

Minutes
Indianapolis Hiking Club
Date: 15th December 2015

Present: Janet Cohen, Mervyn Cohen, Philip Coons, John Gaebler, Anna Griffin, Mike Khalil, Pat Lawler, Phil Smith, Chuck Turner, Kathy Whalen, Ed Wright, Karen Zimmerman

President John Gaebler called the meeting to order at 6.00pm at Westlane Middle School.

Minutes The previously distributed corrected minutes of 11th November 2015 were approved.

Financial Report: Kathy Whalen reported that as of 15th Dec, 2015 our balance was \$16,925.90 and net worth was \$16,925.90.

The Board approved the financial report

Bills submitted for payment and approved by the Board were:

Amount	who and why	
\$211.68	Pat Lawler	Stamps for the passports Bill was for \$211.86. Prior overpayment \$0.18
\$100.00	Phil Smith	Sound system for Christmas party
\$402.53	Karen Zimmerman	Printing schedules and trailblazers
\$9.50	Bank	Charge for depositing checks
\$150.50	June Sergi	Postage
\$30.22	Kathy Whalen	Envelopes
\$97.26	Mary Williams	25 year Award pins
\$28.99	Bank fee	For checks
\$20.00	Ed Wright	Printing 100 fliers for bicentennial
\$243.15	Janet Cohen	Christmas party prizes & decorations
\$2690.00	Excaliber Catering	Christmas party food
\$1425.28	Jeff Edmondson	Bicentennial T shirts

Income

\$1436.00	Jeff Edmondson	Cheques he received for purchases of T shirts
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Committee Reports:

Mileage and Membership:

Kathy Whalen reported for Mary Williams. We have 1 new members and reinstated member. These were approved by the Board.

Currently 475 members have renewed compared to 454 last year. It is expected that 85-88 members will not renew.

Publicity: -

- Pat Lawler will represent the club at the Wayne Winter Games on 1.30.2016
- We will staff a table on weekends for the Ford boat, sport and travel show between 19th-28th February

Pathfinder: - No report

Publications: - No report

Electronic Media: - There are ongoing facebook and twitter hits

Social: -

- The Board approved having the 2016 Christmas party at the same location and with the same caterer as 2015. Members will explore possible changes for 2017

Conservation: -

- Chuck suggested a need to increase recognition of member achievements not qualifying for existing awards.
- Chuck presented a petition from the Indiana Forrest Alliance that request logging in Indiana be reduced to levels of 10 years ago. There was discussion about the club officially supporting this petition vs. individual members just making their own decisions. No decision was made. Chuck will try to get somebody to come to a future meeting to further educate the Board.

Unfinished Business:

Recognition and Awards: Nil

Bicentennial Hikes:

- 109 passports were given out at the Christmas party.
- The bicentennial chairman will decide who will get the passport books. It will be only club members.
- The DNR require information as to where the club intends to park as it visits the State parks.
- 100 posters were printed and Board members have been asked to post them in prominent locations
- There was discussion about the need to get the media to cover the 1st January and subsequent hikes.

Website Developer:

- The Board decided to ask the website developer to come to a future meeting and share ideas he has for improving the club website.

Twitter

- There was discussion about having Janet Schneider manage the clubs twitter account.

Spirit and Place

- Mervyn Cohen is submitting an application on behalf of the IUPUI Senior Academy to participate in the November 2016 Festival. It was agreed that the Hiking Club would participate as a partner. Phil Coons, Phil Smith and Mike Khalil agreed to help with the project

New Business:

- The secretary will send a card of condolence to the family of Macie Stephens and a best wishes card to John and Peggy Crank who are suffering a serious family illness
- Board members were asked to review and update any information that they have describing the duties of their position. The 2012 version is on the club website in the archives section

Place and Time of Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be at Westlane Middle School on Tuesday 19th January, 20156 at 6:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7.35 pm.

Mervyn Cohen Secretary