

# Illinois Speleological Survey

## Meeting Minutes

Saturday, April 6, 2013  
2016 Stemler Road, Columbia, Illinois

Call to order: 7:00 PM

President: Bob Weck - PRESENT  
Recording Secretary: Steve Taylor - PRESENT  
Vice-President: Jack Wood - PRESENT  
Treasurer: John Lovaas - ABSENT  
Director: Richard Raber - ABSENT  
Director: Steve Taylor - PRESENT  
Director: Dan Lamping - PRESENT  
Director: Gary Resch - PRESENT  
Director/webmaster: Jack Wood - PRESENT  
IDNR Director: Mona Colburn - PRESENT  
CLIFFTOP NFP Director: Carl Daubach - PRESENT

Data Request Committee (DRC):  
Bob Weck - PRESENT  
John Lovaas - ABSENT  
Mihai Lefticariu - PRESENT

Others:  
Nancy Weck - PRESENT  
Aaron Addison – PRESENT  
Phil Goldman – PRESENT  
Valerie Lamoing - PRESENT

1. Presentation on White Nose Syndrome in Illinois (Steve Taylor)  
Taylor provided a very informative presentation on WNS research in Illinois. Images and selected information from the presentation can be found at [www.inhs.illinois.edu/research/bat-wns](http://www.inhs.illinois.edu/research/bat-wns)
2. Motion (Daubach): The minutes of the November 18, 2012 meeting are approved.  
Second: Wood  
For: All  
Against: None
3. Not-For-Profit Filings:  
John Lovaas filed forms with the Illinois Secretary of State, & paid annual fee. John has replaced Philip Moss as ISS Registered Agent.

#### 4. Reports:

A. Treasurer's report (Lovaas): Absent, but email report to Weck,  
Presented by Weck:

Previous Balance:	\$715.11
Income:	\$161.00
Expenses:	\$ 17.00
Current Balance:	\$859.11

B. Membership report (Wood):  
about 23 members in 2012 at this time, about 19 members this year.

C. Data request and DRC activity (Colburn[PRESENT]/  
Wilhelm[ABSENT]):  
no data requests

D. Camp Vanderverter Project (Weck):  
no new activity, almost finished, have not gotten in contact with the new camp Director yet.

E. Shawnee Forest Project (Wood):  
Had email exchange with McClanahan about WNS in Illinois, findings already summarized in Taylor's Presentation at this meeting.

F. Website (Wood): mostly up to date

G. ISS Patches (Raber, absent reported by Weck): Sold one patch since last meeting, 41 on hand.

H. Science Committee (Weck):  
National Great Rivers Research and Education Center Summer Internship Program – Sparrow Spring/Sparrow Creek project has been approved. ISS is involved. The project will look at changes in water quality and invertebrate community from resurgence for Stemler Cave and at points downstream to see if invert and WQ changing. In proposal, ISS is mentioned, and the science committee will lend a hand.

**Action Item:** Weck to send blurb to Jack Wood for inclusion on ISS Website

- I. Organizational director's reports:
  - a. Clifftop Alliance (Daubach):  
Report on Seibert acquisition initiative - discussion of potential land acquisition, and how cavers might help out.  
Discussion: All Present discussed ISS making a pledge of financial support to Clifftop Alliance.  
Motion (Lamping): ISS makes pledge to Clifftop Alliance for \$859.11  
Second (Wood)  
Discussion: Motion is amended to \$300 instead of the original amount  
For: Colburn, Wood, Resh, Lamping  
Against: None  
Recused themselves: Daubach, Taylor

**Action Item:** Bob Weck will email Daubach to formally tell Clifftop NFP that ISS is pledging \$300.

- J. Grotto/Agency Activity Reports:  
none, other than Taylor's Presentation at beginning of meeting

5. Status of action items from 11/18/2012 minutes, including:

- A. Illinois Speleology Small Grant project (Wood, Taylor):  
Subterranean Ecology Institute (SEI) has agreed to work with the ISS to receive donations in support of Illinois Speleology Small Grant project.
- B. ISS newsletter (Weck): Nothing so far, but it is a good idea
- C. Letters to ISS data recipients: every year ISS is to send out a letter to anyone who has received data -- this has not been working out well, is too open ended.  
Motion (Lamping): Abolish policy,  
Second: Wood  
Discussion - Motion amended to: Data recipients get one reminder letter, one year after receiving the data request.  
For: Colburn, Wood, Resh, Taylor, Daubach  
Against: Lamping
- D. Filemaker database template  
We have previously adopted a model based on the MSS. At the November 2012 meeting the board asked Colburn to meet with Lovaas to begin populating the database. Lovaas indicated he's not able to this. Lamping, Colburn met & discussed this and Lamping volunteered to work with Colburn. Discussion of accession

numbers followed. Colburn will use the standard, two-letter county code to create accession numbers.

**Action Item:** Colburn will start doing some data entry, populating fields, with help from Dan

E. Digitizing Current paper maps

Digitizing current paper maps. Aaron Addison is willing to help with larger format maps.

F. Unmapped Cave Initiative:

proposal to offer up caves which need to be mapped. This is tabled until we get stuff into a database.

6. New Business:

A. **Motion 1:** Daubach moves. Change bylaws from:

**CHAPTER I - BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

A. The Board shall:

1. Conduct business according to Robert's Rules of Order, revised as amended by these Bylaws.

to:

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Second: Colburn

For: All

Against: None

**Action Item:** (unassigned) Produce a current version of the bylaws

B. **Motion 2:** Wood moves. Change bylaws from:

**CHAPTER I - BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

A. The Board shall:

2. Conduct business only when at least half of all directors are Present in person, and at least three fourths of all directors are Present in person or by proxy. A proxy shall provide written authorization to the President at or before the meeting.

to:

**CHAPTER I - BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

A. The Board shall:

2. Conduct business only when at least half of all directors are Present in person, and at least three fourths of all directors are Present in person, or by electronic means.

Second: Daubach  
Discussion (Wood): proxy is illegal  
For: All  
Against: None

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C. Waiver of fee for ISM housing data (Colburn).

Have a new signed letter from IL State Museum director, dated Dec 1, 2011, to end of this year. After that, we will then will ask director to sign another for two year period.

D. No motion calling for a period of Open discussion, was made.

E. The next meeting:

Next ISS Meeting will be held in Monroe/St Clair counties area, perhaps at Extension Office in Waterloo -or- Thai House in Columbia -or- JVs in Waterloo. Saturday night, in November 2013. Still some mapping work to do in Stemler Cave

**Action Item:** Taylor to set up Doodle Poll for all the November weekends

F. Motion to adjourn: Taylor

Second: Daubach

For: All

Against: None

Meeting adjourned, 9:40 pm