

Minutes
Indianapolis Hiking Club
Date: 15th November 2018

Present: Marti Burton, Mervyn Cohen, Philip Coons, Harold Crooks, Mike Khalil, Mary Ladd, Pat Lawler, Kae Ramey, Phil Smith, Barb Strite, Kathy Whalen, Ed Wright, Karen Zimmerman.

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

Minutes The previously distributed corrected minutes of 17th October 2018 were approved.

Treasurers Report: Kathy Whalen reported that as of 15th November 2018, our balance was \$17,658.20 and net worth was \$17,658.20. The report was approved.

Bills submitted for payment and approved by the Board were:

<u>Who</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Barbara Strite	\$3.50	Postage
	\$57.50	Badges
	<u>\$104.61</u>	25 year awards
Total	\$165.36	

On 28th November the Board approved, by an electronic vote of 16 to 0, the following additional payments:

- Achievement Awards - \$783.45
- Catering for the Winter Banquet - \$2,715.60

Membership applications.

New members approved by the Board are;
Deborah Dirk and Linda Gibson.

Reinstated Member
Larita Killian.

Committee Reports

Membership (mileage, etc.)

8 members earned mileage awards

Publicity

- It was decided that we should consider future participation in the Wayne Township Health fair on a year by year basis.
- Participation in the Boat, sport and travel show brings few new members. Mary Ladd will decide whether or not to participate next year

Pathfinder

The new schedule for December and January was approved by the Board

Publications

Nil

Webmaster

Nil

Electronic Media

We have 1372 Facebook likes and 155 Twitter followers

Social

The preparations for the Winter Banquet on the 2nd December are complete

Action Items

1. Budget for 2019

The major change is a new estimated expense of \$2,000.00 for data management.

There was discussion about ways to decrease the cost of printing and mailing hike schedules.

Mailings are made to about 150 people. Ideas included only printing and mailing the 2-3 social pages to members who do not hike and/or charging for this service. A final decision will be made at the next Board meeting.

The budget was approved by the Board.

2. Revised hike attendance sheet

Mike Khalil proposed and Karen Zimmerman seconded a motion regarding instructions on the new hike attendance sheet.

The leader must read the release if guests are hiking. All hikers must write their name on attendance form. Hikers can't depart before the scheduled time. Leaders are responsible for entering miles into the mileage database and saving the attendance sheet for one year.

The Board approved the motion by a vote of 13 to 0

3. Process for approving new member:

Phil Coons proposed and Mary Ladd seconded a motion.

The names of new members will be presented to the Board, but there will no longer be a vote to approve new members.

New membership, including getting mileage credit, will become active on the day of the Board meeting.

The Board approved the motion by a vote of 13 to 0

Discussion Items

1. Instructions for hike leaders

At a recent away hike some hikers became separated from other hikers. The Board discussed ways of changing the instructions to hike leaders to improve hiking safety. Suggestions for away hikes included use of walkie-talkies, groups starting the hike together and staying together,

appointing a sweeper and having the leader give out his cellphone number at the start of a hike. The issue will be discussed further at the next Board meeting

2. Collaboration with the Indianapolis Hiking Meetup Group

This is a local group of much younger hikers that does some hikes. It was agreed to have discussions with this group about doing some hikes together and learning more about each other.

3. Adding hikes after the schedule has been published

The Board felt that this could be desirable and that it is technically not too difficult to achieve. It will need a clear policy. Issues include advance notice time, communication to members about the added hike and making this only a single hike vs. regular repetition. Decisions will be made at the next Board meeting.

Place and Time of Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be at Phil Smith's home at 6427 Stonecreek drive, Indianapolis 46268 on 20th December, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Mervyn Cohen Secretary

Appendix - 2019 Budget.

IHC PROPOSED BUDGET WORKSHEET 2018-19

CATEGORIES	AMOUNT	Q1 Actual
Printing	\$2,000	

Postage	\$1,800
Mailing Supplies	\$200
Contributions / Donations	\$500
Winter Banquet	\$500
Awards	
Activity	\$650
Pinnacle	\$70
25 Year	\$100
Picnic	\$250
General Assembly	\$100
Mileage Badges	\$600
Publicity	\$100
Internet Web Site (bi- annual)	\$0
Non-profit filing fee	\$25
Bank Fees	\$0
Database Mgmt. Svcs.	\$2,000
Admin. Supplies	\$50
Insurance	\$2,300
Miscellaneous Items	\$100
TOTALS	\$11,345
INCOME	
Dues	\$10,000
Donations	
Name Tags	\$50
TOTAL INCOME	\$10,050