

**Rockcastle Karst Conservancy**  
**General Meeting – September 19, 2017**  
Minutes – Final

**In Attendance 9/19/17:**

**Directors:** Werner Jud, Janice Gott were present. Sean Cain and Bob Roth were on-line.  
(A quorum does exist.)  
Tammy Otten was absent.

**Others:** Neena Jud and Bob Dobbs were present. Gary Bush, Jerry Brandenburg, and Howard Kalnitz were on-line.

47th Meeting of the Rockcastle Karst Conservancy was held at the Jud residence, Finneytown OH.  
Called to Order by Chair Sean Cain at 7:15 PM.

(Meeting Agenda at end of Minutes.)

**Announcements:**

South-east Kentucky Caver Invitational, SEKCI, sent \$475 to the Skylight Dome Preserve fund as the recipient of their 2017 Conservation Award.

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

Read summary of Minutes of Meeting of 6/11/17.

**MOTION: Motion to accept the Minutes of 6/11/17. (W. Jud, S. Cain 2nd, 4-0-0)**

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

Current Fiscal Year details are in the September 19, 2017 Balance Sheet and June 11, 2017 thru September 19, 2017 Revenue and Expenditures Report. RKC paid the renewal for the D&O Insurance. Our property liability insurance company announced via letter that they are dropping our type of coverage. We need a new provider before the end of October. Mary Gratsch submitted \$331 from the RKC raffle at KOR.

**MOTION: To accept the Treasurer's Report and Life Member Fund Report as provided (J. Gott, S. Cain 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4-0-0).**

**Committee Reports:**

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

1. The President appoints Bob Roth to the Membership Committee.
2. Janice has been added as a manager to the RKC Facebook page.
3. 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:** (J. Brandenburg)

1. Thanks to Bill Carr for another season of keeping the campground looking good. Also thanks to Darryl Marsh for running the scout program. More groups will be coming in this fall.

2. Roadway Flood Mitigation Grant has been accepted. They managed to get approved before the remaining Federal FEMA funds were committed to hurricane relief. GSP has a 9 month window to complete the project, starting August 30<sup>th</sup>. 13% of the cost can be volunteer labor provided by us. GSP will give RKC updates as it progresses.
3. Bob Roth is spearheading the renovation of the Historic Ticket House. They have made progress on digging a trench for the footing. It is hard work.

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

1. B. Roth said Misty Cave was not visited during Caver Appreciation.

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

1. A group visited during KOR.
2. Werner Jud says the newly purchased 2 lock boxes for the cave entrance keys are still at GSP, and have not yet been installed at Skylight. S. Cain will try to coordinate this.

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

1. No report.

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

1. At KOR, Mary Gratsch ran a raffle and raised \$331 for the Skylight fund. The fundraising Dome Pit Map made its debut, and also showed up at Caver Appreciation Weekend.
2. Werner notes that Gary Bush is the only sustaining Contributor to the Skylight Fund, making a monthly donation.

(F) Acquisition Committee: (B. Dobbs)

1. Land Watch is a nationwide site that Bob Dobbs is monitoring.
2. The President adds Bob Roth as a member of the Acquisition Committee.

### **Old Business:**

A. RKC Key Policy (T. Otten)

S. Cain developed a rough draft for a policy, based on T. Otten's ideas. He has sent it to a few people for comments, and will send it to the whole Board soon. Jerry B. notes that GSP has made every effort to have keys available to everyone eligible. Nevertheless, at KOR no one had Skylight Dome keys available. The key lock box should take care of the physical problem of key availability. Howard K. points out that key requests should still be made in advance, this is part of the Skylight Management Policy. Their Policy will need to be updated to incorporate the key lock box.

B. Strategic Plan (S. Cain)

The updated draft was reviewed by the Board. The number of lifetime memberships was updated, and formatting changes suggested.

**MOTION: To accept the RKC Strategic Plan as amended (J. Gott, B. Roth, 4-0-0)**

### **New Business:**

- A. Elections – T. Otten and W. Jud have terms expiring next March. W. Jud is willing to continue, and as Treasurer, as the 2017 taxes will be very difficult due to the FEMA Grant. Notice of

openings should be posted to Facebook and to the membership by email. Nominees must be current RKC members.

- B. Election Policy - The Board needs to review the Election Policy dated October 2014. It requires Board members to be NSS members, which Janice was not. The Board will try to complete their review by October 31<sup>st</sup>, so appropriate nominations can be considered. It might need a clause requiring a waiver by the Board for non NSS member nominees, or that clause could be eliminated entirely.
- C. Cave Rescue Course - B. Roth noted that, at GSP during Caver Appreciation Weekend, the shelterhouse was called to help rescue a child in Jackson County. As GSP is recognized in the community, our cavers may be called upon to help with rescues in the future. He would like RKC to sponsor an "Introduction to Cave Rescue" course. NCRC (National Cave Rescue Commission) of the NSS runs this course. Gary Bush thought that the course required a grotto as a sponsor. Sponsoring a rescue course may not fall within the RKC mission. That said, RKC would support it being offered by a grotto.

**Next Meeting:** The winter meeting will be held on Sunday, December 10th, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. at the Burlington Library.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by J. Gott, seconded by W. Jud at 8:59 PM, Passed unanimously.

Meeting Minutes prepared by Janice Gott, Secretary.

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**Action Items**

- 1. Finalize Strategic Plan and post to website.
- 2. Key Policy for RKC sent out to Board for review before December meeting.
- 3. Lock Boxes need to be mounted on the Skylight Dome property.
- 4. RKC tri-fold sign update is being pursued by Neena Jud.
- 5. Jeff Young & Janice Gott explore display case details for Lush Charity Pot grant.
- 6. Bob Roth continuing efforts on foundation of Historic Ticket House.
- 7. All review the Election Policy. Janice check it against Land Trust Alliance guidelines.
- 8. Advertise for nominations for elections.



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## Fall 2017 MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

Jud Residence, 1044 Vacationland Dr., Finneytown, OH

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- **Call to Order – Sean Cain**
  - **Announcements**
    - 1. South-East Kentucky Caver Invitational, SEKCI, sent \$475 to the Skylight Pit fund for their 2017 Conservation Award
  - **Secretary’s Report – Janice Gott**
  - **Treasurer’s Report – Werner Jud**
  
  - **Committee Reports**
    - A. **Membership/Message Committee – Tammy Otten/Janice Gott**
    - 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. Karst-O-Rama
    - 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**
    - Elections
  
  - **Next Meeting Date**
  - **Motion to Adjourn**
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