

Illinois Speleological Survey

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Sunday, December 18, 2011

Monroe County Extension Office; Waterloo, Illinois

President: John Lovaas *present*
Recording Secretary: Steve Taylor *present*
Vice-President: Bob Weck *present*
Treasurer: John Lovaas *present*
Director: Richard Raber *present*
Director: Steve Taylor *present*
Director: Seth Turner *present*
Director: Bob Weck *present*
Director/webmaster: Jack Wood *present*
IDNR Director: Mona Colburn *present*
CLIFFTOP Director: Carl Daubach *present*

others present:

Philip Moss
Jerry Halb
Dawn Ryan

Data Request Committee (DRC): Frank Wilhelm- chair; Bob Weck, Philip Moss.

Call to order: 9:38AM

Motion: The minutes of the October 10, 2010 meeting are approved. - Mona

Second: Rich Raber

For: all

Reports:

Treasurer's report: Lovaas

previous balance Oct 2010: \$491
expenses state filing fees & NSS website host
current balance \$604.11
70% of existing members renewed membership

Membership report: Weck

20 active members, 20 ballots mailed out

Election of New Directors:

16 received on time, one received late
Carl Daubach counted all the ballots

Elected directors: Jack Wood, Bob Weck, Seth Turner, Steve Taylor, Richard Raber

Discussed one minor membership issue.

Data request and DRC activity: Colburn/Wilhelm

Lovaas: *emailed Frank Wilhelm and got no response.*

Moss: nothing that came to fruition, one landowner curious, request for caves, which ISS did not have. ISS now has the maps and locations for these caves.

Weck: There was a request to know if a particular map is in ISS files. Bob directed the person to submit a data request.

It was noted in the meeting, that such a request doesn't require a formal data request – but just to ask if we have a map, a person need only ask the data custodian.

Colburn: two maps were turned into ISS, as well as updated GIS files.

Discussion of Excel file shared with ISS board (Oct 2010).

Decided to post graphics & link to excel file to ISS website.

Action: *Steve Taylor send file (data request summary) & graphics to Jack Wood.*

Not-For-Profit Filings: Philip Moss, Registered Agent

Moss filed our annual not-for-profit filing

Camp Vandeventer Project: Moss

Moss: have not been active, there is new executive director, have not met we still know there is one cave there that we do not know the location of. we also know there two caves for which extant maps are incomplete, and we promised [written agreement – is on website, under acts of board] Camp Vandeventer we would re-find the caves (done [one mapped cave is lost even though we looked for it repeatedly, sinkhole entrance is probably refilled]), evaluate caves for possible use by scouts (done), give them a report on the known biology (done), complete mapping of any incomplete cave maps (not done), and to write up a plan to help guide a search for missing scouts in case where they came up missing (not done)

Shawnee Forest Project: Wood

Wood: exchanged emails with Rod McClanahan, will continue to work on getting in contact with Rod

Moss: we were supposed help gate a cave in Shawnee, delayed.

Lovaas: *maps are useful as management tools*

Website: Wood

Wood: *believes the website is up to date.*

ISS Patches: Raber

Raber: *We are past the reimbursement point, all subsequent sales are profit.*

Presented treasurer with a new check for \$16 (four patches sold), now have total of \$29.40 profit, with 42 patches on hand

Organizational director's reports

Clifftop Alliance (Carl Daubach):

Carl: *ISS had endorsed acquisition of land in the Stemler Cave area. Clifftop did receive a state wildlife grant for the purchase. The appraisal resulted in acquisition not happening. Clifftop also purchased 475 acres (White Rock), most (306) is a nature preserve open to public. Some ISS members helped identify karst features on the site. A mine on this property was assessed, and mapped, a copy is being provided to the ISS by Clifftop.*

Carl: *Clifftop is a land trust, and part of larger group of land trusts. Illinois Recreational use law has been changed, network of land trusts is seeking to restore under the recreational use law, other forms of recreations activity (beyond hunting).*

Taylor: *motion we be a signatory on the document: "Restore Liability Protection for outdoor Recreation"*

Colburn: *Second*

Jack Wood read the document to the ISS meeting attendees vote:

For: unanimous

Against:

Action: *Carl Daubach will forward our organizational name because he has a contact on the Open Lands Working group.*

Illinois State Museum (Mona Colburn):

Colburn: *Sam Panno took Colburn, Chris (ISM Paleontologist) into a cave in Illinois and studied paleo bone deposits.*

Grotto/Agency Activity Reports

Clifftop:

*Daubach: Prairie State Conservation Coalition, IDNR Director
Presentation was discussed*

ISS Vice Presidents Report:

*We are a Project of the NSS and have to submit an annual report.
Bob Weck submitted this report for 2010, which he read to us.*

Field Museum in Chicago:

*WNS Seminar hosted by BCI /Windy City Grotto
Merlin Tuttle talked
Joe Kath talked*

Southwest Illinois Wildlife Action Plan Working Group

Bob: little participation by IDNR (due to them being spread too thin)

Illinois Natural History Survey

*Taylor: Report on WNS funding to INHS researchers
NCKMS presentation by Taylor, Weck, & others on the Enigmatic
Cavesnail (state endangered)*

Illinois Speleological Survey activities

*17 Dec: Phillip Colburn, Alicia Wallace, & Philip Moss did a cave cleanup
and Salt Lake Point Committee members did trash hauling
17 Dec: Dawn, John, Dan Lamping continued survey in Stemler Cave
surveyed about 70 QUALITY feet
17 Dec: Aaron Addison and Bob Weck ridge walked in Stemler area
looking for leads*

Wood:

*Recently recreated: Indiana Speleological Survey (ISS) is an official
survey of the NSS – are separate from the Indiana Cave Survey*

Subterranean Ecology Institute

Taylor: Belize expedition, Participation in project with Clifftop in Illinois

Old Business:

Science Committee (Bob Weck, Mona Colburn, Jack Wood):

*Lovaas: Seeking to determine how the ISS can create a grant program,
with or without help of NSS. Possibility of a small grant program through
NSS? Lovaas was asked why ISS is not an NSS Survey.*

Weck:

*Sought funding for National Great Rivers Research Education Center
summer 2011 intership program to have an intern work on a cavesnail*

monitoring project, which was not funded.

Status of action items from 10/10/2010 minutes, including:

MVOR/ISS raffle

none have been conducted since last meeting

Science Committee

Note this should be moved to reports section for future agendas

Letters to ISS data recipients:

these have been sent, and new letters are due (new president will take care of this)

Filemaker database template- options, comments, and suggestions.

Screen captures of a possible database on the ISS website.

Discussion of databases, we need a database structure, we have lots of members who will not learn GIS, discussion of data requests, what data custodians should be receiving

ad hoc group will meet to try to make progress, immediately following today's ISS meeting.

New Business:

Motion: *Taylor moves that the bylaws be amended, such that Data Request Committee members serve three year terms, and that terms are staggered.*

Second: *(seconded by Colburn at 10/10/2010 ISS meeting)*

Would take effective immediately, but would not be retroactive, next time someone is elected, it would impact their term length.

For: unanimous

Against: none

Mona Moves: *in the next election, the term of the data request committee members will be staggered by lot.*

Bob Weck: seconded

for: unanimous

Data request committee elections:

Lovaas: Floor Open to nomination

Nominees: Bob Weck, Lovaas, Seth Turner, Philip Moss

Voting result (term length): Bob Weck (2 year term), Seth Turner (1 year term), John Lovaas (3 year term)

Pres./Vice Pres. elections:

A single nominee was put forward by directors for each position.
Incoming president: Bob Weck
Incoming vice president: Jack Wood

NCKMS 2015

ISS and other Southern Illinois cavers host? Lovaas presented discussion with steering committee.

Motion Taylor: *The next meeting will be held at Waterloo on a Sunday morning at 9am in March 17-18, 24-25, 31Mar-1April, 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, on 28-29, depending on Doodle poll result.*

Second: Wood

For: unanimous

Action: *Taylor distribute doodle poll directors*

Motion to adjourn: Weck

Second: Wood

For: unanimous