

**Board Meeting Minutes
Indianapolis Hiking Club
Date: 19th December 2017**

Present: Janet Cohen, Mervyn Cohen, Mike Khalil, Jackie King, Mary Ladd, Pat Lawler, Sally Sandman, Phil Smith, Barb Strite, Kathy Whalen, Ed Wright, Karen Zimmerman.

President Jackie King called the meeting to order at 6:00pm at Haughville Branch Library.

Minutes The previously distributed corrected minutes of 28th November 2017 were approved.

Financial Report: Kathy Whalen reported that as of 19th December 2017 our balance was \$17,775.48 and net worth was \$17,775.48. The financial report was approved.

Previously paid bills approved by the Board were:

<u>Who</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Gnaw bone camp	\$72.00	Payment of fees from 24 hikers
Bank	\$0.03	Charge for cash withdrawal
Bank	\$12.50	Charge for returned check
Liberty Mutual	\$1,315.00	Insurance
Excalibur catering	\$2,036.40	Awards banquet

Bills submitted for payment and approved by the Board were:

<u>Who</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Barb Strite	\$3.00	Postage
Phil Smith	\$107.00	Sound system for awards banquet
Pat Lawler	\$69.08	Pinnacle award
	\$153.88	Gift cards and presents
Halo	\$625.47	Awards/achievements hats
Sally Sandman	\$60.68	mailing supplies

Audit discussion. In November 2009, the Board approved a policy that targets 6 months of annual dues as the desired year ending reserve cash balance. This amount, which was about \$4,800 in 2009, was discussed, with some feelings that this was too high. No decisions for change were proposed.

Committee Reports:

Mileage and Membership

New members approved by the Board are;

Myra Dworski, Jennifer Ong, Winfield Ong, Diane Smith, Rotina Tian,
Marilyn Wagner.

Reinstated members approved by the Board are;

Mary Anne Loehr, Jon Theobald.

Kathy Whalen reported that current membership is 488 (472 renewing and 14 new) compared to 478 at this time last year.

Publicity

Mary Ladd has hiking club business cards available for distribution. She will arrange for the club to be represented at the Sports Show at the fairgrounds in February. Some members reported that the benefit in prior years was minimal.

Pathfinder

Work has started on the next schedule. This must be completed for mailing before 10th January. The club "Trail Blazer" and the club roster will be sent out at the same time.

Publications

None

Web master

None

Electronic Media:

We have 1194 Facebook Likes and 157 Twitter followers

Social

Pat Lawler reported that the Awards Banquet was a great success. About 130 people attended.

Conservation:

Phil Smith reported that logging has started in Yellow State Forest.

Communication: Although one complaint had been received about the content of a message, it was widely agreed that the use of the Yahoo Groups email is working wonderfully well.

Action Items

None

Other Business

1. It was agreed that we need to make sure that members get credit for all maintenance work at Eagle Creek Park, and that the club should make sure that future donations to the park foundation receive appropriate recognition.

New Business:

None

Place and Time of Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on January 16th 2018 at 6:00pm at the Haughville Branch library 2121 W Michigan St
The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Mervyn Cohen Secretary