

**Indiana Volkssport Association
December 3, 2016 – 3:30 p.m.
Marion City Hall, Marion, IN**

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

In attendance were 4 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 4 clubs were represented by:

Bill Thorne	Goodtime Trailblazers
Charlie Frisinger	Hoosier Hikers
Paul Mullen	Indy "G" Walkers
Wilma Fuelling	Three Rivers Strollers

Paul moved that we accept the minutes from the August 27 meeting as emailed, Charlie seconded. Minutes were accepted. It was noted that they are also on the INVA website.

Treasurer's report was handed out and looked over. Balance is \$6,793.50. Paul moved and Tom seconded, we accept the report, subject to audit. Approved. Bob also gave the pricing structure for the state park awards.

AVA news: There has been a staff shake-up. Also, they are experiencing computer issues.

Mid-America Regional News: Andy Bacon is running for regional director.

Mid-America Conference: Consensus is that this year's conference was well done and we are very appreciative to Cliff Terry and Paul Mullen for their hard work. A grant was applied for which helped subsidize the finances. Next year's Mid-America conference will be Oct. 27-29 in Evansville with walks in Evansville and Newburgh.

DNR walk brochures were handed out showing the walks for this next year and the new header.

Meet-ups: We would like to add the South Bend area to the meet-ups. Charlie Frisinger would be the contact person for that area. Indy has had 40-50 meet-ups this year.

INVA News: A preliminary event list for 2017 was handed out. If you have walks you want on the schedule, please get them to Cheryl. Michigan Pathfinders will be starting up 2 seasonal walks (Apr. - Oct.) in the southwestern side of Michigan. They will take the Mackinaw Bridge walk and add 1 other traditional event. Tom Crabill will be the new president, Tom Martin will be the vice president and Sandy Crabill will be the secretary/treasurer. Tom Martin will contact Tom Crabill about the transferring of the Michigan Pathfinders.

Old Business: The bars for the Mounds State Park walk have been ordered.

New Business: We talked about the future of the header program and maybe phasing it out. We need to take inventory of all bars that might be used up in the next few years. Talk to your club and see how many participate in the purchasing of the headers and bars. Would people prefer a patch? Bring results to next meeting.

Cheryl would like some ideas for publicizing volksmarching and our walks. Please bring ideas back to next meeting.

Charlie asked about making Chain O' Lakes a year-round. We would need to find a place for the walk box as there is no inn or restaurant there. Wondering about more state park walks, maybe getting Mounds back as a year-round. Tom mentioned that he has a layout for publicizing walks at the state parks and he will work on getting one for each park we use to put in their bulletin boards.

Nominations for officers for next two years are needed. Please talk to your clubs and see if anyone is interested in being an officer for the INVA club. If anyone has a desire, please contact Charlie Frisinger at charliefris@embarqmail.com

The next INVA meeting will be held Sunday, Apr. 23, at the Nashville YMCA at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Winsley, secretary