

Minutes
Indianapolis Hiking Club Board Meeting
Date: October 28, 2021

President Lori Showley called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm. Lori welcomed Sue Collins and Marla Zinkan to the board. (Sue's appointment to replace Harold Crooks was approved via e-mail vote prior to the October meeting to allow her to be part of the required budget planning meeting.)

Present: Jean Ballinger, Mervyn Cohen, Sue Collins, Phil Coons, Anne Heighway, Pat Lawler, John McShea, Mary Barbara Miller, Kae Ramey, Konnie Schlechte, Lori Showley, Kathy Whalen, Rick Wortman, Ed Wright and Marla Zinkan

Minutes: The revised minutes of the September 23, 2021 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Whalen reported a balance and net worth of \$11,427.93 as of the end of the fiscal year (September 30, 2021), and a balance and net worth of \$18,615.93 as of October 28, 2021. In addition, Kathy submitted the 2020-21 Fourth Quarter budget worksheet, reporting expenses of \$1350.32 over the budgeted amount of \$10,995 and income of \$162.00 over the budgeted amount of \$9550 at year end. The treasurer's reports were approved.

Bills submitted for payment and approved by the Board:

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Kae Ramey	\$31.45	Envelopes – Oct/Nov schedule
Kae Ramey	\$513.27	Printing – Oct/Nov schedule
Kae Ramey	\$42.00	Postage – Oct/Nov schedule
Kae Ramey	\$42.56	Printing – Renewal/Reservation forms
Marla Zinkan	\$15.68	Publicity – Club banner
Barb Strite	\$12.02	Postage – Membership mailings

Members

New members – Debi Byrnes, Frank Byrnes, John Chlapik, Sara Christian, Carol Crisp, Deborah Heffernan, Jan Henry, Ann Holtzman, Karen Klimowitch, Paul Klimowitch, Teresa Luckey, Dawn Neihart, Diana Pawlicki, Lisa Schenck, Kay Tawney, Annette Wesemann, Brian Winger, Susan Winger

Current membership is 358 compared to 329 last year.

Committee Reports:

Membership

Barb Strite submitted her request to retire from the board. The search has begun for a replacement who can utilize Word, Excel and data entry into the club's database. Barb will be happy to speak with anyone interested in the position.

Publicity

Marla Zinkan proposed a list of ideas to promote the hiking club in the coming year. The board approved a \$25 donation to Wonder and Awe Wellness, LLC, to be included in their Health and Wellness Directory publication. IHC will be listed as a featured business, with contact information provided as a resource to individuals looking for help along their health and wellness journey. Marla also displayed a new banner with the club logo that was purchased recently and used at the McCloud Nature Park festival.

Barb Strite and Sue Collins represented the club at the McCloud Nature Park Fall Colors Festival. Sue reported there was good interest from those in attendance.

Pathfinder

Ed and Jean are asking that hikes for the December/January schedule be submitted by November 10 so the schedule can be completed prior to Ed's shoulder surgery 11/16.

Publications

Kae Ramey requested discussion to discontinue mailing of the Trailblazer to reduce printing and postage expense. This will be an agenda item for the November meeting.

Electronic Media

We have 2349 Facebook followers and 2254 Facebook likes.

Historian

Mervyn Cohen submitted proposed changes to the 2021 Trailblazer. Board members were asked to provide their comments directly to Mervyn, so he can compile the responses and revise the proposed changes for review at the next board meeting.

Discussion Items:

1. The Winter Banquet and 65th anniversary celebration gathering was discussed at length, including proposed roles and responsibilities, banquet hall layout, and timeline. All plans will be finalized at the next meeting. The board agreed that any unvaccinated individuals

attending the event will be required to present a negative PCR Covid test; a home test is not acceptable.

Kathy Whalen nominated Bob Hackenberg for the recruitment achievement award as most new members indicate that they learned about the club via the website, and Bob has worked countless hours on the website. The nomination was approved.

Kae Ramey brought an etched plate for the board to see and recommended giving one to Karen Zimmerman and one to Bob Kriz in recognition of their service to the club. The board approved Kae's suggestion.

2. The founding date of IHC is January 23, 1957, with the first hike taking place at Holliday Park. Pat Lawler will lead the current membership in a re-creation of that hike to mark the 65th anniversary on Sunday, 1/23/22. Pat plans to include 50+ year members as honorary leaders for the hike. Additional suggestions included having a celebration with refreshments prior to the hike and requesting proclamations from the mayor and governor's offices.
3. Konnie Schlechte suggested a donation to the Great Smoky Mountains Association, as the trip next April will mark the club's 25th consecutive year of hiking there. Kathy Whalen advised that a \$250 donation will be a proposed budget item for 2021-22.

Place and Time of Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be November 18, 2021, 1 pm, at Flanner and Buchanan, 2950 N. High School Rd, Speedway, IN 46224.

The meeting adjourned at 3:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Konnie Schlechte, Secretary