

Rockcastle Karst Conservancy
General Meeting – June 11, 2017
Final Minutes

In Attendance 6/11/17:

Directors: Sean Cain, Werner Jud, Janice Gott, and Bob Roth (by phone). (A quorum does exist.)
Tammy Otten was absent.

Others: Neena Jud and Bob Dobbs were present. Gary Bush arrived late.

46th Meeting of the Rockcastle Karst Conservancy was held at the Burlington Library, Burlington, KY. Called to Order by Chair Sean Cain at 2:04 PM.

(Meeting Agenda at end of Minutes.)

Announcements:

No announcements.

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

Read summary of Minutes of Meeting of 3/5/17.

MOTION: Motion to accept the Minutes of 3/5/17. (W. Jud, S. Cain 2nd, 4-0-0)

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

Current Fiscal Year details are in the June 11, 2017 Balance Sheet and March 6, 2017 thru June 11, 2017 Revenue and Expenditures Report. The bulk of the income in this quarter came from membership renewals. More shirts were purchased, and distributed to Life Members that still needed them. The life membership holding fund was moved into the Fidelity Fund, so the Life Membership Fund was fully funded, as directed. Future life membership income will be added to the fund.

MOTION: To accept the Treasurer's Report and Life Member Fund Report as provided (J. Gott, B. Roth 2nd, 4-0-0).

Committee Reports:

(A) Membership/Message Committee: (J. Gott)

1. Spring newsletter went out in March, including member renewal notices. Membership stands at 53 life members and 48 regular members.
2. Lifetime Membership T-shirts were replenished.
3. The Wells Cave Cleanup, on an NSS property, was advertised on the RKC Facebook site and with an email sent to members. The cave cleanup was successful, with four RKC members attending.
4. The RKC tri-fold sign needs refreshing. Neena Jud has new pictures for it, and wants to be sure that the message aligns with the language the Message/Membership Committee wants to use.

(B) GSP Committee: (W. Jud)

1. Open House was a success. Karst-O-Rama planning is underway.
2. The Kentucky Music Hall of Fame has scheduled a Music in the Mountain fundraiser in the cave on August 12, 2017. They will give GSP 25% of total ticket sales.
1. The Timber concert, organized by Justin Tucker, was cancelled.
4. Roadway Flood Mitigation Grant is in process. Money in the FEMA fund has been allocated, but not yet awarded.
5. Bob Roth is spearheading the undertaking of a renovation of the Historic Ticket House.
6. George Ridings introduced Neena Jud to representatives of the Department of Geosciences from Eastern Kentucky university, to explore an EKU / GSP coordination to include GSP projects in some of their Geosciences curriculum. Neena, Werner, Sean and others had a meeting with the Development Director and Chair of the Department.

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

1. S. Cain said he visited Misty Cave in May, and it was fine.

(E) Skylight Dome Committee: (D. Sutherland)

1. Dana Sutherland said all is well, no news.
 1. Werner Jud purchased 2 lock boxes for the cave entrance keys.

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

1. No report.

(E) Fundraising Committee: (T. Otten, S. Cain reporting)

1. At Open House, Sean Cain manned a table and talked about RKC and membership, but had no product on hand to sell.
2. Neither Tammy Otten or Pam Duncan plans to attend Karst-O-Rama. Fundraising at KOR usually has an RKC booth and raffle of donated goods. Bob Dobbs already has collected some items for the raffle. This project really needs someone to take control.

(F) Acquisition Committee: (B. Dobbs)

1. Land Trust Committee – (J. Gott) J.Gott introduced a motion to adopt a Board resolution, adopting the Land Trust Standards and Practices as a guiding principle.

MOTION: WHEREAS, the Rockcastle Karst Conservancy has reviewed *Land Trust Standards and Practices* (“the Standards”), first published by the Land Trust Alliance in 1989, and with the most recent revision effective February 3, 2017; and,

WHEREAS, the Rockcastle Karst Conservancy agrees that the Standards are the ethical and technical guidelines for the responsible operation of a land trust;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors of the Rockcastle Karst Conservancy hereby adopts and commits to implementing the Standards as guidelines for the organization’s operation. (J. Gott, W. Jud, 4-0-0)

Old Business:

- A. RKC Key Policy (T. Otten) – T. Otten suggests a policy for the number and holders of any keys associated with RKC owned properties. She had a list of ideas that will be circulated to Board members. The topic was tabled until the next meeting, when hopefully more representatives of the keyed properties would be present.
- B. Strategic Plan (S. Cain)
Several suggestions were received. An Action Plan item was added as 1st priority “Maintain Communications with Members”, with several goals underneath. It was suggested that notices of RKC meetings should be emailed to all members when the Agenda is posted on the website. Neena Jud suggested that in the next written newsletter, we should ask for updated email addresses, so we can notify them of upcoming meetings and how they can see the agenda and minutes. The updated draft will be sent out for all to review before the next meeting.

New Business:

- A. Skylight Dome Preserve Map – T. Otten has created a new map of Skylight Dome pit, with spaces for names going down the side of it. As a fundraiser, \$100 donations could be acknowledged by adding the donors’ names. She asks that RKC commit to printing a banner of the map to hang at KOR. The

Treasurer notes that around \$22,000 has been raised specifically for Skylight, with about \$15,000 to go to recoup the \$37,000 purchase price.

MOTION: To approve up to \$150 for Patron Graphics to print the Skylight Dome map on a banner (S. Cain, J. Gott, 4-0-0).

Next Meeting: Due to busy schedules, the fall meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 19th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Jud residence, with Sean Cain attending by GotoMeeting.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by W. Jud, seconded by B. Roth at 4:11 PM, Passed unanimously.

Meeting Minutes prepared by Janice Gott, Secretary.

Action Items

1. Finalized language for Key Policy for RKC before September meeting.
2. Fundraising Skylight Dome banner needs to be produced before Karst-O-Rama.
3. A volunteer is needed to coordinate fundraising at Karst-O-Rama on July 22, 2017, including the RKC raffle and Skylight Dome banner.
4. Kentucky Music Hall of Fame will need site volunteers for their Music in the Mountain fundraiser on August 12, 2017.
5. Lock Boxes need to be mounted on the Skylight Dome property.
6. RKC tri-fold sign update is being pursued by Neena Jud.
7. Jeff Young & Janice Gott explore display case details for Lush Charity Pot grant.
8. All review the updated RKC Strategic Plan.



Summer 2017 MEETING AGENDA

Sunday, June 11, 2017

Main Boone County Library, Burlington, KY

- **Call to Order – Sean Cain**
- **Announcements**
 1. ???
- **Secretary’s Report – Janice Gott**
- **Treasurer’s Report – Werner Jud**

- **Committee Reports**
 - A. Membership/Message Committee – Tammy Otten/Janice Gott**
 1. Spring Membership Drive & Newsletter.
 2. Replenished “Life Member T-Shirt” supply.
 3. Wells Cave Cleanup: Strategic use of emails and social media.
 - B. GSP Committee – Jerry Brandenburg/Neena Jud**
 - C. Misty Committee – Sean Cain**
 - D. Skylight Committee – Thor Bahrman/Dana Sutherland**
 - E. Cornhole Committee – Mary Gratsch**
 - F. Fundraising Committee – Tammy Otten/Bob Dobbs**
 1. Open House
 - G. Acquisition Committee – Bob Dobbs**
 1. Acquisition Report – Bob Dobbs
 2. Conservation Easement Committee Report – Janice Gott

- **Old Business**
 - A. RKC Key Policy – Tammy Otten
 - B. Strategic Plan Review – Sean Cain

- **New Business**
 - Land Trust Standards and Practices Resolution [see next page]

- **Next Meeting Date**
- **Motion to Adjourn**

Motion by Janice Gott, Second by Werner Jud:

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Adopted at the RKC Board Meeting on June 11, 2017 (4-0-0).
