

Minutes
Indianapolis Hiking Club Board Meeting
Date: 16th November 2023

President Debbie Bucholz called the meeting to order at 1pm

Present: Jean Ballinger, Kathy Braun, Debbie Bucholz, Marti Burton, Mervyn Cohen, Phil Coons, Dave Drzewiecki, Marian Fahy, Annie Falvey, Pat Lawler, John McShea, Mary Barbara Miller, Kae Ramey, Kathy Whalen, Rick Wortman and Ed Wright

Minutes The previously distributed corrected minutes of 19th October 2023 were approved.

Treasurers Report: Kathy Whalen reported that as of 11.16.2023 our balance was \$24,153.48 and net worth was \$24,153.48. The report was approved.

Bills submitted for payment and approved by the Board were:

BILLS PRESENTED: 2023.11.16				
DATE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	DETAILS	TOTAL
11.02.23	Marti Burton	Badges	\$242.07	
		25-year awards	\$127.05	
			TOTAL	\$369.12
08.25.23	John McShea	Mailing Labeks	\$41.31	\$41.31
11.16.23	CR Heros	Winter Banquet Caterer	\$3,750.00	\$3,750.00
			Month Total	\$4,160.43

Committee Reports

Membership

18 new members have joined the club in the last two months. 10 club members have reached the milestone of 25 years club membership

New members this month are Lisa Chitwood, Patricia Cowser, Teresa Cowser, Gary Dove, Mike Dove, Pam Dove, Kathleen Fox, Nancy Hertig, James Kendall, Edward Srouer, and Pete Zinkan.

Current membership is 446 compared to 430 at this time last year.

Pathfinder

The new schedule for December and January was approved.

Webmaster

No new items

Mileage/database

Last month club members hiked 13,086 miles with 2221 hikers. Average height length was 5.7 miles.

The Database contains 75 names of people who have not renewed membership for well over a year. These names should be removed.

Publicity

Rick has six volunteers to assist him with publicity.

Electronic Media

We have 2,962 Facebook followers.

Publications

Using a new printing company printing costs have decreased significantly. 18 existing members, who have renewed membership, have now opted not to receive mailed hike schedules, thus decreasing mailing costs. Eight other members have chosen to pay, and have the scheduled delivered.

Social

Preparations for the annual winter banquet are almost complete. Board members and others will meet at noon for table set up and the gathering will start at 1 PM. Board members will no longer need provide starters.

Conservation

Dave had recently emailed the club members regarding a potential first-aid course to be provided by a local fireman. Only four club members responded with interest. This number is too small for a class and no further action will be taken.

Historian

\$3,500 has been raised to fund a bench in Eagle Creek Park, in memory of Joanne Applegate. The bench will be located on the red hiking trail just north of the road to the marina. The inscription on the plaque, approved by the family, will be:

In Loving Memory of
Joanne Applegate
KEEP WALKING - BE GOOD PEOPLE

New business

1. Next meeting

The board decided not to hold the next scheduled meeting on 21 December. Any urgent items requiring a vote will be dealt with by email.

2. Budget

Marian presented the proposed budget that had been prepared by her committee. This is attached as an addendum to these minutes. Highlights are:

- a. Both income and expenditures show an increase of approximately \$3000 compared to the previous year. This is because insurance and donations were not paid last year. The allocated funds were carried over to this year. Two insurance payments and two donation payments will thus be made this year.
- b. A new expense line item for \$150 is for database management.
- c. A new income item of about \$800 will come from members who will now pay \$10 annually, if they wish to have their monthly schedule sent to them by regular mail.

3. Board member job descriptions

Debbie distributed proposed, revised job descriptions for each board member. These drafts were discussed by the board in small groups with feedback given to Debbie. The final job descriptions will be presented at the next meeting.

Place and Time of Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be Thursday 18th January 2024

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mervyn Cohen for Konnie Schlechte, Secretary

Appendix

Proposed budget for 2023/2024

CATEGORIES	PROPOSED AMOUNT
Printing	\$3,150.00
Postage	\$2,000.00
Mailing Supplies	\$300.00
Contributions / Donations*	\$1,000.00
Winter Banquet	\$4,000.00
Awards	
Achievement	\$800.00
Pinnacle	\$0.00
25 Year	\$300.00

Summer Picnic	\$250.00
General Assembly	\$125.00
Mileage Badges/Name Tags	\$550.00
Publicity	\$700.00
Internet Web Site (annual)	\$110.00
Non-profit filing fee	\$0.00
Bank Fees	\$75.00
Database Mgmt.	\$150.00
Admin. Supplies	\$75.00
Insurance*	\$5,350.00
Merchandise	\$875.00
Misc. Items	\$100.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$19,910.00
INCOME	
Dues	\$11,000.00
Winter Banquet	\$3,750.00
Name Tags	\$100.00
Mailing Fees	\$800.00
Merchandise	\$1,000.00
Donations	
*Funds FY22-23	\$3,100.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$19,750.00

*Funds left over from 22-23 used in October to pay late bills.

