

**Rockcastle Karst Conservancy**  
**General Meeting – September 16, 2018**  
Final Minutes

**In Attendance 9/16/18:**

**Directors:** Sean Cain, Werner Jud (by phone), Janice Gott, Bob Roth.  
Gary O'Dell was absent.  
(A quorum does exist.)

**Others:** Neena Jud (by phone), and Bob Dobbs were present. Gary Bush (by phone), arrived late.

51st Meeting of the Rockcastle Karst Conservancy was held at the Boone County Library, Burlington KY.  
Called to Order by Chair Sean Cain at 2:15 PM.

(Meeting Agenda at end of Minutes.)

**Announcements:**

No announcements.

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

Read summary of Minutes of Meeting of 6/3/18.

Bob Roth arrived.

**MOTION: Motion to accept the Minutes of 6/3/18 (W. Jud, B.Roth 2nd, 4-0-0).**

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

RKC has one new life member. The KOR raffle generated \$341. Bob Dobbs asked if there was a separate Skylight Dome Preserve maintenance fund; the answer was "no." The RKC 990EZ annual tax forms were filed in June. A \$1,500 donation from Corning was allocated to GSP instead of RKC, but Werner will correct that.

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

**Committee Reports:**

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

1. Material is requested for a Fall Newsletter, in our resolve to provide more than one newsletter a year. Deadline to submit material to Gary Bush is September 30<sup>th</sup>.
1. The RKC tri-fold flyers need to be revised, to include all four preserves. The last of the old flyers was handed out at Open House. Rob Coomer prepared the original folder. The RKC Tri-fold Sign for the information table has good new language that can be used.

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

1. Scott Pavey has taken over as GSP Committee Chair.
2. Caver Appreciation Weekend went well.
3. The Roadway Flood Mitigation FEMA Grant has been partially paid (\$19,000). This project was selected as "Project of the Year" by the Kentucky Association of Mitigation Managers.
4. Bill Addington met with a music video crew from Knoxville who may want to film in the cave in January 2019.
5. The wifi and phone system has been going in and out.

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

1. S. Cain visited Misty Cave during KOR. He picked up trash around the creek. A group was planning to go caving there in August.
2. The graffiti cleanup looked great.

(E) Skylight Dome Committee: (Thor Bahrman)

1. Several groups have visited Skylight Preserve this summer.
2. At the end of August Thor visited and noted that weeds needed to be cleared, and gravel is in the drainage grates. He cleared the trails from storm debris.
3. Charles and Marilyn Crabtree are the new neighbors. Thor has spoken to them; they are very friendly. Charles is a mountain biker, and Thor offered that he could use the Skylight trails to help pack them down.
4. Bob Dobbs noted that the road is no longer being maintained by the old neighbor, so RKC may need a maintenance fund to keep it up.
5. Bob Dobbs put up the key boxes finally, although he did not have the keys.

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

1. No report.

(E) Fundraising Committee:

1. The Fundraising Committee still needs a Chair.
2. The raffle at KOR was very successful, thanks to the efforts of Mary Gratsch.
3. Sean will see if Tammy and/or Howard are interested in setting up a table at Winter Adventure Weekend.

(F) Acquisition Committee: (B. Dobbs)

1. Bob Dobbs made a report.

**MOTION: To accept the Acquisition Committee Report as provided (J.Gott, B. Roth 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4-0-0).**

Gary Bush arrived.

**Old Business:**

- A. Investment Fund – Larry Southam from the NSS Board is interested in coming to meet with RKC regarding the (NSF) endowment fund investment program for our Life Member Fund. He will be invited to the December meeting, or a separate meeting could be set up.
- B. Waivers – Bob Roth has collected the waivers from GSP, in order to begin filing waivers (from KOR, GSP, Grottoes, etc.) all in one place. His lawyer looked over our waiver and said they looked pretty good. He suggests a parent, not just the scout leader or group leader, should sign for minors. Bob Roth will look into a “joint venture” agreement to sign instead of a waiver.

**New Business:**

- A. Elections – Janice Gott’s position on the Board will expire next March. She nominates herself for the position. A call for other nominees will go out; the deadline for nominations is the December meeting.
- B. Friends of Great Saltpetre Cave – Bob Dobbs is working to set up a subcommittee of the Great Saltpetre Cave Management Committee called “Friends of Great Saltpetre Cave.” It will be for non-cavers/non-grotto members who would like to help financially and physically on projects at the Cave. Werner suggests that the Friends Guidelines include that the Sub-Committee members of the Friends group should be familiar with all of the official documents for RKC and GSP so that they understand official rules and procedures. RKC is favorable with the concept and will await details from GSP.
- C. Insurance – Bob Roth would like to go over our insurance policies (Liability and D&O) with an expert to be sure that RKC and GSP are covered appropriately. Scott Fowler of Hal Kresser Agency is our agent.
- D. Corning Grant – Bob Roth has arranged for an annual grant for \$1,500 from Corning. He would like for it to be dedicated to educational purposes, and to establish a process where it would be divided

among three projects, which could be applied for as grants for projects at GSP or other RKC preserves. Applicants could be from outside our normal community, such as by high school students or scouts.

- E. NSS News – The NSS News has a large article about historical Black cave explorers, written by Gary O’Dell and Angelo George.
- F. Legacy Funds – Sean would like to explore the topic of legacy endowment funds. The Board considers that an excellent idea.

**Next Meeting:** The Winter meeting will be held on Sunday, December 2nd, 2018 at 2:00 p.m., presumably at the Burlington Library.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn made by B. Roth, seconded W. Jud, at 4:22 p.m., Passed unanimously.

Meeting Minutes prepared by Janice Gott, Secretary.

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**Action Items**

1. Fall Newsletter to be composed. – Bush, with input from all
2. Mail or email newsletter - Gott
3. Search for Fund-Raising Committee Chair.
4. Tri-fold brochure update.
5. Meet with NSS representative for details of joining NSF endowment fund – Gratsch
6. Amend Waivers - Roth
7. Collect and scan waivers – Roth
8. Friends of Great Saltpetre Cave, amend GSP Management Plan - Dobbs
9. Write proposal for Education Grant Program – Roth & Gott



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## FALL 2018 MEETING AGENDA

Sunday, September 16, 2018

Main Boone County Library, Burlington, KY

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- **Call to Order – Sean Cain**
- **Announcements**
- **Secretary’s Report – Janice Gott**
- **Treasurer’s Report – Werner Jud**
- **Committee Reports**
  - A. Membership/Message Committee – Janice Gott**
    - a. Next Newsletter content?
    - b. RKC tri-fold flyer revision
  - B. GSP Committee – Jerry Brandenburg/Neena Jud**
    - a. Karst-O-Rama
    - b. Roadway Flood Mitigation Grant
  - C. Misty Committee – Sean Cain**
  - D. Skylight Committee – Thor Bahrman/Jerry Brandenburg**
  - E. Cornhole Committee – Mary Gratsch**
  - F. Fundraising Committee**
    - a. Replacing Tammy Otten on this committee
    - b. Karst-O-Rama raffle
    - c. Acquisition Fund Replenishment
  - G. Acquisition Committee – Bob Dobbs**
    - 1. Acquisition Report – Bob Dobbs
    - 2. Conservation Easement Committee Report – Janice Gott
- **Old Business**
  - 1. NSF Investment program for Endowment Funds – Mary Gratsch
  - 2. Waiver Consolidation - Bob Roth
- **New Business**
  - 1. Elections: Janice Gott’s term expiring in March 2019
  - 2. “Friends of Great Saltpetre” Memorandum of Understanding – Bob Dobbs
- **Next Meeting Date**
- **Motion to Adjourn**