



Pennsylvania Cave Conservancy, Inc.

P.O. Box 373, Neffs, PA 18065

Minutes of Regular Meeting – February 23, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 3:55 pm by President Dave Briggs at the Mt. Laurel Church of God, Harrisburg, PA on Saturday, February 23, 2019. Dave began the meeting by extending his sincere gratitude to his fellow PCC officers as well as all the PCC members for their impressive efforts in the PCC clean-up events over the past few years.

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

Representation was as follows:

Bald Eagle Grotto	J.D. Lewis	Greater Allentown Grotto	Dean Snyder
Baltimore Grotto	Craig Hindman	Huntingdon Co. Cave Hunters	Dean Snyder (proxy)
Bucks County Grotto	Steven Warnek	Nittany Grotto	Paul Winter
Central New Jersey Grotto	Amos Mincin	Philadelphia Grotto	Amos Mincin
Commander Cody Caving Club	Mike Mostardi	Seven Valleys Grotto	Joe Schock
Franklin County Grotto	Pat Minnick	York Grotto	Randy Hurst

Secretary Report: The minutes from the September 30, 2018 meeting were accepted as published in the January 2019 MAR Breakdown.

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

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Financial Summary

10-01-18 through 2-23-19

Interest Checking Account

Checking Balance 9/30/18	F&M Trust Bank checking	9/30/2018	\$6926.43
Deposit	Fall MAR PCC Breakfast proceeds		\$344.00
Deposit	Amazon Smile Deposit	10/29/2018	\$7.76
Deposit	Baltimore Grotto Donation	1/18/2019	\$50.00
Deposit	Interest Credit	9/30/2018	\$0.57
Deposit	Interest Credit	10/31/2018	\$0.59
Deposit	Interest Credit	11/30/2018	\$0.60
Deposit	Interest Credit	12/31/2018	\$0.62
Deposit	Interest Credit	1/31/2019	\$0.92
Ending Balance :			\$7,331.49

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 :

\$10,705.59

Amazon Smile Reminder: Dave Briggs reminded everyone that the Pennsylvania Cave Conservancy is a participating charity in the Amazon Smile program. Amazon shoppers are encouraged to use the Amazon Smile feature with the PCC as a means for raising funds. There is no additional cost for the shopper but the selected charity receives a percentage of every purchase.

Web Page: Dave Fricke reported that the existing PCC website is up to date and operational. Dave Briggs stated that the PCC has available web space in the event the NSS provided space becomes unavailable.

PCC Breakfast: The PCC officers indicated that a pancake breakfast could be provided at the upcoming 2019 Spring and/or Fall MAR field meets, if the hosting grottos were interested. York Grotto expressed the desire for a PCC pancake breakfast at the Fall MAR field meet.

PCC Brochure: George Bange will be providing his supply of brochures to Dave Briggs. Anyone interested in obtaining brochures should contact Dave Briggs.

Mail: Dean Snyder reported that the PCC annual mailbox fee of \$76 was paid by the Greater Allentown Grotto (GAG). The PCC also received two mail items which Dean provided to John Boswell.

Christmas Cards: Kim Kehs assumed the task of sending the PCC Christmas Cards beginning in 2018. The cards that were sent for Christmas 2018 were handmade by Kim. Dave Briggs suggested including a PCC brochure in the upcoming year's cards. Dave also requested that Ed Kiehls be added to the card list and will provide the mailing address to Kim. 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. Dave Briggs and John Boswell indicated that they would like to obtain the shirts from Gary Dunmire and possibly donate some to future MAR field meets as door prizes.

PA Cave Database: Paul Winter reported that Tony Canike continues to serve as the primary contact for updates and requests concerning the PA Cave Database. Paul is acting as a back-up for Tony when needed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Project and Caves of Interest List:

Cold Air Cave (Monroe County) – Dean Snyder has drafted a letter that should be printed on PCC letterhead prior to being sent. Dave Briggs will follow up with the letter Dean provided.

Kiehls/Schwalms Caves (Northumberland County) – Dave Briggs took another opportunity to thank everyone for their efforts. He has received various text messages from the Kiehls/Schwalms Cave land owners expressing their gratitude, so landowner relations are very good. Dave mentioned that, due to high water levels, there were some tires that could not be removed from the cave on the day of the cleanup. Unfortunately, those areas of the cave remain inaccessible as a result of the excessive rain over the past year. This cave can be removed from the project list.

Red Church Cave (Schuylkill County, PA) – Dean Snyder reported that Ed Kehs did a masterful job with the retaining wall at the cave entrance. Improvements were also made to the cave gate to make opening it easier. The protective roof at the cave entrance area is still under construction.

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.

Silers Cave for Sale: During the MAR Business meeting, it was announced that a caving family has purchased Silers Cave. MAKC is leasing the property and assisting the owners with management. MAKC will gladly accept donations towards this new effort.

Eagle Scout Project at Wind Cave: The Eagle Scout project to construct an informational kiosk at Wind Cave has been completed. Photos of the project are available for viewing on York Grotto's website.

NEW BUSINESS:

Next PCC Project: Dave Briggs stated that the PCC is looking for conservation/cleanup projects for the upcoming year. Cold Air cave is being considered as a possibility.

PCC Event Insurance: Dave Briggs plans to discuss insurance coverage with a representative from the NSS for additional clarification on coverage that is available to cave conservancies. During the Kiehls/Schwalms cleanup last spring, the PCC used coverage through Franklin County Grotto's policy. Dave is investigating options for event coverage and is open to suggestions.

Spring MAR 2019: Bald Eagle Grotto plans to host the 2019 Spring MAR at Woodward Cave Campground on May 3-5, 2019. The theme will be a combination of "May the Fourth Be With You" and "Cinco De Mayo". Additional information will be posted on the MAR website as it becomes available.

Fall MAR 2019: York Grotto plans to host the 2019 Fall MAR in Newville, PA on September 20-22, 2019. More information will be provided on the MAR website as it becomes available.

Sarah Furnace Cave Donation: Paul Winter proposed assisting MAKC with their fund raising efforts for Sarah Furnace Cave. Craig Hindman moved and Randy Hurst seconded for the PCC to donate \$1000 to MAKC for the cave purchase. The motion passed.

Elections: Randy Hurst moved and Mike Mostardi seconded that the existing PCC officers remain for another year. The motion passed and all current officers were re-elected.

Next meeting: The next meeting of the PCC will be held during the 2019 Spring MAR at Woodward Cave Campground on May 5, 2019 at 9:30am.

Paul Winter moved and Mike Mostardi seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 4:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Gretchen (Red) Schock, Recording Secretary