

**MINUTES**  
**Indianapolis Hiking Club**  
**November 17, 2015**

**Present:** Mike Khalil, Kathleen Whalen, Karen Zimmerman, Mary Williams, Marty Applegate, Ed Wright, Chuck Turner, Pat Lawler, Phil Smith, John Gaebler, Rena Elsner, Anna Griffin.

President John Gaebler called the meeting to order at 6:05PM at Westlane Middle School.

**Minutes:** The previously distributed minutes of the October 20, 2015 meeting were approved.

**Financial Report:** Kathy Whalen reported that the previously approved charitable donations had been sent to the designated organizations. We have received thank you notes from: The Friends of Holiday Park, the B & O, Eagle Creek Foundation and The Nature Conservancy.

The current balance is \$17,318.01. Bills present for payment and approved by the board were:

\$ 16.00	Ed Wright, for website upgrade
\$696.10	Halo Branded Solutions, achievement awards
\$ 64.00	Karen Zimmerman, achievement awards
\$ 63.67	Halo Branded Solutions, achievement awards
\$ 747.77	Pat Lawler, bicentennial passports
\$ 211.86	Pat Lawler, bicentennial stamp
\$ 135.07	Flying W, badges

Mike Khalil reports that the audit went well and no major issues or problems were identified. He thanked Olga Hackenburg and Marty Burton who helped him complete the audit. The board decided not to require paper receipts when cash is given to club or board members for a membership fee.

**Committe Reports:**

**-Mileage and Membership:** Mary Williams reported that we have 10 new members and 1 reinstated member. These were approved by the board.

Members have hiked 13,839 miles so far this year. Several new members did list the club member who influenced them to join the club.

**-Publicity:** Mike Khalil reported that the date is pending for the Hoosier Outdoor Experience through the Department of Natural Resources.

Mike is also working on the public gathering application to the Department of Natural Resources for the bicentennial hikes. There will also be a \$25.00 fee.

Ed Wright, Jeff Edmundson and John Gaebler made an appearance on Fox 59 television which gave the club very good public exposure.

**Publications:** The Trailblazer was approved for posting on the website.

**Pathfinder:** The December/January schedule was approved by the board. The new schedule should be posted on the website in a few days.

**Electronic Media:** Phil Coons reported in absentia that Facebook likes as of 11/15/15 were 722 as compared with September's number of 686.

He encouraged the board members to get their Indy Hiking Club friends to join Facebook and have them like our Facebook page as this is a marvelous way to get publicity and attract new members. et publicity and attract new members.

Phil continues to post excellent photos, notes, web links etc. on the website.

**Conservation:** Chuck Turner reported that there will be a work day on November 21, 2015 with the Hoosier Hiking Counsel. There is also an orientation program on December 5, 2015, 9:00AM at Eagle Creek Park in related to our adoption of a trail for maintenance at the park.

**Unfinished Business:**

Discussion took place on the best way to notify club members of hike cancellations and urgent news. Work will continue on effective use of Yahoo groups but no agreement on a formal procedure was reached.

A bicentennial passport was given to each board member. Methods of monitoring the bicentennial passports were discussed. The bicentennial program will be presented to the club members at the holiday party. The bicentennial committee will determine how the passports will be tracked.

Board members need to be at the holiday party 1 ½ hour before the party to help set up and decorate. The order of the presentations at the party were discussed. It was agreed that Janet Cohen will be consulted to be sure the schedule fits in with the serving of the dinner.

**New Business:**

The list of non-renewing members was distributed to board members. Several board members volunteered to follow up with those people that they know well to remind them to send in their dues.

The next board meeting will be December 15, 2015 at 6:00 PM at Westlane Middle School.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Anna Griffin for Mervyn Cohen.