



Pennsylvania Cave Conservancy, Inc.

P.O. Box 373, Neffs, PA 18065

Minutes of Regular Meeting – October 1, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 am by President David Briggs at 81 Appalachian Drive, Carlisle, PA on Sunday, October 1, 2017.

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

Representation was as follows:

Bald Eagle Grotto	---	Greater Allentown Grotto	Dean Snyder
Baltimore Grotto	Craig Hindman	Huntingdon Co. Cave Hunters	---
Bucks County Grotto	Steven Warneck	Nittany Grotto	---
Central New Jersey Grotto	---	Philadelphia Grotto	---
Commander Cody Caving Club	---	Seven Valleys Grotto	Gretchen Schock
Franklin County Grotto	Pat Minnick	York Grotto	Andy Filer (proxy)

Secretary Report: Craig Hindman moved and Pat Minnick seconded to accept the minutes from the May 20, 2017 meeting as published in the August 2017 MAR Breakdown. The motion passed.

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

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Financial Summary 5-20-17 Thru 10-01-17

Interest Checking Account

Checking Balance 5/20/17	F&M Trust Bank checking	5/20/2017	\$8,172.31
Check #1004	CCD Trash Disposal McAlisterville	5/20/2017	(\$337.10)
Check #1005	Sal's Pizza McAlisterville	5/20/2017	(197.16)
Deposit	Interest Credit	5/31/2017	\$0.35
Deposit	Interest Credit	6/30/2017	\$0.31
Deposit	Interest Credit	7/31/2017	\$0.33
Deposit	Franklin County Grotto Donation	8/18/2017	\$50.00
Deposit	Interest Credit	8/31/2017	\$0.32
Ending Balance :			\$7,689.36

SAVINGS ACCOUNT (CDs):

		<u>Maturity Date</u>	
Certificate of Deposit *75	F&M Trust Bank CD	7/27/2017	\$1,119.10
Certificate of Deposit *29	F&M Trust Bank CD	7/27/2017	\$1,119.10
Certificate of Deposit *65	F&M Trust Bank CD	7/27/2017	\$1,119.10

* \$1.39 Interest credit applied to each 7/31/2017

COMBINED TOTAL : **\$11,046.66**

Web Page: Dave Briggs announced the new PCC web site should be available soon, hopefully by the February 2018 meeting. He plans to implement a soft start of the new site to allow for review and evaluation.

PCC Breakfast: No new information to report.

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

Mail: Dean Snyder reported that he had checked the PCC mail box the day prior to the meeting and no mail had been received.

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

T-shirts: The PCC t-shirts are available for purchase on the PCC web site for \$15, which includes shipping and handling.

PA Cave Database: No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Project and Caves of Interest List:

McAlisterville Cave (Juniata County) – Dave Briggs noticed some trash accumulated during a recent trip to McAlisterville cave. The trash consisted of fast food bags, etc. Anyone planning a trip to the cave is encouraged to continue with litter cleanup during their visit. Jeff Herman has also been monitoring the McAlisterville cave area and reported a large tree falling near the entrance to the cave. The downed tree isn't blocking access to the cave but the PCC may want to consider cutting it up and moving it from the entrance area. Carol Tideman suggested the PCC send a thank you note to CCD Trash Disposal in McAlisterville for their generous donation during the cleanup effort last Spring.

McClure Cave (Snyder County) – Paul Winter had sent an email notification to the PCC Board on July 20, 2017 indicating that McClure Cave has been gated. The land owner is very thankful and access is good. The owner has a key, as well as some locals she has designated. Feel free to contact the PCC County Steward for Snyder County with any questions about access. An official management plan is in the works but the owner is currently approving all trips to the cave. Paul was under the impression that the gate builder may be donating the materials and labor for the gate, so the only expense will be some long life paint for the gate. He expects the costs to be less than \$100.

Red Church Cave (Schuylkill County, PA) – There are plans to install a cave conservation sign as well as a roof over the cave entrance to provide additional protection from debris falling into the entrance. Dean Snyder mentioned that there was also some graffiti cleanup work that could be done inside the cave. Craig Hindman offered the use of some of his tools to Ed Kehs and Dean Snyder to assist with some cave gate latch modifications.

NEW BUSINESS:

Northumberland County Cave Cleanup Project: Andy Filer has been involved in conversations with a cave landowner in Northumberland County. The potential cleanup project would include two area caves with the second cave being owned by the landowner's brother-in-law. The effort would involve

removal of trash including possibly hundreds of tires and other large items. Andy will be checking with the landowner regarding possible overnight accommodations (camping area, etc) for the cleanup teams. More details will be provided during the February 2018 meeting.

PCC Meeting Improvements: Dave Briggs encouraged members to share ideas and suggestions on ways to improve our PCC meetings.

Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC): The PCC has been working with the Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC) to establish a good working relationship between cavers (PCC) and the PGC. Andy Filer will talk with Mike Scafani about offering PCC assistance on efforts/projects that present a common interest for both of our organizations.

Cold Air Cave: Dean Snyder suggested that Cold Air cave be considered as a potential conservation project site. Dean stated Cold Air cave is located in the Delaware Water Gap area and had operated as a show cave from the 1870's until the 1960's. Pat Minnick moved and John Boswell seconded to authorize Dean Snyder to draft a letter on behalf of the PCC to contact the park authorities regarding a cleanup effort for Cold Air cave. The motion passed. The letter will be reviewed by Dave Briggs prior to being sent. Dean will be provided with PCC letterhead as well as a PCC brochure to accompany the letter.

Spring MAR 2018: Hope Brooks had sent notification to the MAR officers via email indicating that Loyalhanna Grotto is planning to host the Spring 2018 Field Meet. More details will be posted on the MAR web site as they become available.

Fall MAR 2018: Nittany Grotto is planning to host the Fall 2018 Field Meet in honor of Nittany Grotto's 70th Anniversary. More details will be posted on the MAR web site as they become available.

Next meeting: The next meeting of the PCC will be held on Saturday, February 24, 2018 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>).

Dean Snyder moved and Pat Minnick seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Gretchen (Red) Schock, Recording Secretary