

Minutes
Indianapolis Hiking Club Board Meeting
Date: November 21, 2024

President Debbie Bucholz called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Present: Jean Ballinger, Debbie Bucholz, Marti Burton, Phil Coons, Dave Drzewiecki, Marian Fahy, Annie Falvey, Cathy Fischer, Martha Rivera June, Paul Klimowitch, Pat Lawler, Karen LeClerc, Kae Ramey, Konnie Schlechte, Kathy Whalen, and Ed Wright.

Minutes: The revised minutes of the October 17, 2024 board meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Marian Fahy reported a balance and net worth of \$27,615.30 as of October 31, 2024. The treasurer's report was approved.

Bills submitted for payment and approved by the Board:

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Debbie Bucholz	\$686.84	Achievement Award hats – 43
Debbie Bucholz	\$409.12	Merchandise Logo only hats – 24
Marti Burton	\$93.62	Name Badges
Marti Burton	\$123.97	25-year awards
St Therese-Little Flower	\$300.00	Facility Rental – Winter Banquet

Members

New members – Mary Bennett, Valerie Cortelyou, Joann Farris, Tony Horan, Philip Kerrigan, Tom Ladd, Ruth Nevins, Nohemy Vasquez, Malgozata Witkowska
Current membership is 396 compared to 446 last year.

Committee Reports:

Pathfinder

The December/January hiking schedule was approved.

Mileage/Database

John McShea provided an email report with the following stats: Total Miles Hikes – 15,647; Average hiking distance – 5.74 miles

Webmaster

Paul Klimowich reported the successful database migration to SQL8, a non-event for club members. Paul also reported that all old schedules (dated back to 1957) are available on the website. The next technology meeting is scheduled January 9. A club laptop will be purchased for Webmaster use.

Electronic Media

We have 3797 Facebook followers.

Publicity

Debbie Bucholz provided the report. Delaram Moghaddam has set up a new Instagram account for the club. Delaram is posting daily and provides a list of the current day's hikes, along with photos and other info. She received emails from 2 individuals inquiring about membership. We have 276 followers.

Publications

Kae Ramey will be mailing the new schedule.

Social

Annie Falvey will take payment and the certificate of insurance to Little Flower to secure the Winter Banquet event space.

Conservation

Dave Drzewiecki received 8 applications for the trail maintenance award.

Historian

Mervyn Cohen is beginning work on the 2023-24 Trailblazer.

Discussion Items:

1. Marti Burton and Paul Klimowitch will further discuss the reclassification of non-renewal/suspended members on the database to see if making the change effective 1/1/25 is feasible.
2. Debbie Bucholz suggested a globe sticker could be added to a member's nametag for "Around the World" recognition. Debbie will see what she can find.

3. Karen LeClerc discussed the difficulties she has encountered ordering hats for achievement awards and club sale. Karen has a working history with the vendor and is continuing to work diligently to ensure a timely delivery.
4. Cathy Fischer reported the budget committee (6 members) met October 29. Marian Fahy presented the proposed 2024-25 budget to the committee for discussion and recommendations. Cathy highlighted the printing cost savings being applied to the social budget for the new club year. Next, Marian detailed the proposed budget to the board. Phil Coons made a motion to approve the 2024-25 budget as proposed. Dave Drzewiecki provided the second, and the board voted unanimously to approve.
5. In November 2009 the board adopted an audit recommendation to “target six months of annual dues as the desired year end balance.” In keeping with this practice, Marian proposed moving \$3400 from available funds to reserve funds. Jean Ballinger made the motion to approve moving the funds. Annie Falvey provided the second and the vote was unanimous to approve.
6. Marian advised the board that PNC’s recommendation to IHC was that we not keep all available funds in a checking account; rather to establish a second savings/money market account for added security and some potential earnings. Konnie Schlechte made a motion to approve establishing a second PNC account. Marti Burton provided the second and the vote was unanimous to approve.
7. Remaining agenda items were tabled to the next meeting.

Place and Time of Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be Thursday, December 19, 2024, 1 pm, at John Knox Presbyterian Church, 3000 N. High School Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46224.

The meeting adjourned at 2:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Konnie Schlechte, Secretary