

Pennsylvania Cave Conservancy, Inc.

P.O. Box 373, Neffs, PA 18065

Minutes of Regular Meeting - June 14, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 am by President Pat Minnick at the Rupert Cave Preserve, McVeytown, PA on Sunday, June 14, 2015.

The following officers were pr	esent: President Secretary		Treasurer	J. Boswell			
Representation was as follows:							
Bald Eagle Grotto Baltimore Grotto		Greater Allentown Grotto Huntingdon Co. Cave Hunters		Dwight Kempf (proxy)			

Bucks County Grotto		Nittany Grotto	Paul Winter
Cave Hill Grotto	Dave Briggs	Philadelphia Grotto	Amos Mincin
Central New Jersey Grotto	Amos Mincin	Seven Valleys Grotto	Gretchen Schock
Commander Cody Caving Club		York Grotto	Andy Filer (proxy)
Franklin County Grotto	Pat Minnick		

Secretary Report: The minutes from the February 28, 2015 meeting were read and accepted as published in the April 2015 MAR Breakdown.

Treasurer Report: Gary Dunmire and John Boswell are in the process of transitioning the treasurer's duties to John. The existing CD's matured at the end of May 2015. John Boswell stated that he may transfer the PCC account to a bank location that is more convenient to him. All account transitions should be finalized by the next PCC meeting. Paul Winter moved and Andy Filer seconded to add Pat Minnick as an alternate authorized user on the PCC bank account. The motion passed.

Web Page: Dave Fricke reported that the web site (<u>http://www.caves.org/conservancy/pcc/</u>) is up and running. The PCC officers list has been updated to show John Boswell of Franklin County Grotto as the Treasurer.

PCC Breakfast: The PCC will be hosting a fund raiser pancake breakfast during the 2015 MUDfest. Tickets will be provided to Cave Hill Grotto to be sold during the event for the breakfast. Thank you to Cave Hill Grotto for this opportunity!

Gary Dunmire announced that he has acquired an industrial coffee maker that he will be donating to the PCC for use during field meets, etc. Thank you Gary!

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

Mail: Dean Snyder reported, via email, that the PCC mail consisted of bank statements which had been forwarded to the treasurer. The only other mail was a request for some cave brochures from a caver in Europe. Dean will send him some materials.

Christmas Cards: Karen continues to manage the yearly distribution of Christmas cards to cave landowners. Contact Karen if you have a landowner you would like added to the Christmas card list.

T-shirts: Gary Dunmire stated that he will continue to maintain shirt sales and provide any proceeds to the current treasurer, John Boswell. Amos Mincin moved and Andy Filer seconded to reduce the price of the shirts to \$10 in an effort to reduce the inventory. The motion passed.

PA Cave Database: Dr. Will White is currently working on updates for the Juniata County caves.

Tony Canike will contact Dr. David Culver regarding his request for a list of cave entrance coordinates for Pennsylvania cave locations. A MOU is being drafted similar to the one used by the Virginia Region (VAR) to address this data request.

Paul Winter has access to the PA Cave Database, serving as a backup for Tony.

The list of current county stewards should be reviewed and updated. Amos Mincin offered to send an email to the grotto contacts (according to the NSS IO contact list) to verify the current list of county stewards. Amos also volunteered to assist Tony to coordinate/maintain the county steward list.

OLD BUSINESS:

Project List:

Corker Hill and Frustration Pit (Franklin County) – The caves have a new landowner. John Boswell will provide Karen Bange with the name to be included on the Christmas card list. The caves have limited access and Franklin County Grotto should be contacted prior to visitation for waiver forms. Access to the caves remains status quo with Franklin County Grotto serving as the point of contact, therefore the caves should be removed from the project list.

Dragon Cave (Berks County) – Amos Mincin reported that Mike Mostardi has been in contact with the cave owner. Mike serves of the point of contact for possible cave access.

J4 Cave (Centre County) – Paul Winter stated that he attended the MAKC board meeting and received several good suggestions. Interactions with Graymont will continue with the latest suggestions in mind. **Kepler Cave** (Centre County) – Paul Winter has been communicating with the landowner and discussions are ongoing. Paul stated that relations are good.

PCC Tax Exempt Status: Gary Dunmire reported that the 990E form has been filed. Information will be provided to John Boswell.

NEW BUSINESS:

Milroy Cave: George Bange reported that Todd Karschner serves as a key holder for access to Milroy Cave.

Spring MAR 2016: Franklin County Grotto will be hosting the Spring MAR field meet on May 13-15, 2016 at Harper's Park, in Shade Gap, PA. Additional information and details can be found on the MAR website as they become available.

WNS Update: There has been some positive news recently regarding the battle against White Nose Syndrome. Additional information can be found at:

http://blog.nature.org/science/2015/05/27/bananas-to-bats-the-science-behind-the-first-batssuccessfully-treated-for-white-nose-syndrome/

Next meeting: Assuming no person or group steps forward to host the 2015 Fall MAR field meet, the next PCC meeting will be held at Gretchen (Red) Schock's home on Sunday, September 27th at 10:00 am. Address is 81 Appalachian Drive, Carlisle, PA 17015.

Andy Filer moved and Paul Winter seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 am.

Respectfully submitted, Gretchen (Red) Schock, Recording Secretary