board members approved the motion.

Members

New members – Art Cutler, Virginia Cutler, Terry Hergenroether, Mary Ann Mitchell, Gigi Conway, Laura Otten, Mary Ann Cline, Dale McCuiston, Deb McCuiston, Courtney Clark
Current membership is 560 compared to 577 last year.

Committee Reports:

Membership

There will be no changes to the Application for Membership for the new club year (Oct 2024 – Sept 2025.)

Pathfinder

The October/November hiking schedule was approved.

Webmaster

Paul Klimowich will join the board as the new Webmaster effective October 1, 2024. The next technology meeting is scheduled October 10.

Mileage

John McShea suggested a new “I Hiked Around The World” award for a distance of 24,901 miles hiked. Discussion was tabled to the next board meeting.

Publicity

Janie Westermeier reported a very positive response at the Penrod booth this year. Debbie Bucholz added that the IHC volunteers were enthusiastic in their efforts to promote the club.

Electronic Media

We have 3664 Facebook followers.

Publications

In addition to mailing the new hiking schedule, Kae Ramey will send out dues renewal notices and reservation requests for the Winter Banquet to all members.

Social

Annie Falvey reported that the school supplies from the club picnic were donated to Lawrence Township schools. Annie thanked the board for providing appetizers for the General Assembly, and John McShea for sharing his Camino adventures with the membership.

Discussion Items:

1. The board reviewed the Annual Dues Notice and 2025 Winter Banquet Reservation forms. It was agreed the dues notice would be changed to state that annual dues are due upon receipt of the notice. There will be one mailing that will include both forms with an email reminder follow up (at a later date) for the winter banquet. The deadline for reservations for the banquet is 12/1/24.
2. Marian Fahy advised a new business checking account has been opened at PNC, and \$5000.00 was transferred into the account. Marian Fahy, Debbie Bucholz and Kathy Whalen are signers on the new account. All club activity beginning 10/1/24 will process through the new bank.
3. Budget requests for the new club year should be submitted to Marian Fahy prior to the budget meeting, October 29.
4. Karen LeClerc is assuming responsibilities from Ed Wright for achievement awards merchandise. Hats have been selected for the 2024 award. Working with Ed, Karen has been checking pricing and will make a recommendation at the next meeting.
5. Karen LeClerc presented a publicity opportunity at the Hendricks County Senior Health Fair, October 25 from 9-11 am. Due to Karen's involvement with the organization, the \$150 participation fee has been waived. Karen will work with Delaram Moghaddam on details and to recruit volunteers.
6. John Knox Presbyterian Church has agreed to provide space (without a fee) for the board meetings through 2025. As a thank you, the club will collect donations for the church's food pantry on the Thursday morning Eagle Creek hikes in November and at the Winter Banquet.

Place and Time of Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be Thursday, October 17, 2024, 1 pm, at John Knox Presbyterian Church, 3000 N. High School Rd, Speedway, IN 46224.

The meeting adjourned at 2:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Konnie Schlechte, Secretary