

**Rockcastle Karst Conservancy
General Meeting – June 12, 2016
Final Minutes**

In Between Meeting Vote 6-10-16:

MOTION: To accept the revised and GCG approved GSP Management Plan (Motion S. Gentry, 2nd J. Gott, 4-0-1, W. Jud abstain).

In Attendance 6-12-16:

Directors: Werner Jud, Janice Gott and Sean Cain. (A quorum does exist.)
Tammy Otten and Steve Gentry were absent.

Others: Bob Dobbs, Gary Bush, Howard Kalnitz, Neena Jud and Mike Wuerth

42nd Meeting of the Rockcastle Karst Conservancy was held at the Main Branch Boone County Public Library, Burlington, KY. Called to Order by Chair Sean Cain at 2:09 PM.

(Meeting Agenda at end of Minutes.)

Announcements:

S. Cain wants RKC to look towards their long term plan, including long term financial stability with trust fund, membership and Board members, long term Treasurer options, and strategic planning.

Secretary's Report: (Submitted by J. Gott)

Read summary of Minutes of Meeting of 3/20/16.

W. Jud moved to accept the Minutes. Second by S. Cain. Approved unanimously Vote: (3-0-0)

Treasurer's Report: (Submitted by W. Jud)

Current Fiscal Year details are in the June 12, 2016 Balance Sheet and March 13, 2015 thru June 12, 2016 Revenue and Expenditures Report.

J Gott moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and Life Fund Report as provided. S. Cain seconded. Vote: (3-0-0)

Committee Reports:

(A) Membership/Message Committee: (T. Otten/reported by J. Gott & W. Jud)

1. Mike Armstrong was added to the Life Members as a condition of sale in the new acquisition.
2. Werner received a letter from a new member from Open House, who lives in Kentucky. It noted that he was pleased to find that "cavers" were a sober and friendly bunch, unlike his stereotype of them.

(B) GSP Committee: (J. Brandenburg/ reported by S. Cain & N. Jud)

1. GSP Management Plan
Presented to Board for approval earlier in the meeting.

2. Roadway Flood Mitigation Grant

Neena has submitted a grant proposal for FEMA grant money to make long term stability improvements to the GSP entrance road down to the shelter. Initially rejected, more money opened up and the grant is active again. GSP must match funds, which they can do with volunteer labor, including engineering. Any gap in matching funds would need to be matched. It might be necessary to ask for a temporary loan from GCG for those funds. GSP still needs to identify a volunteer heavy equipment operator for the roadwork.

3. A new life member, Bob Roth, is now the new BGG rep to the GSP Committee, replacing Pat Hutson.
4. At a very successful Open House 2,800 people signed the registry.

(C) Misty Cave Committee: (S. Cain)

1. S. Cain visited the cave and no new visitors had signed in

(D) Cornhole Cave Committee: (M. Gratsch)

1. No report.

(E) Fundraising Committee: (H. Kalnitz)

1. RKC/KOR booth is confirmed at the NSS Convention. They would like to publicize the new purchase, although they would not expect much in donations at that event.
2. T. Otten has made up about 30 raffle baskets for Karst-O-Rama. She will pre-publicize them online. Saturday night the raffle will make up the program. A trip to Skylight is one of the cave trips offered at KOR. Howard has bumper stickers made up, and there will be bonus items for each level of donation. H. Kalnitz has offered to match donations up to \$1,000. NSF gives funds to "ease mortgages" for which we might be eligible.
3. B. Dobbs suggests a letter that can be sent out asking for donations, even to the sellers of the property.
4. Dinner in the Cave - B. Dobbs has come up with a list of tasks that need to be done for the intended fundraising dinner on September 24th. He is looking for volunteers to take on tasks. Price - \$150, with a price break for couples, and a price per table – a table seating 8 to 10 for \$1,500. B. Dobbs will be creating a googledoc to start a list of invitees, and needs contributions of names. The Johnson Sisters have agreed to sing, plus we need another ½ hour program such as history of the property and our needs. A program will be given out, including corporate table sponsors and summary of the program. A golf cart should be rented or sponsored. There should be three groups of donations requested (1) GSP Education Center (2) RKC Acquisition Fund & mortgages (3) GSP Maintenance endowment.

(F) Acquisition Committee: (B. Dobbs)

1. Skylight Dome property has been acquired! H. Kalnitz went over the Skylight Management Plan with the Board. Camping will be prohibited for now. Signage is needed. Keys need to be made. Water service needs to be cut off, as we do not plan to use the showerhouse. There is an immediate need for some maintenance type funds to get Skylight ready for visitors. Lattice across the porch would allow a space for changing clothes without opening the building. A path needs to be established to the entrances. Signage is needed. Dana Sutherland currently has the only keys.

- i. **MOTION:** To move \$500 from general funds into Skylight Maintenance Fund. (J. Gott, S. Cain, unanimous)
 - ii. **MOTION:** To install Howard Kalnitz as temporary Chair of the Skylight Management Committee. (J. Gott, S. Cain, unanimous)
2. Land Trust Committee (was Conservation Easement Committee) Report was presented by Janice Gott.
- i. J Gott followed through the LTA acquisition recommendations during the Skylight Dome acquisition.
 - ii. Sean and Janice will have meeting prior to Fall meeting to discuss adoption.

Old Business:

- A. RKC Key Policy (T. Otten) - No new discussion
- B. Ann Nash Meeting (B. Dobbs) on July 12th at Burlington
MOTION: For RKC to contribute \$100 or 1/3 of the speaking fee for Ann Nash to speak to our groups about fundraising on July 12th. "Building a Sustainable Fundraising Program." (W. Jud, S. Cain, unanimous)
- C. GOTO Meeting - S. Cain has purchased a camera with microphone in order to be able to link in people to RKC meetings. H. Kalnitz recommends having people call in by phone instead of computers as video slows it down.
- D. Strategic Plan (S. Cain) - The President would like to call a special meeting to address strategic planning, after the Ann Nash meeting.

New Business:

- A. LUSH Application – Lush cosmetic products has a very nice grant application for non-profit projects that are environmental or social consciousness oriented. The application is very project oriented, and has a \$25,000 limit per year. A new artifact display case in the front of GSP cave might be a good project. Discussion tabled to the next meeting.
- B. A big thanks to Bob Dobbs for his work on acquiring Skylight Dome.
- C. At the next meeting, nominations will be opened for the RKC Board. Up for re-election at the end of the year are Steve Gentry and Sean Cain.

Next Meeting: Will be held Sunday, September 25, 2016 at 10:00 am. At the GSP shelter.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by J. Gott, seconded by W. Jud at 4:57 PM

Vote: Passed unanimously

Meeting Minutes prepared by Janice Gott, Secretary

SUMMER 2016 MEETING AGENDA
Sunday, June 12, 2016
Boone County Library, Burlington, KY

- **Call to Order – Sean Cain**
- **Announcements**
- **Secretary’s Report – Janice Gott**
- **Treasurer’s Report – Werner Jud**
- **Committee Reports**
 - A. Membership/Message Committee – Tammy Otten/Janice Gott**
 - 1. Interesting Letter – Werner Jud
 - B. GSP Committee – Jerry Brandenburg**
 - 1. Management Plan
 - C. Misty Committee – Sean Cain**
 - D. Cornhole Committee – Mary Gratsch**
 - E. Fundraising Committee – Tammy Otten/Bob Dobbs**
 - 1. Open House – Tammy Otten
 - 2. White Collar Dinner – Bob Dobbs
 - F. Acquisition Committee – Bob Dobbs**
 - 1. Acquisition Report – Bob Dobbs
 - 2. Land Trust Accreditation Committee Report – Janice Gott
- **Old Business**
 - A. RKC Key Policy – Tammy Otten
 - B. Meeting with Ann Nash – Bob Dobbs
 - C. Go to Meeting
 - D. Strategic Plan
- **New Business**
- **Next Meeting Date**
- **Motion to Adjourn**

Action Items

1. In between meeting vote on Neena’s grant proposal.
2. Board members to look at BOG Manual on the NSS website for key policy templates.
3. Janice and Sean have meeting concerning LTA.
4. Tammy will begin process of creating key policy for RKC.