

**Minutes**  
**Indianapolis Hiking Club Board Meeting**  
**Date: 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

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

President Marti Burton called the meeting to order at 12:55pm at 2950 High School Road.

**Minutes** The previously distributed corrected minutes of 21<sup>st</sup> November were approved.

**Treasurers Report:** Kathy Whalen reported that as of 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019 our balance was \$19,866.16 and net worth was \$19,866.16. The report was approved.

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

<u>Who</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Karen Zimmerman	32.04	Business cards
Pat Lawler	100.00	Winter Banquet – gift cards
	54.67	Winter Banquet – Decorations
	120.91	Winter Banquet – Sound system
	250.00	Rental of location
Barb Strite	42.64	Postage – member + badges
Kae Ramey	238.34	Printing
	115.00	Stamps
	45.00	Envelopes
Nativity Catholic Church	100.00	Deposit for Dec 2020 Banquet

Last month \$2,585.00 was approved to pay Excalibur catering. Final amount paid was \$2,326.59.

Last month \$60.00 was approved to pay for Bob Kriz achievement award. Final amount paid was \$54.52.

### **Members**

New members are Curt Hawhee, Paul Herring, Phyllis McNamara, Gloria Pleasant, Leanne Rusin. Current membership is 478 compared to 493 last year.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Membership**

Members who have lost a badge can re-order a replacement if they pay for the cost.

The Noble organization plans to bring a small group of handicapped persons, with an instructor, to try some short hikes. If this goes well they will apply for membership.

## **Conservation**

Senator Ruckelshaus will present a bill to the State Senate to get a long term plan for utilization of State Forests.

## **Publicity**

- Susan Sievers is exploring the purchase of window car decals to advertise the club. She will present draft options next month. The plan is to keep the cost below \$1 each. They will be given to new club members and sold to existing members.
- The club will not participate in the annual Sports and Boat show next February.

## **Pathfinder and Webmaster**

Leaders have been asked to submit hikes for the February/March schedule.

The new policy allowing “add on” hikes has been used for two hikes, one of which was then cancelled.

## **Publications**

No report

## **Electronic Media**

We have 1741 Facebook likes and 1777 Facebook followers.

## **Social**

Winter banquet was a success. The new vegetarian option was welcomed.

A \$20 donation was given to the Boulevard Place food pantry.

Mary Barbara will book the Eagle Creek Park site for the picnic.

## **Action Items**

1. Mervyn Cohen was appointed as the club Historian and Konnie Schlechte as the new Secretary.
2. Underwood Memorial at Fort Harrison.  
Several options were discussed and the Board decided to give the metal remembrance plaque, which is mounted on a rock, to the family.

**Place and Time of Next Meeting:** The next board meeting will be at 2950 High School Road on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 1:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm.

Mervyn Cohen            Secretary