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

In attendance were 3 officers: Cheryl Elser  INV A president, Bob Buzolich  INV A treasurer, Liz Winsley  INV A secretary

And 6 clubs were represented: Goodtime Trailblazers, Hoosier Hikers, Indy “G” Walkers, Three Rivers Strollers, Indy “G” Walkers, Whitewater Valley Walkers

The minutes from the Sept. 23 meeting were accepted as emailed.

Treasurer’s report was handed out and looked over. It was moved by Carolyn and seconded by Denny, we accept the report, subject to audit. Approved.

Election of officers: Denny moved to re-elect the current officers for the 2018-2019 term. Carolyn seconded. All in favor.

AVA news: The new year-round stamps are being sent out Dec. 8. Cheryl stated that the results from the survey about the next convention are in the TAW. The new 401K Program sign-up begins the 15th of Dec.

Mid-America Regional News: A Mid-America Conference committee is being formed and Cheryl has agreed to head it up. Paul Mullen will be the treasurer. A member from each state would be recommended. Please let Cheryl know of your willingness to participate. The 2017 conference made a $708.85 profit. Right now the monies are in the Indy “G” account. It is recommended that a separate account be opened for the MAC monies. Andy Bacon, regional director, has stated that he will not be submitting articles for the TAW for Mid-America. It is the responsibility of each club to get their information printed.

DNR brochures are printed and were handed out to distribute to club members. McCormick’s Creek had 44 participants with 18 bars being purchased. Cliff has sent out the template for the 2018 header to use on brochures.

INVA News: Cheryl reported that Indiana clubs all had their reports in to national office on time.

Old Business:
Charlie Frisinger has agreed to do a cost analysis of going to a patch type of award for DNR events. The glass award is still on hold awaiting more information; will be revisited at April meeting.

New Business:
Cheryl went over and gave us some updates on the 2018 calendar.
We talked about INVA sanctioning a YRE or two. Suggestions are Muncie, Anderson, Terre Haute, Richmond. We need to check with walkers in those areas who may be willing to help with the walk boxes.
Cheryl has not heard any new information about the sanctioning changes.
It was noted that a vote needs to be taken at convention to change the fiscal year. No need for our concern at this time.
We looked over the pricing of the DNR headers and bars and decided to keep pricing as is for now.
New programs coming out next year are Appalachian Trail (need to walk at least 4K in each of the 14 states) and Olympiad (ex: Rome City would qualify).

The next INVA meeting will be held Saturday, April 7 at Clifty Falls State Park in the Hoffman Room at 2:30 p.m.

Membership cards were handed out to the clubs.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Winsley, secretary