

**Indiana Volkssport Association**  
**April 23, 2017 – 2:00 p.m.**  
**Brown County YMCA, Nashville, IN**

The meeting was called to order and president Cheryl Elser welcomed those in attendance.

In attendance were 5 officers:

Cheryl Elser	INVA president
Cliff Terry	INVA vice president
Bob Buzolich	INVA treasurer
Liz Winsley	INVA secretary
Tom Martin	INVA member-at-large

And 6 clubs were represented:

Bedford Hiking Club
Goodtime Trailblazers
Hoosier Hikers
Indy "G" Walkers
Three Rivers Strollers
Whitewater Valley Walkers

The reading of the minutes from the December meeting at Marion were suspended as all had received them prior to this meeting. Minutes were accepted with the correction that Bob Buzolich was not listed as being in attendance.

Treasurer's report was handed out. Balance is \$6,177.71. Nikki Martin moved and Charlie Frisinger seconded we accept the report, subject to audit.

AVA: Convention delegates all taken care of. Discussed the slate of officers for the convention. Up for president is Bob Wright (traditional, a volksmarcher) and David Bonewitz (up-to-date and tech savvy). It is recommended that delegates listen to the question and answer period to hear about sponsors, promoting our sport, administrative office under control, etc. and make your vote accordingly. For treasurer, Bob Morrison has pushed for IVV Americas and has been the treasurer previously and Candy Purcell knows the office from working there. It was determined that INVA delegate, Cheryl, will vote for Dave and Bob.

We have determined that we will not send money for the BIG GIVE from INVA. Cheryl will draft a letter to Henry, with copies to Dennis Michele and Linda Neu, stating why we will not support this. We would like corporate sponsorship/support and this is not being done.

NEC Mid-America: Thank you was expressed to Linda for years of service as R.D. Nikki will get a silk flower arrangement to give to Linda at the Mid-America Conference in Oct. She will get pricing & get with Bob. It was determined to spend up to \$100. We want to support Andy Bacon as the next R.D. Discussed the bylaw changes. Determined to vote okay for the board of directors change, but no to the rest of the proposed changes.

Mid America Conference: Evansville, IN Oct. 27-29, with walks in Newburgh, Burdette & Univ. of Evansville, Eastside. Will put together baskets again for silent auction, but will not be putting one together for convention.

Meet-ups from different groups for same event was discussed. Charlie will assist Susan with northern IN meet-ups.

Cheryl would like us to get special programs updated on the walks for this year done. Also, dates for any 2018 walks you want scheduled. The Marion walk had 33 walkers last December.

Old Business:

Over 800 bars are in inventory so we are good for at least 3-4 years. We have 114 headers. Other options for awards were discussed. Patches (min. order, cost, design, etc.); 3-D printer award?; t-shirts (sizes, colors, etc.). Bob & Nikki will look into costs of various options.

Publicity for our walks. Posters are being put in the state parks and have been well received. Maybe we could get a sponsor for our Indiana walks if we aren't getting any help from national. Nikki suggested we put together a strategic planning committee for Indiana. She is inviting us to her home for food and a chance to meet and brainstorm. This meeting will be July 1, at 2:00 p.m. at the Martins, 5958 Crosscreek Blvd., Indianapolis.

The Kokomo Library has requested a presentation about volksmarching on Sept. 30. The talk will be at 9:15, registration for the walk will be at 9:45 and then at 10:00 there will be a group walk.

DNR plans for 2018: April - Clifty Falls, June - Ouabache, August - Patoka and October - Fort Benjamin Harrison. If these don't work out possibly Turkey Run, Shakamak or Tippecanoe River can be substituted. Nikki will look into the State Park and State Recreational Areas for other choices.

New Business: Officers for next year. The slate is all the officers returning.

Columbia City's walk box has been moved to another location in the YMCA.

December's walk in Indy is pending a new start/finish point.

There is an upcoming new trail for the walk at Winona Lake.

Notre Dame's trail to include Underground Railroad program.

The next INVA meeting will be held Sept. 23 at Canyon Inn at McCormick's Creek. Lunch from 1:00 to 1:30 with meeting beginning at 1:30.

Question about donating to the state parks, individually or corporately, to show our appreciation. This will be looked in to.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Winsley, secretary