

Pennsylvania Cave Conservancy, Inc.

P.O. Box 373, Neffs, PA 18065

Minutes of Regular Meeting – May 5, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Treasurer John Boswell at the Woodward Cave Campground, Woodward, PA on Sunday, May 5, 2019.

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

Representation was as follows:

Bald Eagle Grotto Matt Neyhart (proxy) Greater Allentown Grotto
Baltimore Grotto Kim Fleischmann (proxy) Huntingdon Co. Cave Hunters

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Bucks County Grotto -- Nittany Grotto Gary Dunmire
Central New Jersey Grotto Amos Mincin Philadelphia Grotto Amos Mincin

Commander Cody Caving Club -- Seven Valleys Grotto Joe Schock Franklin County Grotto Pat Minnick York Grotto Randy Hurst

Secretary Report: Amos Mincin moved and Matt Neyhart seconded to accept the minutes from the February 23, 2019 meeting as published in the April 2019 MAR Breakdown. The motion passed.

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

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Financial Summary 2-24-19 through 5-5-19

Interest Checking Account

Ending Balance:

Checking Balance 2/23/19	F&M Trust Bank checking	2/23/2019	\$7331.49
Check #1010	MAKC Sarah Furnace Acq Fund	2/23/2019	(\$1000.00)
Deposit	Interest Credit	2/28/2019	\$0.84
Deposit	CNJG Donation	3/20/2019	\$50.00
Deposit	Interest Credit	3/31/2019	\$0.83
Deposit	Interest Credit	4/30/2019	\$0.78

\$6,383.94

SAVINGS ACCOUNT (CDs):		Maturity Date	
Certificate of Deposit *75	F&M Trust Bank CD	7/27/2017	\$1,127.53
Certificate of Deposit *29	F&M Trust Bank CD	7/27/2017	\$1,127.53
Certificate of Deposit *65	F&M Trust Bank CD	7/27/2017	\$1,127.53
* \$2.83 Interest credit ap	plied to each 1/26/2019		

COMBINED TOTAL: \$9,766.53

Web Page: no report.

PCC Breakfast: John Boswell reported 33 breakfasts and 3 coffee only sales were served during the 2019 Spring MAR field meet. Thank you to MAKC for providing the coffee service Saturday and Sunday morning during the field meet! Bald Eagle Grotto was uncertain of the number of pre-sale breakfast tickets sold through registration; therefore they provided the PCC with \$200 as an estimate.

There were also 15 cash sales during the morning of the breakfast, along with a 26 cent donation to the PCC. A total of \$278.26 was collected for breakfast and coffee sales, \$240.26 for PCC breakfasts and \$38 for MAKC coffee sales. Supplies for the PCC breakfast were donated by Dave Briggs, John Boswell, as well as Karen and George Bange. Thanks to all of them for their generosity! The PCC officers indicated that a pancake breakfast will be provided at the upcoming 2019 Fall MAR field meet hosted by York Grotto.

PCC Brochure: Dave Briggs has the supply of PCC brochures. Anyone interested in obtaining brochures should contact Dave Briggs.

Mail: no report.

Christmas Cards: Kim Kehs assumed the task of sending the PCC Christmas Cards beginning in 2018. 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. **Red Church Cave** (Schuylkill County, PA) – no report.

PCC Event Insurance: The PCC is not covered under the NSS insurance umbrella since it is not considered one of the NSS Internal Organizations (I.O.). The PCC will continue to investigate other avenues for liability coverage during conservation events.

Sarah Furnace Cave: Tom Metzgar reported MAKC is scheduled to close on the property May 31, 2019 and that most of the required funds have been raised. MAKC has additional information about the Sarah Furnace Cave property for those who are interested.

NEW BUSINESS:

Decker Sink Cleanup: Gary Dunmire requested the assistance of the PCC membership for a potential sinkhole cleanup in Centre County. Decker Sink is reported to take an estimated 60-80 gallon/hour water flow. The sink hole is full of trash, tires, and oil drums. A rope and pulley system may be required for the cleanup efforts due to the steep walls at the site. A significant amount of manpower will be required for this cleanup. Gary has been in contact with DCNR, Penns Valley Conservation Association, and Clearwater Conservancy regarding efforts to clean this sink hole. Gary is hoping for a quick timeline and something to be coordinated within the next few weeks. He will provide the PCC with updates as they become available.

*** Post Meeting Note from Gary Dunmire May 20, 2019: Matt Beaver from DCNR indicated that hands-on cleanup with volunteers in the Decker sink hole will be postpone until a later time, perhaps a late fall (leaf off) or early next spring. ***

Spring MAR 2019: A huge thank you to Bald Eagle Grotto for hosting a wonderful MAR field meet! A great time was had by all!

Fall MAR 2019: York Grotto plans to host the 2019 Fall MAR at the Newville Fairgrounds, Newville, PA on September 20-22, 2019. The Saturday evening meal will be provided by the local fire company. More information will be provided on the MAR website as it becomes available.

Next meeting: The next meeting of the PCC will be held during the 2019 Fall MAR at the Newville Fairgrounds, Newville, PA on September 22, 2019 at 9:30am.

Randy Hurst moved and Matt Neyhart seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 am.

Respectfully submitted, Gretchen (Red) Schock, Recording Secretary