

Rockcastle Karst Conservancy
General Meeting – March 4, 2018
Preliminary Minutes – Draft

In Attendance 3/4/18:

Directors: Sean Cain, Werner Jud, Janice Gott, Bob Roth and Gary O'Dell.
(A quorum does exist.)

Others: Neena Jud, Gary Bush (by phone), Thor Bahrman (by Phone), Bob Dobbs (arriving late), were present.

49th Meeting of the Rockcastle Karst Conservancy was held at the Boone County Library, Burlington KY.
Called to Order by Chair Sean Cain at 2:05 PM.

(Meeting Agenda at end of Minutes.)

Election Report: (Submitted by Gary Bush & Janice Gott)

At an in-between meeting motion on January 10, 2018, the following motion was passed:

MOTION: To place RKC Board candidates Werner Jud and Gary O'Dell on the Board by acclamation, as there are only two valid nominees (B. Roth, J. Gott 2nd, 4-0-1, Jud abstained).

W.Jud noted that Gary O'Dell is a welcome addition to the Board, he has been active in caving in Rockcastle County for decades, and has written the book "The Caves of Rockcastle County."

MOTION: To welcome Gary O'Dell, and to thank Tammy Otten for her years of service as a Board member, Membership/Messaging Committee Chair, and Fundraising Committee Chair (J. Gott, W. Jud 2nd, 5-0-0).

New Board Positions: The Board appointed Sean Cain as Chair, Bob Roth as Vice Chair, Werner Jud as Treasurer, Janice Gott as Secretary and Gary O'Dell as Director at large.

Election Eligibility and the By-Laws - Minors Voting Rights in RKC: There is nothing in the RKC Constitution or By-Laws that prohibits minors (under age 18) from voting. Under Election Eligibility in the By-Laws, a clause should be added about minors. The Board is authorized to make any change to the By-Laws, but has to publish the clause in writing to the Board 45 days before voting on it. When voting, 4 of 5 Board members must be present.

The following motions shall therefore be entertained for a vote at the Summer RKC Board meeting:

MOTION: To add to the RKC By-Laws the underlined phrase under Chapter III. Membership, Section A: Sections 1, 2 & 3: members who are age 18 or older shall have the right to vote for the Board.

MOTION: To add to the RKC By-Laws the underlined phrase under Chapter III. Membership, Section E. Voting Eligibility: Voting members of record on the 90th day prior to the Annual Meeting, who are age 18 or older, are entitled to vote in that year's election.

Announcements:

No announcements

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

Read summary of Minutes of Meeting of 12/10/17.

MOTION: Motion to accept the Minutes of 9/19/17 (W. Jud, B.Roth 2nd, 5-0-0).

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

Current Fiscal Year details are in the March 4, 2018 Balance Sheet and December 10, 2017 thru March 4, 2018 Revenue and Expenditures Report. Income came to \$1495, as dues and donations from individuals, and \$300 from groups (Central Indiana Grotto). Total income from these and Winter Adventure Weekend (\$173), as well as Fidelity distributions, came to \$2,280. Quarterly expenses came to \$373, including postcards, display panel update, and GoTo Meetings for the year. Directors & Officers liability insurance was paid for 3 years (\$1,994). Net income/loss was \$ -122.

As the Life membership Fund has grown by more than 5%, Gary Bush suggested that the planned annual draw of \$15/Life Member/year from the Life Membership Fund of \$795 be withdrawn from the Fidelity Fund and put into the general fund.

MOTION: To withdraw \$795 (\$15/Life Member) from the Fidelity Life Member Fund and put it in the general fund (J. Gott, W. Jud 2nd, 5-0-0).

MOTION: To accept the Treasurer's Report and Life Member Fund Report as provided (B. Roth, G. O'Dell 2nd, 5-0-0).

Committee Reports:

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

1. The RKC tri-fold sign refresh is finished. Thanks to Neena Jud and Ron Hager for doing such a nice job. The sign made its debut at the Winter Adventure Weekend.
2. The tri-fold flyers also need to be revised, to include all four preserves. The Juds will work on this update with Gary Bush, in the future.
3. W. Jud brought up the need for better promotion for RKC. Gary Bush noted that most of the problem lies in gathering information, stories and pictures, to publish – which we would need to do anyway. B. Dobbs suggests a quarterly communication. We need to ask members for content also. G. Bush is willing to send an email to the email distribution list asking for content. W. Jud would like to go out and make a presentation to Kentucky Heartwood.
4. Spring Newsletter: Board members and others are asked to provide content to Gary Bush by March 15th. Newsletters are mailed with membership renewal letters. J. Gott and Neena Jud will compose those letters.

(B) GSP Committee: (J. Brandenburg, N. Jud reporting)

1. The Roadway Flood Mitigation FEMA Grant work will begin soon. They may engage Clifford Collins to do the heavy equipment part of the work. Volunteers are still needed. They may start as early as March 12th. Deadline for completion is Open House (May 19-20th).
2. Eastern Kentucky University Geosciences Department is interested in using GSP as an educational resource. There would need to be a Memorandum of Agreement would need to be signed with RKC. Also, a movie group has contacted GSP about filming in the cave.
3. Bob Dobbs is working with others on a concept of "Friends of Great Saltpetre" group.

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

1. S. Cain went into Misty with a group to do a 2017 bat population count. The types of bats changed significantly since 2016. The only bats found with white-nose were three Tri-Color bats, which were swabbed for samples, and no dead bats. The bat clusters were in similar locations, even though the species were different.

(E) Skylight Dome Committee: (Thor Bahrman)

1. Skylight's neighbor, Tommy Thompson, intends to sell his house and land, hopefully to a caver. Anyone interested in the property should contact him; he hopes the caving community will advertise among themselves.
2. Jerry Brandenburg has expressed an interest in replacing Dana Sutherland as co-manager for Skylight.
3. The 2 lock boxes for the cave entrance keys are still at GSP, and have not yet been installed at Skylight. Thor would like help getting them installed.
4. Skylight's driveway drainage needs to be looked at; the ditch may be clogged.

MOTION: To appoint Jerry Brandenburg as co-manager of the Skylight Preserve, subject to his acceptance (O'Dell, Jud, 5-0-0).

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

1. No news.

(E) Fundraising Committee:

1. The Fundraising Committee needs a Chair, as Tammy Otten has resigned.

(F) Acquisition Committee: (B. Dobbs)

1. Bob Dobbs reported.

Old Business:

- A. RKC Key Policy (T. Otten) – S. Cain sent the draft Key Policy to the Board. The Skylight management plan will need to be updated to incorporate the key lock box procedure.

New Business:

- A. Corning Foundation – B. Roth established a grant through his employer, to log his hours and get a donation from the corporation per volunteer hour, as well as matching his personal donations.

Next Meeting: The Summer meeting will be held on Sunday, June 3rd, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at the Burlington Library.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by W. Jud, seconded B. Roth, at 4:47 p.m., Passed unanimously.

Meeting Minutes prepared by Janice Gott, Secretary.

Action Items

1. Spring Newsletter to be composed. – Bush, with input from all
2. Renewal Letters for each membership class to be composed. – Gott & Jud
3. Spring Newsletter and Membership Renewal letters to be mailed out. - Gott
4. Review finalized language for Key Policy for RKC before Summer meeting.
5. Lock Boxes need to be mounted on the Skylight Dome property.
6. Search for Fund-Raising Committee Chair.
7. Tri-fold brochure update.
8. Jeff Young & Janice Gott explore display case details for Lush Charity Pot grant.



SPRING 2018 MEETING AGENDA

Sunday, March 4, 2018

Main Boone County Library, Burlington, KY

- **Call to Order – Sean Cain**
 - **Election Committee – Gary Bush**
 1. In-Between Meeting Motion to place RKC Board candidates Werner Jud and Gary O'Dell on the Board
 2. Thank Tammy Otten for years of service on the Board, Membership and Fundraising Committees
 3. Assign Board Positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary
 4. Question of Minors voting eligibility
 - **Announcements**
 - **Secretary's Report – Janice Gott**
 - **Treasurer's Report – Werner Jud**
 - **Committee Reports**
 - A. Membership/Message Committee – Janice Gott**
 - a. Newsletter & Membership renewal time
 - B. GSP Committee – Jerry Brandenburg/Neena Jud**
 - a. Roadway Flood Mitigation Grant
 - b. Memorandum of Understanding with ECU Geosciences Department
 - C. Misty Committee – Sean Cain**
 - D. Skylight Committee – Thor Bahrman/Dana Sutherland**
 - a. Dana Sutherland is asking to be replaced
 - E. Cornhole Committee – Mary Gratsch**
 - F. Fundraising Committee – Bob Dobbs**
 - a. Replacing Tammy Otten on this committee
 - b. Winter Adventure Weekend
 - c. Karst-O-Rama
 - d. Acquisition Fund Replenishment
 - G. Acquisition Committee – Bob Dobbs**
 1. Acquisition Report – Bob Dobbs
 2. Conservation Easement Committee Report – Janice Gott
 - **Old Business**
 1. RKC Key Policy
 - **New Business**
 - **Next Meeting Date**
 - **Motion to Adjourn**
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