

Indiana Volkssport Association Meeting
December 21, 2013
Hyatt Regency Hotel
Indianapolis, IN

1. The meeting was called to order by President Cliff Terry at 1:00PM. He welcomed all members. Secretary Cheryl Elser called the roll. Those in attendance were:

Cliff Terry	INVA President
Don Vartanian	INVA Vice-President
Cheryl Elser	INVA Secretary, Auburn Duesey Walkers
Tom Martin	INVA Member-at-Large
Clarence Wright	Indy "G" Walkers
Carolyn Armacost	Goodtime Trailblazers
Denny Fritz	Whitewater Valley Walkers

2. Minutes from the last meeting, August 31, 2013, were approved.

3. The Treasurer's report was given by Don Vartanian in the treasurer's absence and approved. The balance is \$7,643.48, minus some end of the year expenses for headers, bars, and Lincoln Highway program patches.

4. After-Action Reports:

- A. Indiana Dunes State Park held on Oct. 5, 2013 had 62 walkers, with 45 paid and 17 free.
- B. Jeffersonville/Falls held on Nov. 1 - 3, 2013 had 70 walkers, with 67 paid and 3 free.
- C. 2 Bridges/Louisville held on Nov. 1 - 3, 2013 had 64 walkers, with 59 paid and 5 free.

5. INVA Club Cards for 2014 were passed out to those clubs in attendance.

6. 2014 INVA Calendar - Clubs are encouraged to sanction events for 2014 as soon as possible. A suggestion was made to put a notation on the calendar when a walk also has an INVA meeting on the same day.

7. Transition of Lincoln Highway program walks to Indiana Year Rounds.

Don Vartanian will send extra stamps for these walks back to AVA.

The Fort Wayne walk will revert back to Three Rivers Strollers.

The Columbia City walk will be taken over by Auburn Duesey Walkers.

The Warsaw, Plymouth, and Valparaiso walks will be taken over by Hoosier Hikers. Point of Contact for Warsaw is Charlie Frisinger, for Plymouth is Charlie Lightner, and for Valparaiso is Bob Buzolich.

8. January 2014 meeting of the NEC is Jan. 11 and 12 in Tucson, AZ.

Agenda Item discussion:

Item 11b - INVA feels it is unnecessary to have a challenge to increase participation.

Item 11d - INVA wants to keep the word "Volks" in the name of events.

All other Agenda Items were approved as proposed.

There was discussion of the previously proposed cost-saving proposals and the benefit of advertising our sport on the national level, including getting a national sponsor. Pursuing grant proposals was also suggested.

9. Status of Bloomington Flying Fish - Carol Parkinson received a letter from the IRS requesting more information:

A. Clarification of charitable purpose

B. Distribution of assets when disbanding to charitable organizations

C. Clarification of re-instatement date.

A response was sent to the IRS last week after research and assistance by Don Vartanian and Cliff Terry.

10. INVA is sponsoring a workshop in Indianapolis on Jan. 26 for the Girl Scout Master Program. So far, 2 clubs from Ohio and the Indy "G" Walkers are planning to attend. Deb Kruep, President of the Illinois Trekkers and AVA National Youth Coordinator will conduct the training. The meeting will be from 1PM to 3PM at the Lawrence Library in Castleton. All clubs are invited to attend. The emphasis is on Girl Scout Council participation rather than individual troops.

11. The NEC is meeting in Indianapolis June 13-14, 2014. Indy "G" Walkers is planning a special walk. It was suggested that the Hyatt Regency Hotel be used as the host hotel and meeting site. Cliff Terry and Clarence Wright will discuss this with the hotel. Another suggestion was the LaQuinta Hotel on Market Street.

12. INVA website - no report, no update.

13. Other Business - Articles for The American Wanderer, next deadline is in February. All are encouraged to vote for the Top 3 Walks in 2013.

14. The next INVA meeting will be held on April 26, 2014 at 1:00PM in Brownstown, IN Place to be determined.

15. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl L. Elser, Secretary