Minutes
Indianapolis Hiking Club Board Meeting
Date: October 22, 2026

President Laura Otten called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Present: Mervyn Cohen, Marian Fahy, Cathy Fischer, Delaram Moghaddam, Jane Chambers, Laura Otten, Ed Wright, Anna Hastings, Lori Showley, Richard Stroup, Janie Westermeier, Jean Ballinger

Minutes: The minutes of the September 17, 2026 board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Marian Fahy reported a balance and net worth of $20,865.80 as of September 30, 2026. INBiz (Indiana Business Entity Report) is filed with the Secretary of State's office every two years so the Club is good for next year.
The treasurer's report was approved by the board.

Bills submitted for payment and approved by the Board:
Karen LeClerc $54.64 Gnaw Bone Camp Hike expenses
Karen LeClerc $112.11 Admin Supplies - Two Coffee Pots & Filters
GBC Nature Preserve $135– Admission Gnaw Bone Camp Hikers
Kae Ramey $236 Printing Schedules & Forms
Kae Ramey $479.77 – Postage Schedules & Forms
Kae Ramey $40.96 – Mailing Supplies Schedules & Forms
Theresa Roesch $169.59 Admin Supplies – Mileage Patches
Theresa Roesch $26.20 Postage
Theresa Roesch $21.40 Printing New Member Letters
Theresa Roesch $31.65 Name Badge Magnets
INBiz $22.50 Business Entity Report Filing for FY2026 and FY2027
Nathan Canfield $20 – Refund member dues. Incorrect amount paid
(Motion to approve by Cathy Fischer, seconded by Jean Ballinger)

Committee Reports

Membership
Terry Roesch (not in attendance) reported via email: 12 new members – Carol Dambrosio, Larita Killian, Larry Cripe, Heather Baumgardner, Jodee Woodruff, Nancy Dickerson, Mark Lower, Mike Fowler, Laura McFarland, Marty McFarland, David Mikell, Jeanine Mikell.
2025/2026 YTD New Member total = 104. Recap 2025/2056 by month

Apr – 9	July – 7	Oct – 10	Jan - 4
May – 5	Aug – 12	Nov – 11	Feb - 7
June – 8	Sept – 8	Dec – 12	Mar - 11

Pathfinder
Ed Wright is transitioning weekday schedule preparation to board member Richard Stroup.

Webmaster
Paul Klimowitch (not in attendance)

Mileage/Database
The board welcomes Debbie Barnes, our new Mileage/Database board chair.
John McShea (not in attendance) reported via email the following: As of Oct 21st, 3 weeks into hiking year 2027, Total Miles Hiked: 8122; Number of Hiker Hikes: 1069; Average Hike Distance: 5.7 mi
For the total hiking year 2026, Total Miles Hiked 99,525 miles.
Number of Hiker hikes: 16,624; Average hike distance 6 miles (5.99)
30 members 2026 YTD made the 1000-mile club.

Publicity
Delaram Moghaddam reported 5462 Facebook followers, 4561 Instagram followers and 101 YouTube subscribers. The new podcast with Annie Falvey is uploaded to the club's YouTube channel. Lyrics for potential new Hiking Club Song, written by Delaram, were shared. Will continue to work on background music with the goal of finalizing in time to present at the Winter Banquet.

Publications
Kae Ramey (not in attendance).

Social
The board welcomes new chairperson, Jane Chambers. The Winter Banquet venue has been confirmed by Annie Falvey. Awaiting possible caterers' return calls this month. Will vote on payment November meeting.

Historian
Mervyn Cohen reminded the club will be celebrating its 70th anniversary at the Winter Banquet in January.

VP/Directors

New Business Discussion Items
1. Approved final FY2025/26 Budget to Actuals report. (moved by Richard, seconded by Anna) Line items noted: $450 new revenue primarily due to new members. Spent down $584. Summer picnic spent $310 and saved $689. Winter Banquet $319 over budget.
2. Approved to post the final FY2025/26 Revenue and Expenditure Report to the IHC website. This report is public to the membership. (moved by Anna, seconded by Delaram)
3. Achievement awards budgeted +$250 over LY. Total awards are approximately 50. Umbrella new award item. New Indy Hike Best Photo Award will require committee of 5 to identify 10 potential recipients. Ed Wright announced Delaram will receive the Club Service Award.
4. Laura to confirm John Knox meeting room availability all monthly club dates. Future meeting dates: 11/19/26, 12/17/26, 1/21/27, 2/18/27, 3/18/27, 4/15/27, 5/20/27, 6/17/27, 7/15/27, 8/19/27, 9/16/27
5. Club to collect food for John Knox at Eagle Creek hikes through November. Will send Google Mail notification to members.

Future Business

1. The Budget committee will be meeting on Thursday, Oct 29th to work on the proposed budget for FY 2026/2027.
2. Additional club logo item – Karen investigating fleece vest option.
3. Audit update: Cheryl and Dewey Conces will be our auditors for the prior year financial FY 2025/26. The plan is to get the financial records to them in early Nov so that they have sufficient time to prepare the audit and repost back to the board in Jan.

Date and Time of Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be at 1 pm, Thursday, November 19, 2026, John Knox Presbyterian Church, 3000 N. High School Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46224.

The meeting adjourned at 1:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Showley, Secretary