

**Minutes**  
**Indianapolis Hiking Club Board Meeting**  
**Date: 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019**

**Present:**John Bacone, Marti Burton, Mervyn Cohen, Harold Crooks, Bob Hackenberg, Mike Khalil, Pat Lawler, Mary Barbara Miller, Kae Ramey, Phil Smith, Barb Strite, Kathy Whalen, Ed Wright and Karen Zimmerman.

President Marti Burton called the meeting to order at 1:00pm at 2950 High School Road

**Minutes** The previously distributed corrected minutes of 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019 were approved.

**Treasurers Report:** Kathy Whalen reported that as of 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019 our balance was \$20,804.92 and net worth was \$18,844.92. The report was approved.

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

<u>Who</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Barb Strite	\$103.04	Badges, mileage
	\$104.61	25 year awards
Excalibur catering	\$2,585.00	Winter banquet catering
Lightfoot	\$60.00	Award - jacket

**Members**

New members are Ana Alejos-Pratt, Betty Brandenstein, Mary Ann Crawford, Natalie Crawford, Kathy Doyle, Sharon Miller, Dave White and Betty Johnson.

Reinstated Member is Charlotte Gluschenko.

Current membership is 415 compared to 451 last year.

**Committee Reports**

**Membership**

New mileage awards were presented

**Publicity**

The Board decided not to order any more licence plates. New business cards will be ordered

There was a hiking club table at the Fall Colors Festival (McCloud Nature Park/Hendricks County) On 10/19/19. Over 1000 people in attendance with steady flow of people stopping by IHC display asking questions and showing interest.

We don't know how many, if any, will actually hike with the club but it does create awareness. Well worth the time to attend.

### **Pathfinder**

The new schedule for December and January was approved

### **Publications**

No report

### **Webmaster**

The web site is up to date.

### **Electronic Media**

We have 1724 Facebook likes.

### **Social**

The Winter banquet is scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> December. 109 members have already registered to attend. Pat Lawler will be the master of ceremonies, Marti Burton will welcome folk and announce the 25 year members, and Ed Wright will distribute the awards. Board members very much liked the award jacket, which Ed showed .

### **Action Items**

#### **1. New Policy**

Phil Smith proposed and Mervyn Cohen seconded a motion.

*The Indianapolis Hiking Club approves the following:*

#### **Duties of the Indianapolis Hiking Club Historian.**

The Historian will create and maintain a record of the History of the Indianapolis Hiking Club.

Working with the club members and the Board the historian will;

- Identify the existence and location of all potentially valuable historic material in written, electronic or verbal form. Maintain a directory of this material.
- Determine which materials shall be included in the History

#### Collection

- Determine how and where each piece of historical material will be stored
- Identify the various different audiences who may be interested in the historic collection and make the presentation and availability of the material attractive for each different audience
- Determine privacy vs accessibility of the material
- Create a budget, if needed.
- Utilize volunteers to assist in the project

The Board approved the motion by a vote of 14 to 0

#### **2. 2019/2020 Budget**

Kathy Whalen presented the proposed budget. This is attached.

- Major expenses remain printing + postage (\$3,800) and insurance (\$2,765).
- Cost of printing and mailing the schedule to about 130 members every two months is about \$2,000. No decision was made, but it was felt that a \$15.00 annual charge would be reasonable and that we should start to make club members aware of this probable change for next years budget.
- At the present time awards given at the Winter Banquet are donated. These may need to be included in future budgets.
- The current budget has a projected loss of \$1,455. This can be covered this year from cash reserves, but it cannot be sustained indefinitely.
- Once again \$2,000 will be added to a reserve fund for future database management fees.

The proposed budget was approved unanimously by the Board

3. Club Documentation Committee.

Marti Burton and Mary Barbara Miller felt it would be useful for Board members to record how they perform their duties in order to share this information with other Board members and future new Board members. Everyone thought this was a good idea. A club member has offered to interview Board members and collect all this information.

**Discussion Items**

1. Underwood Tree memorial at Fort Harrison.

The memorial tree planted last year has died. There was discussion about this. Options discussed included planting another tree, planting perennial plants next to the plaque, installing an indoor plaque at Ft. Harrison, giving the existing plaque to the family, adding a plaque to the bench at Eagle Creek Discovery center or doing nothing. Additional information regarding costs will be presented next month.

**Place and Time of Next Meeting:** The next board meeting will be at 2950 High School Roadon 19<sup>th</sup>December 2019 at 1:00 pm. Board members are asked to arrive by noon to enjoy a light lunch and fellowship during the Holiday season

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm.

Mervyn Cohen            Secretary

**Appendix – Budget 2019-2020**

CATEGORIES	AMOUNT
Printing	\$2,500

Postage	\$1,300
Mailing Supplies	\$200
Contributions / Donations	\$500
Winter Banquet	\$500
Awards	
Activity*	\$55
Pinnacle	\$75
25 Year	\$100
Picnic	\$250
General Assembly	\$125
Mileage Badges	\$500
Publicity	\$300
Internet Web Site (bi-annual)	\$250
Non-profit filing fee	\$25
Bank Fees	\$0
Database Mgmt. Svcs.	\$2,000
Admin. Supplies	\$50
Insurance	\$2,675
Miscellaneous Items	\$100
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$11,505</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	
Dues	\$10,000
Donations	
Name Tags	\$50
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$10,050</b>
Income less Expenses	-\$1,455