

**INDIANAPOLIS HIKING CLUB**

**October 15, 2013**

**6:30 – 8:00 pm**

**Location: Athenaeum - 401 East Michigan Street**

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:**

President: John Gaebler  
Vice President: Pat Lawler  
Pathfinders:  
Treasurer: Kathy Whalen  
Secretary: Cecilia Keller  
Membership:  
Mileage:  
Publicity: Katy Smith  
Publications: Karen Zimmerman  
Social Committee: Sue Bullock  
Electronic Media Director: Shannon Bennett  
Conservation:  
Directors: Richard Braun, Jeff Edmonson,  
Michele Kestle, Kathy Oguss  
Guest: Susan Roberts

IHC board meeting was called to order by President John Gaebler at 6:30 pm, October 15, 2013.

**Approval of last meeting's minutes:**

September 17, 2013's minutes, taken and distributed by John Gaebler, were brought up for approval by President John Gaebler. Motion was made by Jeff Edmonson to accept the minutes, seconded by John Gaebler. All voted in favor of accepting the minutes.

**Financial Matters:**

Balance as of October 15, 2013: \$12,465.67

Total net worth as of October 15, 2013: \$13,252.67

Complete report as submitted by Kathy Whalen will be placed in the secretary's file for future reference. Katy Smith motioned for acceptance of the financial report, Pat Lawler seconded. All voted in favor of accepting the financial report as presented.

The following bills were submitted to the board for approval:

Karen Zimmerman:	\$386.69	Printing
	\$493.80	Postage
Total:	\$880.49	
Mary Williams:	\$182	Badges
Mary Ann Layman:	\$97.37	25-year plaques

Motion was made by Michele Kestleto have Kathy pay the above bills, seconded by Jeff Edmonson and approved by all board members present.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Mileage/Membership:**

Jane Hilaire reported 37 members received mileage awards this month. Badges will be distributed by Mary Williams.

Mary Williams presented to the board 5 new member names.

Motion was made by Pat Lawler for acceptance of this report, Karen Zimmerman seconded. Approved by all board members present.

#### **Social:**

Sue Bullock reported:

\$900 has been collected for the Christmas party. 61 members have signed up so far.

#### **Publicity:**

Katy Smith reported Hoosier Outdoor Experience was a success. We had great weather and good turnout.

IUPUI Health Fair will be Friday October 25. Katy Smith and Larry Zimmerman volunteered to represent the club at this event.

#### **Publication:**

Karen Zimmerman showed us a design for stationery and notecards. It would cost \$216 total for 100 notecards and a ream of stationery.

Kathy Oguss made a motion to order stationery and cards, Jeff Edmonson seconded. Approved by all board members present.

#### **Electronic Media:**

Shannon Bennett reported 371 likes on Facebook and 14 Twitter followers. She said that even though there are not a lot of followers on Twitter, it gets re-tweeted. The Brownsburg hike was re-tweeted by Brownsburg Life and Heat and Cooling LLC.

**Conservation:**

Jim Rench reported a good turn out for the trail maintenance hike on October 8th at Morgan Monroe. Ten club members participated and will be given credit toward the Trail Maintenance Award.

The Awards Committee met on Thursday, Oct. 3. Bright blue, Eddie Bauer-type jackets with club logo and "2013 Achievement Award" will be embroidered on the front left. To date, there will be 31 members awarded the jackets with an additional one given to the award donor.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Dog Hikes:**

Susan Roberts gave a presentation on having dog hikes. She has offered to lead a dog hike in December. Susan and Ed Wright will work on a consent form that all hikers with a dog will sign. The form will have a signature line and will say that the owner accepts responsibility for the dog and that the dog has been vaccinated against rabies.

The hike description will also say that all dogs:  
must be on a 6 foot or less non-retractable leash,  
owners must be responsible for picking up after their pet and that  
the hike leader shall have the authority to ask any participant and their dog to leave the hike if the dog becomes aggressive toward other dogs or hikers.

Motion was made by Jeff Edmonson to ask Susan to do a test dog hike and to provide criteria. After first hike, evaluate the experience and determine if we want to add more hikes or cease. Kathy Oguss seconded; approved by all Board members present.

**Presentation of the Budget:**

Pat Lawler presented copies of the proposed budget for 2013-2014. Motion to approve budget was made by Jeff Edmonson, seconded by Katy Smith and approved by all Board members present. Report as submitted will be placed in secretary's file for future reference.

**Audit:**

Ron Mutzl and Jim Robinson are in the process of preparing the audit. It will be completed after 21st of October when we get our statement.

**Donation to Eagle Creek Foundation:**

Jeff Edmonson mentioned that a donation to Eagle Creek Foundation was forgotten in deliberations of budget earlier. We should consider donating to them if we have money left over toward the end of the year.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Top 10 By 2025 Difference Maker award:**

Jeff Edmonson said there is a \$2,500 Difference Maker Award available from Top 10 By 2025. He checked with Mary Ann Layman and, because we are a 501(c)7 Indiana non-profit recreational organization, we are eligible for the award. He has filled out a draft application. Proposes we use the money for enhanced outreach activities serving the community more, more printing of flyers, business cards, connecting with doctors who could refer people to the hiking club for exercise. Money has to be spent in 2014. Application needs to be submitted by November 22.

Motion was made by Karen Zimmerman to ask Jeff to pursue application to be ready for submission at next meeting. Seconded by Kathy Whalen. All board members present approved.

**Clearwater Cove Hike:**

John Gaebler said the hike at Clearwater Cove was altered but they still objected to our hike in their area. John talked to the head of the housing association who said it was unacceptable to have a foot on their property. We will change the hike to comply.

**Place and time of next meeting:**

President John Gaebler confirmed 6:30 pm, November 19, 2013, at the Athenaeum as the time and place for the next board meeting.

Katy Smith motioned for the meeting to be adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Jeff Edmonson seconded. Approved by all board members present.