

Illinois Speleological Survey

Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes

Sunday, November 18, 2012

Monroe County Extension Office; Waterloo, Illinois

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

Others present: Mihai Lefticariu, JoAnn Jacoby

Data Request Committee (DRC): Bob Weck, John Lovaas, Seth Turner.

Call to order at: 9:10 am

- Motion:** Weck moves that the ISS is dissolved.
Second: Taylor
Discussion: Bob Weck, Steve Taylor, Jack Wood, & Carl Daubach each spoke briefly about the motion.
For: none
Against: unanimous
Motion failed.
- Motion:** Taylor moves to amend the ISS bylaws to reduce the number of elected directors from five to three. All current elected directors would continue to serve until the next election. The current vacant director position will be dissolved. Any one additional vacant director positions that would arise before the next election would also be dissolved:
CHAPTER II – DIRECTORS
D. The number of Elected Directors will be greater than the number of Organizational Directors.
 - There shall be **three** elected directors.Second: Wood
Discussion: Steve Taylor spoke for the motion. JoAnn Jacoby, Mona Colburn, Jack Wood, Carl Daubach, & Richard Raber spoke about the motion.

By consensus the **Motion is amended** to: Taylor moves to amend the ISS bylaws to reduce the number of elected directors from five to four. All current elected directors would continue to serve until the next election.

The current vacant director position will be dissolved:

CHAPTER II – DIRECTORS

D. The number of Elected Directors will be greater than the number of Organizational Directors.

1. There shall be **four** elected directors.

For: Wood, Taylor, Daubach

Against: Colburn, Raber

Amended Motion failed.

3. **Election** to fill vacant Director position to be held in the event that Taylor's proposed amendment does not pass. Active ISS members present are eligible to vote.

Raber nominated Gary Resch, Taylor seconded.

No other nominations.

Gary Resch was elected to be Director, effective as of the end this meeting, filling a partial term.

4. **Motion:** The minutes of the December 18, 2011 meeting are approved.

Second: Carl Daubach

For: all

Against: none

Motion passed.

5. Not-For-Profit Filings: Philip Moss filed the 2012 annual report with the Illinois Secretary of State. Moss has requested to be replaced as Registered Agent.

Motion: Weck moves that John Lovaas be appointed the as Registered Agent for ISS.

Second: Wood

For: all

Against: none

Motion passed, John Lovass will be our new registered agent and

Action Item: Bob Weck will complete the paperwork to make this happen.

6. Reports:

a. Treasurer's report: Lovaas

- Previous balance: \$604.11
- Expenses: \$10 for Secretary of State annual filing
- Income from dues and donations: \$121
- Current balance: \$715.11

b. Membership report: Wood

- Two new members, Mihai Lefticariu (Carbondale) & JoAnn Jacoby (Champaign) joined
- No other new memberships
- Current membership is 21
Action Item: Jack Wood will email out current membership list to members.

c. Data request and DRC activity: Colburn/Wilhelm
Colburn: no new requests

d. Camp Vanderverter Project: no new activity

Weck: there is still some work to do on the project. There is a new director at the camp. We need to remap a couple of caves (extant maps are incomplete) and help them write up a plan to search for missing scouts in caves.

Action Item: Bob Weck will contact the new director & report back to Board at next meeting.

e. Shawnee Forest Project: Wood, Raber

- Jack Wood: No activity, talked several times with Rod McClanahan. We are discussing an MOU.
- Richard Raber: Cave gating report in Shawnee. Poor participation by ISS.

f. Website: Wood

- Up to date

g. ISS Patches: Raber

- No sales from the past 12 months
- 42 patches on hand

h. Science Committee: Weck (& Colburn and Wood)

- Was formed at fall 2010 meeting to develop initiatives to get more people interested in doing science in Illinois speleology.
- Weck is planning on seeking another intern proposal through NGRREC this year, focusing on a Sparrow Spring with macro-invertebrate community and water chemistry. Weck will mentor the intern if this funding is secured. Sponsored by Southwestern Illinois College & by Illinois Speleological Survey.
- Wood: Scholarship program sources of funding.
Action Item: Science Committee will explore working with Subterranean Ecology Institute to effect a scholarship for Illinois Speleology.

i. Organizational director's reports
Clifftop (Daubach):

- ISS along with SWIWAP partnership & Clifftop need to better define what constitutes karst protection so that more effective action can be taken. Need more science-based understanding of what needs to be.

Action Item: Carl will distribute some language as a starting point for that discussion.

- Phillip Moss orchestrated a bat gate at a nature preserve Clifftop owns. Clifftop is looking to encourage bat usage of the site.

IDNR: (Colburn):

- Chris Widga, geologist at IL State Museum looking at bones in a Minnesota cave.
- Chris Widga & Mona Colburn submitted a report on paleo bones in Mammoth Cave in Kentucky

ISS:

- On 17 November 2012, more than 1,500 feet of passage was surveyed in Stemler Cave, a new pit cave (about 45 feet deep) was surveyed, and Stemler Well was explored.

j. Grotto/Agency Activity Reports

- INHS: Taylor reported on WNS research in Illinois by INHS. Slide show on the research to be presented immediately following this meeting.

7. Old Business:

a. Status of action items from 12/18/2011 minutes, including:

i. Letters to ISS data recipients

Action Item: Weck will obtain the current version of the letter and a distribution list from Lovaas and mail the 2012 letters.

ii. Filemaker database template- options, comments, and suggestions

Motion: Wood moves that we direct the data custodian to meet with John Lovaas and begin population of the working Filemaker database (Illinois Cave Database) with the data ISS has in its possession, and that Mona Colbourn is authorized for up to \$50 reimbursement for travel cost from ISS.

Second: Weck

For: Taylor, Wood, Daubach, Raber
against: none

abstain: Colburn

Motion passed.

iii. Unmapped cave initiative

tabled to next meeting

8. New Business:

- a. **Motion:** Taylor moves to amend the ISS bylaws to recognize Clifftop NFP as an Organization with Board representation:
CHAPTER VII - ORGANIZATIONS
A. The organizations of the ISS eligible for representation on the Board of Directors are:
The Illinois Department of Natural Resources
Clifftop NFP
Second: Raber
For: Wood, Colburn, Raber, Taylor
Against: none
Abstain: Daubach
Motion passed.
Action Item: Wood will update bylaws on website.
- b. Informational item: ILSPELEO listserv moderator; Bob Weck has taken over the role of moderator of the ilspeleo@caver.net email list from Philip Moss.
- c. **Election** of one Data Request Committee member – 3 year term.
Seth term has ended. Bob & John Lovaas
Nominees: Wood & Mihai
Mihai Lefticariu is elected to serve on Data Request Committee.
- d. Motion: a short period of open discussion.
Second: Daubach
For: all
Against: none
Discussion ensued, and then was completed.
- e. **Appointment:** Vice President
Nominations: Wood
Jack Wood reappointed as Vice President.
- f. **Appointment** of a new director to fill Seth Turner's resignation (effective end of this meeting).
Nominations: Dan Lamping
Dan Lamping is appointed as fifth Director, up for reelection at next meeting with all the other Directors.
- g. **Motion:** Raber moves: To develop a news release recognizing Moss's contributions to Illinois speleology, and distribute this to select media outlets.
Second: Colburn
For: all
Motion passed.
Action Item: Weck will circulate a draft to Directors

h. **Motion:** President Weck moves: ISS send out an email newsletter mailing to members (active or not), grottos, and select organizations & a brief report to NSS news (paragraph of highlights), try to do this once per year.

Second: Taylor

For: all

Motion passed.

Action Item: Weck will prepare something, it may come out with annual dues request.

i. **Motion:** 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:

CHAPTER I - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

Second: Colburn

Action Item: This motion will be disseminated to the membership (in these minutes), with **discussion tabled at least 45 days** until the Board meets again in 2013.

i. **Motion:** Wood moves. Change bylaws from:

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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.

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Second: Mona

Action Item: This will be disseminated to the membership (in these minutes), with **discussion tabled at least 45 days** until the Board meets again in 2013.

9. **Motion:** The next meeting will be held in Waterloo/Columbia area, Illinois in April 2013, on Saturday evening with specific date & location to be determined.

Second: Taylor

For: all

Against: none

Motion passed.

Action Item: Taylor will send out a doodle poll to lock in date

10. **Motion to adjourn:** Taylor

Second: Wood

For: all

Against: none

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned 12:54 pm