



Pennsylvania Cave Conservancy, Inc.

P.O. Box 373, Neffs, PA 18065

Minutes of Regular Meeting - February 28, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 3:38 pm by President Pat Minnick at the Mt. Laurel Church of God, Harrisburg, PA on Saturday, February 28, 2015.

The following officers were present:

President	P. Minnick	Vice President	C. Catherman
Secretary	G. Schock	Treasurer	G. Dunmire

Representation was as follows:

Bald Eagle Grotto	J.D. Lewis	Greater Allentown Grotto	---
Baltimore Grotto	Craig Hindman	Huntingdon Co. Cave Hunters	---
Bucks County Grotto	---	Nittany Grotto	Paul Winter
Cave Hill Grotto	John Boswell	Philadelphia Grotto	Amos Mincin
Central New Jersey Grotto	Amos Mincin	Seven Valleys Grotto	Joe Schock
Commander Cody Caving Club	Mike Mostardi	York Grotto	Randy Hurst
Franklin County Grotto	Pat Minnick		

Secretary Report: The minutes from the October 12, 2014 meeting were read and accepted as published in the January 2015 MAR Breakdown.

Treasurer Report: Gary Dunmire announced that the latest treasurer's report will be provided to the PCC Secretary to be included in the meeting minutes (see below). Gary reported that a deposit from the 2014 Fall MAR field meet's PCC breakfast and the account interest have been the only income activity since the last report.

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Financial Summary

10-11-14 Thru 02-28-15

Interest Checking Account

Account Balance	Nittany Bank	10/11/2014	\$6,561.28
Deposit	PCC Breakfast, 50/50	10/14/2014	\$707.00
Interest Payment		10/31/2014	\$0.87
Interest Payment		11/30/2014	\$0.91
Check # 118	Dean Snyder		
	Mail Boy		(\$60.00)
Interest Payment		12/31/2014	\$0.90
Interest Payment		1/31/2015	\$0.90
Ending Balance :			<u>\$7,211.86</u>

SAVINGS ACCOUNT:

	Maturity Date	
Certificate of Deposit	5/29/2016	\$1,102.28
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Tee Shirt Petty Cash

\$60.00

COMBINED TOTAL :

\$10,578.70

Web Page: Dave Fricke stated that the web site (<http://www.caves.org/conservancy/pcc/>) has been up and running with no issues or problems. The contacts for the grottos on the Member Grotto web page have been updated with links to the NSS Internal Organization web page for each grotto. All grottos should periodically check their NSS IO page to ensure that the contact information is correct. As always, comments and suggestions on improving the Web Site are welcome.

PCC Breakfast: The PCC breakfast equipment is currently being stored in Steve Shawver's barn after the successful event at the 2014 Fall MAR field meet. Gary Dunmire complimented Joe Schock on all his work to perform upgrades to the griddle over the years. Joe Schock stated that he still has some additional modifications that he would like to make.

Todd Hancock of Cave Hill Grotto had sent the PCC officers an email asking if there would be interest in hosting a PCC Pancake Breakfast during the upcoming 2015 MUDfest event to raise funds for the PCC. Pat Minnick agreed to coordinate the breakfast and welcomes anyone willing to donate their time to help. The breakfast will be held on Sunday, August 2, 2015 at the 2015 MUDfest location. The PCC would like to thank Cave Hill Grotto for this fund raising opportunity.

PCC Brochure: Anyone interested in obtaining brochures should contact George Bange.

Mail: Gary Dunmire stated that Dean Snyder was paid by PCC for the PO Box fee. Gary will confirm with Dean that the fee was for the year 2015.

Christmas Cards: Karen Bange added the landowners for Nelson's Pit to the Christmas card distribution list. John Boswell suggested that the Frustration Pit/Corker Hill land owners be added to the list as well. Karen continues to manage the yearly distribution of Christmas cards to cave landowners and removes any invalid addresses as required. Contact Karen if you have a landowner you would like added to the Christmas card list.

T-shirts: Gary Dunmire continues to have PCC 25th anniversary T-shirts available at \$15 each (approximately \$17.95 with shipping). Gary indicated that he has not sold a shirt for several years. Dean Snyder also has older PCC shirts available for sale at \$4 each.

PA Cave Database: Tony Canike reported that the database is now in a secure, online repository. Mike Mostardi will provide some database updates to Tony. Tony stated that he received a request from David Culver for a list of cave entrance coordinates for Pennsylvania cave location data. Craig Hindman reported that the Virginia Region (VAR) received a similar request and provided the requested data for their region. Tony has taken no action to date and will contact the PCC board if he receives an additional request for the information in the future.

OLD BUSINESS:

Project List:

Corker Hill and Frustration Pit (Franklin County) – The caves now have a new landowner.

Dragon Cave (Berks County) – Mike Mostardi stated that he will check on the status of the cave.

Dreibilbis Cave (Berks County) – Mike Mostardi maintains positive relations with the cave owner. The cave is to be removed from the project list.

J4 Cave (Centre County) – Paul Winter provided an update on the latest interaction between Nittany Grotto and Graymont concerning access to the cave. Nittany Grotto should be contacted regarding any specifics about the ongoing negotiations.

Kepler Cave (Centre County) – Paul Winter stated that the negotiations with the land owner remain good. Paul plans to approach the landowner about the possibility of a cave conservancy purchasing the cave.

McFadden Cave (Huntingdon County) – Pat Minnick reported that Gordy Ley has been in contact with the new land owner and the cave is to be considered closed. McFadden Cave is to be removed from the project list.

Red Church Cave (Schuylkill County) – Ed Kehs reported that there are no problems with the landowner. Since the gate is complete, Red Church Cave is to be removed from the project list.

PCC Tax Exempt Status: Gary Dunmire reported that the PCC's tax exempt status has been resolved with the IRS and is intact.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fund Raising Gear Auction: Pat Minnick reported that Ken Taymen's gear auction, held by Franklin County Grotto (FCG) during the 2014 Fall MAR field meet, raised \$1157.00 for Ken's widow. FCG received a Thank You note from the widow. Thank you to everyone who made the auction such a success!

Elections: The existing President, Vice President and Secretary were re-elected to serve another year. John Boswell was elected to serve as the new PCC Treasurer. The PCC would like to thank Gary Dunmire for all his hard work and dedication over the past years as treasurer. Thank you for a job very well done Gary!

Next meeting: Paul Winter moved and Craig Hindman seconded to tentatively hold the next PCC meeting on Sunday, June 14th at the Rupert Cave Preserve in McVeytown, PA contingent upon finding a host for a 2015 Spring MAR field meet. The motion passed. Meeting time 9:30 am.

Craig Hindman moved and Amos Mincin seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Gretchen (Red) Schock, Recording Secretary