

**Minutes**  
**Indianapolis Hiking Club Board Meeting**  
**Date: November 17, 2022**

President Rick Wortman called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm.

**Present:** Jean Ballinger, Kathy Braun, Debbie Bucholz, Marti Burton, Mervyn Cohen, Dave Drzewiecki, Pat Lawler, John McShea, Kae Ramey, Konnie Schlechte, Lorraine Smith, Kathy Whalen, Rick Wortman, Ed Wright and Marla Zinkan

**Minutes:** The revised minutes of the October 20, 2022 meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kathy Whalen reported a balance and net worth of \$19,518.28 as of November 17, 2022. The treasurer's report was approved.

**Bills** submitted for payment and approved by the Board:

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Marti Burton	\$24.00	Postage (Membership)
Marti Burton	\$13.89	Mailing Supplies (Envelopes)
Marti Burton	\$290.48	Paperweights (12 - 25 Yr)
Marti Burton	\$86.24	Badges (13)
Marla Zinkan	\$37.44	Business Cards
Nameless Catering	\$3082.91	Winter Banquet (135 - approval to pay up to this amount)

**Members**

New members – DeWayne Burkhart, Kandus Cage, Patrick Eaton, Brenda Meyers, Joan Pea, Carol Ripani, Nancy Russell

Current membership is 438 compared to 445 last year.

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership**

Marti Burton will add a running tally to her membership report to provide detail of where new members are learning about the hiking club (website, Facebook, MeetUp, other.)

Marti will send a google group message after the first of the year to survey members regarding mileage badges and the frequency they are earned.

## **Conservation**

Dave Drzewiecki reported the hiking club/Eagle Creek Park agreement issue is ongoing. Rick Wortman will attempt to contact and arrange meeting with Brittany Davis-Swinford to resolve.

## **Pathfinder**

The December-January hike schedule was approved and will be available online tomorrow. A flag for challenging hikes will be added to the hike legend when appropriate.

## **Electronic Media**

We have 2597 Facebook followers. Phil Coons advised that Facebook likes are no longer listed.

## **Social**

The Winter Banquet is Sunday, December 4. To date, there are 125 reservations. Board members will provide appetizers. Pat Lawler will purchase additional desserts to supplement what the caterer provides and gift cards for door prizes. There is a podium, microphone and speaker available for our use at for no charge. The write up in the schedule will remind members to bring non-perishable items for donation to a local food pantry.

## **Historian**

Mervyn Cohen will continue sending a club history detail/story every six weeks via google group. Mervyn will be preparing the 2021-22 Trailblazer. Mervyn also provided updates on gates and port-o-lets being added at the Bear, Crest and Starling parking lots.

## **Discussion Items:**

1. Debbie Bucholz presented the proposed budget for 2022-23, as well as recommendations from the budget committee. Proposed expenses total \$17,302.31; proposed income is \$14,335.00. The board voted to approve the proposed budget, following a motion from Ed Wright, with a second from Pat Lawler. As expenses have exceeded income in four of the last six years, it is necessary to lower expenses and/or increase revenue in the future. Discussion on how to accomplish this goal was tabled to a future meeting.
2. Insurance is the club's second highest expense. Treasurer Kathy Whalen obtained confirmation that the Business Auto Insurance provides secondary coverage for club

business only (example – the treasurer taking deposits to the bank) and does not cover travel to/from hikes. Kathy made a motion to discontinue the auto coverage and request a refund for the partial year. Jean Ballinger provided the second and the board approved the motion. In addition, Kathy suggested that a board committee investigate insurance coverage/costs in general. Lori Showley will chair this effort.

3. The details and timeline for the Winter Banquet are as follows:
  - A. Set up begins at 12:30 pm. Kae Ramey will oversee the check-in table.
  - B. Social hour begins at 1:30 pm. Marti Burton will oversee the appetizer tables.
  - C. At approx 2:20 pm (after caterer has confirmed everything is ready) Pat Lawler, serving as emcee for the event, will ask everyone to take a seat for dinner. Pat will introduce Rick Wortman as club president. Rick will make remarks and then ask the board members to stand and be recognized. Pat will then ask everyone to observe a moment of silence. Members and guests that need a gluten free option will be invited to eat first, followed by tables called in random order.
  - D. The program will begin about 30 minutes after the last table is called to get their meal. Pat will have a drawing for door prizes first, followed by Ed Wright presenting the achievement awards. 25-year membership awards will be presented next by Rick and Pat. Pat will then offer closing remarks and clean-up will begin.
4. Eagle Creek Park will offer Black Friday savings on annual passes November 25-28. Ed Wright will send a google group message to alert club members of the savings.

**Place and Time of Next Meeting:** The next board meeting will be December 15, 2022, 1 pm, at Flanner and Buchanan, 2950 N. High School Rd, Speedway, IN 46224.

The meeting adjourned at 3:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Konnie Schlechte, Secretary