

# Illinois Speleological Survey

## Minutes, Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, April 18, 2015 at 6:00 pm  
Columbia, Illinois

1. Call to order: 06:37pm

2. Roll Call of Officers and Directors:

President:

Bob Weck-present

Recording Secretary:

Steve Taylor-present

Vice-President:

Tony Schmitt-present

Treasurer:

John Lovaas-absent

Directors:

Aaron Addison-present

Dan Lamping-present

Gary Resch-present

Tony Schmitt-present

Steve Taylor-present

Organizational Directors:

IDNR Director:

Mona Colburn- present

Clifftop NFP Director:

Carl Daubach-absent

Webmaster:

Jack Wood-absent

Data Custodians:

Mona Colburn-present

Frank Wilhelm-absent

Bob Weck-present

Registered Agent:

John Lovaas-absent

Guests: Richard Raber-present; Mihai Lefticariu-present

3. Motion (Schmitt): The minutes of the December 6, 2014 meeting are approved.

Second (Addison):

unanimous in favor

4. Reports:

- A. Filemaker database Report by Colburn (see Attachment 1) and Weck
- \* Weck has purchased and got reimbursed (as per vote)
  - \* Weck will meet with Lamping to learn more about filemaker & then will help Colburn with data entry
  - \* All paper maps in ISS files have all been scanned by Colburn
- B. Website update: Report by Wood  
ISS Website is up to date (reported by Weck)
- C. Science Committee: Report by Weck
- Weck: *Illinois State Academy of Science* meets annually. The 2016 meeting is at SIU Edwardsville. It Looks like ISS will supporting a Special Symposium on Illinois Caves & Karst (about Science happening in Illinois. ISAS would like to see our slot on Friday afternoon (2-4, perhaps), followed by their poster session. Meeting is in April 2016(2<sup>nd</sup> or 3rd Friday in April usually). The ISAS counsel still needs to approve the symposium.
    - Some suggestions for presentations include Aaron on Stemler Highway Project and/or Fogelpole Mapping. Other speakers/topics, geology, archeology, Chris Widga? Cave water (Sam Panno, Walt Kelly, & Steve Taylor), Steve Taylor & Matt Niemiller on WNS in Illinois. Bob Weck on ISS by way of a brief intro. to the symposium.
- D. Grotto/Agency/Organizational Activity Reports:
- \* Pautler Nature Preserves (Schmitt) Debbie Newman, Jerry Lewis talking about invasive species removal, might pull in ISS members to help with this.
- E. ISS Patch (Raber)  
Currently: Profit of \$61.40  
and still have 36 patches.
- F. Various items (Raber):
- Don Coons has original survey notes for Equality Cave, and he might allow ISS to copy these notes.
  - Discussion, Shawnee National Forest and ISS caves project.
  - Discussion of another Rich Raber, Mona Colburn and John Lovaas surveyed a cave, Raber hopes it gets done soon so that he can report back to owner.

G. Treasures Report:

Lovaas emailed in report (see Attachment 3). Current balance in ISS account: \$288.91

5. New Business:

A. Discussion (led by Weck) of Membership as per newly adopted bylaws:

**“Membership in the ISS is determined by vote of the Board of Directors.”**

- Discussion ensued to determine who is an ISS Member.

Motion (Taylor, second Colburn): The current members of ISS are: Aaron Addison, Dan Lamping, Gary Resch, Tony Schmitt, Steve Taylor, Mona Colburn, Carl Daubach & Bob Weck

\*Vote: Unanimous in favor

**Discussion of** a Motion to Amend Constitution to remove membership (to be voted on by members at least 45 days after meeting at which amendment of constitution motion was made). Discussion of removing institutional membership category and perhaps add current institutional directors as individual board members. Discussion of having other cavers be seen as **cooperators** instead of “members” in the constitution, to encourage cavers to be involved and feel involved - if cavers want to be more involved, they can show up at meetings, events. Discussion of how removal of members might impact 501(c)3 status.

\* ACTION ITEM: Weck and Schmitt will make a draft of Amendment to Constitution & Bylaws to share with the Board.

\* ACTION ITEM: Weck with Taylor, will distribute a fresh copy of Constitution and Bylaws (as it stands at the close of this meeting) to the Board.

B. NSS Convention (Lamping): Discussion of an ISS presentation at the 2015 NSS convention, as per the following call for presentations.

Round Table still being developed.

Call for Presentations: ***Cooperative Projects between Cavers, State Surveys, Agencies and NGOs*** at the NSS Convention in Waynesville, Missouri, July 13-17, 2015

Bob Weck has offered to give a presentation about the ISS.

The purpose of this session is to look at ways organized cavers can work with a variety of government agencies, local governments, and non-government organizations that manage caves.

Emphasis is on survey, monitoring, data management and restoration projects.

A major part of this session will be a round-table on state cave surveys and how the proper accumulation of data gives cave organizations the ability to interdigitate with agencies and others that need that data to properly manage cave resources as well as to effectively explore new opportunities for discovery both on and off public lands.

Presentations are 20-30 minutes in length. Let us know how much time you need. Presentation format is open to any medium.

**ACTION ITEM:** Weck may produce an abstract to circulate to the Board.

6. The next in-person meeting date (may be an email meeting or two in between):

December 5th, 2015

Location: Probably Bob & Nancy Weck home

7. Motion to adjourn (Addison):

Second (Schmitt):

Unanimous, all for

Adjourned 8:30pm

## Attachment 1.

### Mona Colburn's ISS Data Custodian Report, Saturday, April 18, 2015 meeting

At the ISS meeting on December 6, 2014 Chad McCain submitted the following items on behalf of himself, Edmund Tucker, Gary Resch and the other members in the various survey parties:

- 6 computer file folders (consisting of images of multiple caves, images of survey data, digital maps, and a report on Lilly Cave)

The 6 caves are:

- Green Rock Cavern (was originally turned in as Boulder Cave at Dec 6 meeting. Dec 16 email changed name to Green Rock Cavern ) - Union County, IL
- Browns Hole - Hardin County, IL
- Flying V Cave - Union County, IL
- Lilly Cave - Union County, IL
- Mini Pit - Union County, IL
- Pit 14 - Union County, IL
- 1 large paper map of Brown's Hole (which ISS cannot distribute until it has been given to the Forest Service because the survey was done as part of a contract that Steve Taylor has with the Forest Service).
- 1 large paper map of "Lilly Cave and Spirit (Milly) Cave," These are traditionally known as Lilly Cave A (aka Lilly #1) and Lilly Cave B (aka Lilly #2) (see Bretz 1957). The survey team renamed the latter as "Milly Cave" because this is the name of the 80-some year old landowner, and then called it "Spirit Cave" because the landowner's son said that's what they have always called it. During their survey, the cavers connected the two caves through breakdown. Thus, Lilly A and Lilly B are two separate entrances of the same cave. In the ISS database, I have retained the traditional names of Lilly Cave A (aka Lilly #1) and Lilly Cave B (aka Lilly #2, Milly Cave, & Spirit Cave).
- Edmund Tucker's 2-3 inch thick binder of 8.5 x 11 inch photos of cave entrances marked with their latitude-longitude locations.
- *Last of ISS's paper maps (16) have been scanned.*  
In December 2014, Chad requested accession numbers for Lilly Cave, Spirit Cave, Rich's Cave, Mini Pit, Flying V Cave, & Pit 14.

On day of spring meeting, April 18, 2015, Chad was given ISS Cave numbers for the following:

- ISS cave# UNI-18 is Lilly Cave (aka Lilly A. Lilly #1)
- ISS cave#UNI-19 is Lilly Cave B (aka Lilly Cave #2, Milly Cave, and what you called Spirit Cave)
- Lilly Spring, which you turned in is UNI-55
- ISS cave# UNI-27 is Rich's Cave (also known as Hunsaker's, Huntsinker, and Hunzinker)
- Brown's Hole for which you submitted a map is HAR-2
- The other requests were for new caves, which have not been numbered yet. I think someone was going to email me a digital file with the cave data.

mona colburn,  
ISS Data Custodian  
2015, Apr 18

Attachment 2.

ISS PATCH REPORT

Status Report 4/18/15

Original purchase 7-13-07	\$166.00
Shipping and handling	<u>12.00</u>
Total	\$178.00

Sales: 7/19/07 - 4/18/15 \$239.40

Expenses:  
Reimbursement to Richard Raber  
(For original purchase) \$178.00

Profit: \$ 61.40

(Cash on hand) \$ 24.00

Patches on hand 36

Note: Since the last report on 4/5/14  
Two patches were sold to an individual.  
One patch was sold at the 2014 NSS Convention.

Attachement 3.

**Treasurer's Report:**

from: John Lovaas <jlovaas@mc.net>  
to: "Weck, Bob" <Bob.Weck@swic.edu>  
cc: lampingdaniel@yahoo.com,  
Steve Taylor <sjtaylor@illinois.edu>,  
aaddison@wustl.edu,  
tonymary2601@yahoo.com,  
colburn@museum.state.il.us,  
clifftop@htc.net,  
gjresch@gmail.com  
date: Fri, Apr 17, 2015 at 8:17 PM  
subject: RE: minutes of ISS meeting and purchase As I cannot make  
it down this weekend, here's my very brief treasurer's report.

Previous balance of \$638.47.

Reimbursement to Bob Weck for \$349.56 for new Filemaker software for  
ISS data management.

No income received.

Current balance in ISS account: \$288.91.

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Attachment 4. Membership list. The last year paid (LYP) column shows who is a current member (i.e., if LYP is 2013, then not a member). There were 6 *paid* members at the beginning of the 18 April 2015 meeting.

Attachment removed because it contains personal information.