



Pennsylvania Cave Conservancy, Inc.

P.O. Box 373, Neffs, PA 18065

Minutes of Regular Meeting – September 25, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 am by President David Briggs at Woodward Campground, Woodward, PA on Sunday, September 25, 2016.

The following officers were present: **President** D. Briggs **Vice President** C. Catherman
Secretary G. Schock **Treasurer** J. Boswell

Representation was as follows:

Bald Eagle Grotto	J.D. Lewis	Greater Allentown Grotto	Mike Spencer
Baltimore Grotto	---	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	---	York Grotto	Randy Hurst
Franklin County Grotto	Pat Minnick		

Secretary Report: The minutes from the May 15, 2016 meeting were accepted as published in the August 2016 MAR Breakdown.

Treasurer Report: John Boswell provided the PCC account activity since the last meeting.

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Financial Summary 5-15-16 Thru 9-25-16

Interest Checking Account

Checking Balance 5/15/2016	F&M Trust Bank checking	4/30/2016	\$7,446.09
Deposit	Philly Grotto Donation	6/23/2016	\$100.00
Deposit	Andy Filer Donation	6/8/2016	\$50.00
Deposit	Spring MAR Breakfast	6/8/2016	\$204.00
Interest Payment			\$-
Ending Balance :			\$7,800.09

SAVINGS ACCOUNT (CDs):

		<u>Maturity Date</u>	
Certificate of Deposit *75	F&M Trust Bank CD	7/27/2017	\$1,116.30
Certificate of Deposit *29	F&M Trust Bank CD	7/27/2017	\$1,116.30
Certificate of Deposit *65	F&M Trust Bank CD	7/27/2017	\$1,116.30

* \$1.39 Interest credit applied to each 7/26/16

COMBINED TOTAL : \$11,148.99

Web Page: The existing web page is up and running. The proposed new url, pacaveconservancy.org, has been established.

PCC Breakfast: Proceeds and donations from this morning's pancake breakfast earned \$223 for the PCC and \$53 for MAKC. A big thank you goes out to MAKC for providing coffee on both Saturday and Sunday mornings of the field meet. The PCC does **not** plan to host a pancake breakfast at the upcoming 2017 Spring MAR/NRO field meet. The breakfast equipment will be transported to Dave Briggs's basement for storage.

PCC Brochure: George Bange and Dave Briggs have a supply of brochures available. Anyone interested in obtaining brochures should contact George or Dave.

Mail: No report.

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

T-shirts: Gary Dunmire reported that one PCC t-shirt was sold during the 2016 Fall MAR field meet. The shirts are being sold for \$10 each.

PA Cave Database: The PA Cave database is up and running. Paul Winter stated that there was nothing new to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Project and Caves of Interest List:

Hershey-Coy Cave (Cumberland County) – Mike Shank stated that work has been completed and everything looks good. This cave can now be removed from the project list.

J4 Cave (Centre County) – Paul Winter stated there have been no updates since the last PCC meeting.

Kepler Cave (Centre County) – Paul Winter indicated there was nothing to report and the cave could be removed from the project list.

McAlisterville Cave (Juniata County) – Red Schock reported the PCC is still planning to coordinate a cleanup effort of the area surrounding the cave entrance. Keith Wheeland has received positive feedback from the landowner regarding the project. Additional preparations must be coordinated to make the cleanup effort a success. Anyone interested in assisting with the arrangements should contact Red, particularly anyone familiar with the McAlisterville area. Additional information about the cleanup effort will be provided as it becomes available.

McClure Cave (Snyder County) – Paul Winter has been in contact with the landowner and learned that she is interested in having a gate installed on the cave. Paul also reported that there is potential conservation work at the cave to clear trash and graffiti. Paul Winter moved and Gary Dunmire seconded to authorize up to \$1000 of PCC funds to be allocated towards the gating efforts. The motion passed. Amos Mincin moved and Paul Winter seconded that the PCC organize a cleanup effort at McClure Cave. The motion passed.

The "P" Caves (Franklin County) – John Boswell has done some preliminary research on insurance costs to re-open the caves and make them accessible for cave trips. John has determined that any insurance policy will be expensive and plans to continue with his research.

Red Church Cave (Schuylkill County, PA) – Mike Spencer indicated that he has been attempting to coordinate with Dean Snyder regarding outstanding work that still needs to be done to stabilize the entrance area. Mike is planning a trip to the cave to assess the current conditions. Amos Mincin volunteered the Philadelphia Grotto to assist with any future work.

NEW BUSINESS:

New PCC Logo: Dave Briggs plans to reach out to the area grottos for new logo design ideas. He may inquire at universities for submissions as well. Anyone interested in submitting a new PCC logo design for consideration should contact Dave.

PCC Conservation Efforts: Dave Briggs reported that members of PCC assisted MAKC with conservation work at Hall Cave and the surrounding area. PCC also assisted MAKC with a trip into Rupert Cave with other conservation groups.

Fall MAR 2016: Thank you to Bald Eagle Grotto (BEG) for hosting an excellent Fall MAR field meet! A great time was had by all!

Spring MAR 2017: Philadelphia Grotto is planning to host the upcoming Spring MAR on June 2-4, 2017 at Indian Lookout County Club in celebration of the grotto's 70th Anniversary. Philadelphia Grotto will be teaming with Central Connecticut Grotto to host a joint MAR/NRO field meet in the Cobbleskill, NY area near Albany. Amos Mincin encourages those who have not caved in that area to attend and enjoy the opportunity to explore some new and different caves! More information will be posted on the MAR Web Site as it becomes available.

Next meeting: The next meeting of the PCC will be held on Saturday, February 25, 2017 at the Mt. Laurel Church of God, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania following the MAR Business meeting. For directions and details, please see the MAR Web Site (<http://www.caves.org/region/mar/main.htm>).

Paul Winter moved and Amos Mincin seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Gretchen (Red) Schock, Recording Secretary