

**Indiana Volkssport Association**  
**September 23, 2017 – 1:30 p.m.**  
**Canyon Inn Restaurant, McCormick's Creek State Park**

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

In attendance were 4 officers:

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| Cheryl Elser | INVA president      |
| Cliff Terry  | INVA vice president |
| Bob Buzolich | INVA treasurer      |
| Liz Winsley  | INVA secretary      |

And 8 clubs were represented:

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| Bedford Hiking Club     | Indy "G" Walkers          |
| Bloomington Flying Fish | River City Ramblers       |
| Goodtime Trailblazers   | Three Rivers Strollers    |
| Hoosier Hikers          | Whitewater Valley Walkers |

Denny Fritz moved that we accept the minutes from the Apr. 23 meeting as emailed, Stan Neu seconded. Minutes were accepted.

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

AVA news: There was an orientation meeting in August in Texas for training. Andy Bacon attended and brought back a book for Cheryl. She highlighted a few items such as community events and the 401K program. She also mentioned a survey for the 2019 convention that you may want to check out.

Mid-America Regional News: Linda Neu announced some awards that will go to Paul Mullen, Bill Thorne, Cheryl & Terry Elser and Tom Crabill.

Mid-America Conference: As of right now there are only 40 people signed up for the conference. Linda mentioned needing volunteers and will get that on the INVA website. Cheryl is making a basket up with the theme of game night. Bill will be sent to Bob for reimbursement.

DNR walks planned for 2018 include Clifty Falls on Apr. 7; Ouabache on June 2; Patoka Lake (if possible) or Turkey Run or Tippecanoe River on Aug. 11; and Fort Benjamin Harrison on Oct. 6. Cliff Terry will do the brochure. A picture from Patoka Lake will be used on the 2018 header. Food will continue to be provided at the State Park walks.

INVA News: Sanctioning and brochures need to be done in a timely manner. Brochures should be ready to go 60 days before an event. The ESR should be done 90 days prior to the event. Cheryl may not approve a walk if these guidelines are not adhered to.

Old Business:

Strategic Planning Committee has met a couple of times. Bill Thorne has accepted the duty of official walk greeter. Still working on getting a sponsorship for our Indiana walks. An email has been set up ([invainformation@gmail.com](mailto:invainformation@gmail.com)) for those wanting to ask questions and get answers back. Also we can send our brochures there to be added to the INVA website. Surveys have been handed out at walks and will be tabulated. There will be some seminars at the Mid-America Conference available to help the clubs.

New Business:

A proposal was read about making our DNR award glasses. Discussion was held about possible breakage, Where they would be stored. This was tabled for further discussion at a later date.

Question about having INVA-sponsored year-rounds.

Michigan Pathfinders is starting back up 2 seasonal walks next year at South Haven, MI and St. Joseph, MI.

Reminder of the walk at Kokomo on Sept. 30 at 9:45 to introduce interested parties in Volksmarching.

The South Bend walk on Oct. 22 has been moved from Howard Park to Seitz Park (just across the street).

The next INVA meeting will be held Saturday, Dec. 2 at Marion City Hall at 3:30 p.m. before the night walk at 5:00.

Respectfully submitted,  
Liz Winsley, secretary