



Pennsylvania Cave Conservancy, Inc.

P.O. Box 373, Neffs, PA 18065

Minutes of Regular Meeting – September 30, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 am by Treasurer John Boswell at the Rupert Cave Preserve, McVeytown, PA on Sunday, September 30, 2018.

The following officers were present: **Secretary** Gretchen Schock **Treasurer** John Boswell

Representation was as follows:

Bald Eagle Grotto	J.D. Lewis	Greater Allentown Grotto	Mike Spencer
Baltimore Grotto	Kim Fleischmann (proxy)	Huntingdon Co. Cave Hunters	David Field (proxy)
Bucks County Grotto	---	Nittany Grotto	---
Central New Jersey Grotto	Amos Mincin	Philadelphia Grotto	Amos Mincin
Commander Cody Caving Club	David Fricke	Seven Valleys Grotto	Joe Schock
Franklin County Grotto	Pat Minnick	York Grotto	Mike Shank

Secretary Report: Pat Minnick moved and Kim Fleischmann seconded to accept the minutes from the February 24, 2018 meeting as published in the April 2018 MAR Breakdown. The motion passed.

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

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Financial Summary

2-24-18 through 9-30-18

Interest Checking Account

Checking Balance 2/24/18	F&M Trust Bank checking	2/24/2018	\$7,690.97
Deposit	Baltimore Grotto Donation	9/30/2017	\$50.00
Deposit	Central NJ Grotto Donation	10/31/2017	\$50.00
Check #1006	Red Church Gating Reimb Ed Kehs	11/30/2017	(\$500.00)
Check #1007	Tire Disposal (2,401 lbs)	12/31/2017	(\$108.00)
Check #1008	Gordy Ley Trailer Wheel	1/31/2018	(\$116.59)
Check #1009	Gordy Ley Weikert Cave Gating Reimg		(\$155.00)
Deposit	Amazon.com		\$6.24
Deposit	Interest Credit	2/28/2018	\$0.30
Deposit	Interest Credit	3/31/2018	\$0.56
Deposit	Interest Credit	4/30/2018	\$0.59
Deposit	Amazon.com	5/18/2018	\$5.00
Deposit	Interest Credit	5/31/2018	\$0.60
Deposit	Interest Credit	6/30/2018	\$0.59
Deposit	Interest Credit	7/31/2018	\$0.59
Deposit	Interest Credit	8/31/2018	\$0.58
Ending Balance :			\$6,926.43

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

(CDs):

		<u>Maturity Date</u>	
Certificate of Deposit *75	F&M Trust Bank CD	7/27/2017	\$1,124.70
Certificate of Deposit *29	F&M Trust Bank CD	7/27/2017	\$1,124.70
Certificate of Deposit *65	F&M Trust Bank CD	7/27/2017	\$1,124.70

* \$2.78 Interest credit applied to each 7/26/2018

COMBINED TOTAL :

\$10,300.53

Web Page: Dave Fricke reported that the existing PCC website is up to date and operational.

PCC Breakfast: Pat Minnick reported that the PCC pancake breakfast during the 2018 Fall MAR was a success with approximately 77 people served. \$330 (including a \$20 donation) was earned for the PCC and MAKC earned \$75. Thank you to all the volunteers of the breakfast crew as well as all those who purchased a breakfast ticket to support the PCC and MAKC!

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: Kim Kehs volunteered to assume the task of sending the PCC Christmas Cards. Please contact Kim 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:

Cold Air Cave (Monroe County) – No report.

Kiehls/Schwalms Caves (Northumberland County) – The Kiehls Cave land owners were very happy with the results of the PCC cleanup event on Saturday, April 14, 2018. Thank you to everyone who came out to make a large task go well with so many hard working cavers/volunteers! This cave can be removed from the project list.

McClure Cave (Snyder County) – Rick Smith reported that the cave gate has been painted which concludes the planned work for the cave. This cave can be removed from the project list.

Red Church Cave (Schuylkill County, PA) – Mike Spencer and Dwight Kempf stated that the retaining wall work is complete and that the gate latch has been modified to open easier. The roof to protect the cave entrance area from falling debris is still under construction and there are trees that must be cleared.

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

Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC): Mike Spencer reported that the Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC) has recently posted a press release considering the re-classification of tri-colored and little brown bats as endangered. A link to the article can be accessed from the PGC web site (<https://www.pgc.pa.gov/>). Cavers should be aware of and consider the potential impact on access to caves in Pennsylvania based on this possible status change. Dave Field suggested researching how other conservancy groups utilize lobbying to represent their conservancy interests.

NEW BUSINESS:

Silers Cave for Sale: Mike Shank stated Silers Cave property has recently been put on the market for sale at a listed price of \$99,000, which includes any structures that are on the property. Amos Mincin reported that the Philadelphia Grotto was interesting in assisting to keep Silers Cave open and available for cave trips. Amos also stated that Philadelphia Grotto may be willing to contribute funds toward the purchase of the cave property. While nothing official can be reported at this time, some cave conservancies are seriously considering pursuing the purchase of the cave property.

Virtual PCC Meetings: In order to allow for more convenient attendance of future PCC meetings, it was suggested that virtual meetings be considered as a possibility. Mike Shank moved and Amos Mincin seconded to allow virtual meetings for future PCC meetings. The motion passed. More details will be provided if/when the process is established.

Eagle Scout Project at Wind Cave: Mike Shank reported that a boy scout is in the process of constructing an informational kiosk at Wind Cave as part of his Eagle Scout project. The construction of the kiosk is scheduled for the last weekend in October. Mike reported that Lancaster Land Conservancy is in the process of purchasing rights to the land in the area, including the cave entrance.

Spring MAR 2018: Eric Pekley and Dwight Kempf reported that the 2018 Spring MAR event hosted by Loyalhanna Grotto was muddy, wet, and had approximately 84 people in attendance. A great time was had by all. Thanks to Loyalhanna grotto for hosting and to MAKC for the use of the Bear Cave Natural Area.

Fall MAR 2018: Thanks to George and Karen Bange and the Nittany Grotto for hosting a wonderful Fall MAR event!

Spring MAR 2019: There is currently no grotto/group who has volunteered to host the 2019 Spring MAR. Please contact a MAR officer if your grotto is willing to host an event.

Fall MAR 2019: Mike Shank stated that York Grotto plans to host the 2019 Fall MAR. More information will be provided on the MAR website as it becomes available.

Next meeting: The next meeting of the PCC is to be determined. Additional information will be distributed as it becomes available.

Mike Spencer moved and Kim Fleischmann seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Gretchen (Red) Schock, Recording Secretary