

Minutes
Indianapolis Hiking Club
Date: 20th December 2018

Present: Mervyn Cohen, Philip Coons, Mike Khalil, Mary Ladd, Pat Lawler, Jinkie Limio, Kae Ramey, Phil Smith, Barb Strite, Karen Zimmerman.
Guest – Bob Hackenberg

President Phil Smith - called the meeting to order at 6:00 at his home.

Minutes The previously distributed minutes of 16th November were approved with one correction.

Treasurers Report: Kathy Whalen reported that as of 20th December 2018 our balance was \$17,773.79 and net worth was \$17,773.79. The report was approved.

Bills submitted for payment and approved by the Board were:

<u>Who</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Sally Sandman	Mailing Envelopes	\$14.97
" "	Printing-Dec/Jan Schedule	\$257.60
" "	Postage-Dec/Jan Schedule	\$116.44
Phil Smith	Social-Winter Banquet Sound System	\$107.00
Barb Strite	Postage-patches/member welcome	\$50.00
Pat Lawler	Social-Winter Banquet Church Rental	\$155.00
" "	Social-Winter Banquet Decorations	\$9.56
" "	Social-Winter Banquet Tablecloths	\$32.09
" "	Social-Winter Banquet-Door Prizes	\$120.00
	TOTAL	\$862.66

Membership

New members are Karen Graves, Mike Graves and Nancy McMillan.

Reinstated member is Karen Paxson.

The Board decided that reinstatement would apply to prior members whose old club records were available. All other applicants will be considered new members.

Committee Reports

Membership

Karen Zimmerman has distributed a draft of the annual Trailblazer report to Board members for review.

Publicity

Mary Ladd reported that the Hiking Club will be represented at the upcoming Boat Show

Pathfinder

No report

Publications

No report

Webmaster

No report

Electronic Media

We have 1391 Facebook likes and 157 Twitter followers

Social

The Winter banquet was greatly enjoyed by many. The increased one hour social time was felt to be a success. Food and cash donations were distributed to Pike High School and the Martin Luther King Center

Action Items

1. Adding Hikes
 - The concept of adding hikes after publication of the schedule was approved unanimously by the Board.
 - Discussion included the need to move slowly and having a trial period. Issues for decisions include having time and methods of letting members know of added hikes, recording mileage, advertising the hike in the current complete format, concern for added work for some members, protecting the current system, limiting numbers of added hikes, limiting added hikes to certain lengths, attendance forms, will it increase membership, understanding the need for adding hikes, the computer methodology needed to add hikes and the need for a “gatekeeper”.
 - Bob Hackenberg reported that he and Ed Wright have been working on the computer and web logistics of adding hikes. He has created a computer system and developed a method by which hikes can be added.
 - Phil Smith said that the Data Committee will explore all the issues and make recommendations at the next Board meeting
2. Approval of dates for 2019 functions
 - The Summer picnic will be on Saturday 27th July

- The Winter Banquet is usually held on the first Sunday of December. This is the 1st December and because it is only three days after Thanksgiving, the Board decided that the Winter Banquet will be held on Sunday 8th December 2019.

Discussion Items

1. Review of “hike leader suggestions”. This will be discussed next month.
2. Possible co-operation with the Indianapolis “hike meetup group”. Jinkie Limio will call them for more information and report next month.

Place and Time of Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be at Westlane Middle School Library. on 17th January, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm.

Mervyn Cohen Secretary