



Pennsylvania Cave Conservancy, Inc.

P.O. Box 373, Neffs, PA 18065

Minutes of Regular Meeting – May 20, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by President David Briggs at the Lost Creek Park, McAlisterville, PA on Saturday, May 20, 2017.

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

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
Central New Jersey Grotto	Amos Mincin	Philadelphia Grotto	Amos Mincin
Commander Cody Caving Club	Dave Fricke	Seven Valleys Grotto	Joe Schock
Franklin County Grotto	Pat Minnick	York Grotto	Randy Hurst

Secretary Report: Paul Winter moved and Randy Hurst seconded to accept the minutes from the February 25, 2017 meeting as published in the April 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 2-25-17 Thru 5-20-17

Interest Checking Account

Checking Balance 2/25/17	F&M Trust Bank checking	2/25/2017	\$8,223.31
Deposit	Interest Credit	2/28/2017	\$0.32
Check #1002	NSS Webspace	3/24/2017	(\$12.00)
Deposit	Interest Credit	3/31/2017	\$0.35
Deposit	Interest Credit	4/30/2017	\$0.33
Check #1003	Fayette Township Pavilion Rental	5/1/2017	(\$45.00)
Deposit	Amazon Smile		5.00
Ending Balance :			\$8,172.31

SAVINGS ACCOUNT (CDs):

Certificate of Deposit *75	F&M Trust Bank CD	7/27/2017	\$1,117.71
Certificate of Deposit *29	F&M Trust Bank CD	7/27/2017	\$1,117.71
Certificate of Deposit *65	F&M Trust Bank CD	7/27/2017	\$1,117.71

* \$1.41 Interest credit applied to each 1/26/2017

COMBINED TOTAL :

\$11,525.44

Web Page: The new PCC web site should be available soon.

PCC Breakfast: The PCC does **not** plan to host a pancake breakfast at the upcoming 2017 Spring MAR/NRO field meet. The breakfast equipment is being stored at Dave Briggs's home. Joe Schock plans to make some modifications to the equipment.

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 know of a landowner you would like added to the PCC Christmas card list. Dave Briggs stated he may have an address to add to the list.

T-shirts: The PCC t-shirts are available for purchase on the PCC web site for \$15, which includes shipping and handling. Dave Briggs announced he has some thoughts for a new, future t-shirt design that could be made and sold on demand to avoid accumulating unsold inventory.

PA Cave Database: Paul Winter stated there was nothing new to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Project and Caves of Interest List:

McAlisterville Cave (Juniata County) – The hillside cleanup event at the McAlisterville cave property on May 20, 2017 was a great success! Thank you very much for all the volunteers that braved the cold, rainy weather to make such an impressive difference! Also, thank you to all those that helped to coordinate this event and make it happen. Over 4100 pounds of trash was collected and hauled away thanks to the hard work of so many cavers. Dave Briggs announced that the local trash collection company had donated the disposal of the first 500 pounds of trash free of charge and applied a reduced rate for the disposal of remainder of the trash collected. The land owners were able to stop by during the cleanup event and chatted with Keith Wheeland for a while. The cave owners expressed their surprise and gratitude to all the people who were working so hard. Great job everyone! Dave Briggs plans to revisit the property in the future to assess if we need to return for more work at a later date. Jeff Herman has also offered to monitor the area from time to time and report on any noticeable changes.

McClure Cave (Snyder Country) – Paul Winter reported that the weather had delayed the start of work at the cave. Work is now being planned for the June timeframe.

Red Church Cave (Schuylkill County, PA) – Dave Briggs and Amos Mincin plan to visit the cave site to assess the condition of the cave entrance and what repair work may be required.

New PCC Logo: Dave Briggs is continuing to explore different options for developing the new PCC logo.

NEW BUSINESS:

PCC Presence: Dave Briggs expressed an interest in the PCC having more of a presence at caving events. He suggested selling bat boxes as a possible fund raising effort and encouraged others to keep other potential fund raisers in mind.

PCC County Stewards: Todd Karschner has volunteered to serve as the Mifflin County Steward.

Huntingdon County Cave: Dave Briggs announced that a missing cave in Huntingdon County has been rediscovered. The cave name is being withheld at the landowner's request. Don Arrowood has been in active discussions with the land owners. The owners have requested that a retaining wall be installed. Dave also noted that there is currently an existing old, deteriorating gate on the cave that may require some attention. A small group has been requested to survey the cave prior to opening it for recreational trips. Paul Winter moved and Randy Hurst seconded to authorize the use of up to \$1000 to fund the project. The motion passed.

Spring MAR/NRO 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 Cobleskill, 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! NRO led trips as well as self-led caving options will be available. Caving related presentations are planned for the evenings. There will be at least one vendor on site. There is plenty of space for camping, warm showers will be available, and there will be a central bon fire at the site. No pets are permitted at the event. Amos invited both PCC and MAKC to set up informational booths during the event.

Fall MAR 2017: There is not currently a host for the 2017 fall field meet.

Next meeting: At the time of the Spring PCC meeting, no volunteers have stepped forward to host the Fall MAR 2017. The next meeting of the PCC is to be determined. Additional information will be distributed via the PCC grotto representatives email list as it becomes available.

Pat Minnick moved and Dave Fricke seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 1:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Gretchen (Red) Schock, Recording Secretary