



# Pennsylvania Cave Conservancy, Inc.

P.O. Box 373, Neffs, PA 18065

## Minutes of Regular Meeting – February 29, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 4:17 pm by Treasurer John Boswell at the Mt. Laurel Church of God, Harrisburg, PA on Saturday, February 29, 2020.

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

Representation was as follows:

Bald Eagle Grotto	J.D. Lewis	Greater Allentown Grotto	Dwight Kempf (proxy)
Baltimore Grotto	Craig Hindman	Huntingdon Co. Cave Hunters	Dean Snyder (proxy)
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:** Craig Hindman moved and Amos Mincin seconded to accept the minutes from the September 22, 2019 meeting as published in the January 2020 MAR Breakdown. The motion passed.

**Treasurer Report:** John Boswell reviewed the PCC account activity since the last meeting (provided below).

## Pennsylvania Cave Conservancy

### Financial Summary 9-23-19 through 2-29-20

#### Interest Checking Account

Checking Balance 9/22/19	F&M Trust Bank checking	9/22/2019	\$6,632.28
Deposit	Fall MAR (43 Tix, \$30 donations)	9/24/2019	\$245.00
1011	Propane fill, extra tank	9/24/2019	<b>\$(69.98)</b>
Deposit	Baltimore Grotto donation	12/17/2019	\$50.00
Deposit	Interest Credit	9/30/2019	\$0.52
Deposit	Interest Credit	10/31/2019	\$0.57
Deposit	Interest Credit	11/30/2019	\$0.51
Deposit	Interest Credit	12/31/2019	\$0.29
Deposit	Interest Credit	1/31/2020	\$0.29
<b>Ending Balance :</b>			<b>\$6,859.48</b>

#### SAVINGS ACCOUNT (CDs):

Certificate of Deposit *75	F&M Trust Bank CD	<u>Maturity Date</u> 7/27/2021	\$1,135.46
Certificate of Deposit *29	F&M Trust Bank CD	7/27/2021	\$1,135.46
Certificate of Deposit *65	F&M Trust Bank CD	7/27/2021	\$1,135.46

\* \$5.13 Interest credit applied to each 1/26/2020

**COMBINED TOTAL :** **\$10,265.86**

**Web Page:** Dave Fricke reported that the existing PCC website is up and running and everything is status quo.

**PCC Breakfast:** The PCC plans to hold their normal pancake breakfast fund raiser on Sunday morning of the upcoming 2020 Spring MAR/VAR being held at Grand Caverns, VA. Red Schock is storing the PCC breakfast supplies/gear until the next PCC breakfast.

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

**Mail:** Dean Snyder provided the mail which consisted of tax notices and a donation from Central New Jersey Grotto. Thank you CNJG!

**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:** Paul Winter reported that Tony Canike continues to maintain the PA Cave Database but indicated that Tony is becoming busier now that he is retired. If anyone has an interest in taking over the database and doing more with it, Tony would be more than willing to work with that individual(s) to transition things over.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **Project and Caves of Interest List:**

**Cold Air Cave** (Northampton County) – no report.

**Decker Sink Cleanup** – no report.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Future of the PCC:** John Boswell opened the discussions regarding the efficacy/viability of the PCC and whether or not the PCC was simply duplicating efforts of other conservancy groups in the area. John noted that the topic has been discussed among cavers from time to time over the years so the PCC representatives were now being given an opportunity to have a conversation in a more formal environment. Some of the points of discussion were:

- PCC is the only NSS-affiliated conservancy in PA
- The PCC offers the Grottos a voting block/platform for issues in the region
- What would happen to the PA Cave Database that is currently maintained by the PCC?
- Past meeting minutes could be used for a planning/analysis decision matrix to determine PCC activity over the years
- Other conservancies are member-supported, which results in more income but, if the PCC does not own/manage caves, will people pay to be PCC members?
- More frequent messaging with Grottos
- Solicit potential projects from Grottos

- Encourage Grottos to reach out to the PCC for help/coordination of projects
- PCC is a vehicle that is already in existence, so it could be changed or improved rather than having others start from scratch
- Turnout for events sponsored by PCC is greater than turnout for projects by individual Grottos
- Focus on small projects (cleanups, gating) and allow organizations like MAKC to handle acquiring caves until PCC is financially able to buy property.
- MAKC is willing to answer questions about fundraising or anything else
- Create an email listserve to keep in contact with Grottos more often than three meetings per year
- Organize more events

Grotto representatives were encouraged to return and continue this discussion with their grotto members.

**Spring MAR/VAR 2020:** Seven Valleys Grotto and Charlottesville Grotto are planning to co-host the Spring 2020 MAR/VAR Field Meet. The event will be held on May 1-3, 2020 at Grand Caverns in Grottoes, VA. More details will be posted on the MAR web site as they become available. (\*\*Note: Since the time of the meeting, this event has been postponed until Spring of 2021 due to CDC guidance for COVID-19).

**Elections:** The existing President, Treasurer, and Secretary were re-elected to serve another year. Amos Mincin was elected to serve as the new PCC Vice President. The PCC would like to thank Andy Filer for his service the past 3 years as Vice President.

**Next meeting:** The next meeting of the PCC will be held during the 2020 Spring MAR/VAR at Grand Caverns in Grottoes, VA on May 3, 2020 at 10:00am. (\*\*Note: Since the time of the meeting, this event has been postponed. Next PCC meeting: To be determined.)

Dave Fricke moved and J.D. Lewis seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gretchen (Red) Schock, Recording Secretary