

**Minutes**  
**Indianapolis Hiking Club Board Meeting**  
**Date: 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

**Present:** Janet Cohen, Mervyn Cohen, , Rena Elsner, Phil Smith, Kathy Whalen, Ed Wright, Karen Zimmerman, Harold Crooks, Barb Strite, Narcissio Povinelli, Sally Sandman, Mike Khalil,

President Phil Smith - called the meeting to order at 6:00pm at Westlane Middle School.

**Minutes** The previously distributed corrected minutes of 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016 were approved.

**Financial Report:** Kathy Whalen reported that as of 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2016 our balance was \$22,751.53 and net worth was \$22,751.53. The financial report was approved.

Bills submitted for payment and approved by the Board were:

<u>Who</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Barb Strite	\$23.00	Postage
	\$3.20	Mailing Supplies
	\$67.41	Mileage badges
Janet Cohen	\$79.39	Christmas party, table covers
John Lyghtel	\$57.80	Award – pinnacle
Excaliber Catering	\$4125	Catering bill estimate 250 people at \$16.50 each
	\$618.75	Tip 15% estimate
Sally Sandman	\$9.09	Postage
	\$24.77	Mailing supplies

**Committee Reports:**

**Mileage and Membership:**

New members approved by the Board are:

Christopher Riester, Sherry Bender, Charlie Crawford, Diane Osborn, Marcy Rousseau, Tracy Richardson, Michelle Arwood and Melinda Jones.

Reinstated members approved by the Board are:

Shannon Riester (formerly Bennett) and Bryan Stillwell

Kathy Whalen reported that current membership renewals for this year are 412 compared to 434 at this time last year. New members are 14.

**Publicity**

Mike Khalil reported that he and Barb Strite had a table advertising the club at a recent Spirit and Place event.

His response to a membership enquiry regarding age of club members and hiking difficulty is attached separately

**Pathfinder**

New schedule will be completed in next couple of days.

**Publications**

Mailing of new schedule will be done this week

**Web master**

Nil

**Electronic Media**

We have 1036 facebook Likes and 140 Twitter followers

**Social**

We have 230 members currently signed up for the Christmas lunch. The caterer will not impose any limit.

**Conservation**

Chuck Turner reported that folk will be picketing a Crown Hill presentation about their forests, on 16<sup>th</sup> November.

He also reported that he is starting discussions with Eagle Creek Park for the building of a pedestrian bridge across the creek to provide access to the boy scouts trail at the North end of the park

**Bicentennial Hikes - Recognition and Awards**

Ed requested and the Board approved ordering 13 T shirts in addition to the previously approved 52 T shirts. These are for known and additional members who have completed at least 20 state park hikes this year.

**Action Items**

- A.** Request to add vendor link to the supplier listing on the club website. Ed Wright will explore and add *outdoor gear exchange* to the list if he feels it is appropriate.
- B.** Christmas lunch donations. The Board approved requesting members to bring items to the lunch that will be given to the Crane House. Items needed are toilet paper, feminine hygiene items, sugar, coffee and cereals. Other items such as food, toys and clothing may still be donated as well.
- C.** The Board approved giving a life membership to Nell Larrison in recognition of her outstanding service to the club over many years. Pat Lawler will be asked to let her know and give her a small item of recognition.
- D.** Annual year end donations – this item was tabled for the next Board meeting.
- E.** Club Service Achievement Award. This was created in 2011, but has never been awarded. Ed Wright asked the board to redefine this award

Barb Strite proposed and Narcissio Povinelli seconded a **new policy motion:**  
*The Board of Directors may award the Club Service award to any member(s) they feel deserves special recognition for their service to the Club during the Club year. Any board member may propose a resolution to recognize a member, which must be approved by a majority of the Board. Winners of the award will receive the same recognition as other Achievement Award winners.*

The Board approved the motion by a vote of 12 to 0.

Ed Wright nominated, and the Board approved, Karen Zimmerman to receive the 2016 Club Service Achievement Award for her efforts to track participants on the Bicentennial State Park hikes and make-up hikes. In keeping with the Bicentennial theme, he also proposed that Karen receive a Bicentennial State Park Hike T shirt.

**Old Business:**

Phil Smith reported that there will not be further discussion on the item from last month's meeting regarding changing the procedure for approving new club members

**Place and Time of Next Meeting:** The next board meeting will be at Phil Smith's House on 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 at 6:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm.

Mervyn Cohen            Secretary

## **Attachement. Club response to enquiry about age of club members and intensity of hikes**

Thank you for your email. If you look at our schedule for October and November on the club's website, you'll find a great variety of hikes. We hike 365 days a year, and almost always have more than one hike a day.

Our hikes are mostly in central Indiana, but we go all around the state. For example, to celebrate Indiana's bicentennial as a state, we have hiked in all 25 state parks this year. We also went to Tucson, Arizona in March for a week of hiking and to Great Smoky Mountain National Park in April for three days. The latter included an optional hike up and down Mt. LeConte in the same day, which entailed a climb of 3,700 vertical feet and a round-trip distance of 13 miles. Last year, we hiked in Rocky Mountain National Park for a week. Next year, there are week-long trips planned to Los Angeles and England.

Most of our members are age 50 and older but that shouldn't be confused with doing less strenuous hikes. Lest you are put off by the age of our members, here is some interesting information:

- In April, two of our members (both of whom are grandmothers) did the 100 kilometer (62 mile) C&O Canal one-day hike in Washington, D.C. The start time for this hike is 3 a.m. This was the seventh time for one of them. This distance ties our Club's single day distance record.
- Last year, three of our members (all of whom are older than age 60) walked 500 miles across northern Spain over six weeks on the Camino de Santiago trail.

When hikes are listed in our schedule, there is information included to indicate location, distance, speed, and terrain. The hike leader's name and phone number are also shown so that you can call him or her to get more information. Take a look at our online schedule and try a hike that looks interesting to you.

Please contact me if you have any other questions. Thanks for taking an interest in our club.

Mike Khalil  
Publicity Director  
Indiana Hiking Club

**From:** Clifton, Kim D [<mailto:kclifton@IUHealth.org>]

**Sent:** Saturday, November 12, 2016 3:57 PM

**To:** [mkhalil@prodigy.net](mailto:mkhalil@prodigy.net)

**Subject:**

Was interested in your indy hiking club- am just wondering what the average age group is? I am interested but am hearing its mainly older people. I am early 40's so wondering if the hikes would be challenging enough. Are there many new people each night or is it always regulars?

thanks

Kim