

Nittany Grotto, Inc.

Minutes of Meeting July 30, 2008

The meeting was held on the main campus of the Pennsylvania State University in Room 29 Shields Building. The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by acting treasurer, Keith Wheeland. Although most cavers in attendance were aware of the background for the reason for the meeting, Keith and Will White explained the situation.

The persons in the office of Club Sports at Penn State who control the funds and have responsibility for the Nittany Grotto Caving Club (a Penn State student organization), were not happy that the Caving Club offered life memberships. They were also not happy that our ratio of PSU alumni members to current student members was not within their limits. Keith thought about this for a number of years and decided to take the approach of forming a new organization to be called the Nittany Grotto, Inc. He consulted with the life members of the Caving Club among others and solicited their opinions. He obtained an Employer Identification Number from the federal government, prepared articles of incorporation, wrote bylaws, and filed an application to have the organization incorporated in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. He set up a non-profit account at a local bank declaring himself treasurer. Three members of the Caving Club - Amanda Martin (Chair), Pat Hensel (Treasurer), and Will White (Faculty Advisor), met with a representative of Club Sports on Wednesday July 23 and explained our plans. The Club Sports representative thought that the relationship that was proposed between the Caving Club and Nittany Grotto, Inc. was acceptable. The representative was going to act on the request that the memberships of life members of the Caving Club would be transferred to Nittany Grotto, Inc. with an appropriate transfer of funds from the treasury of the Caving Club to the Corporation. With these formalities taken care of, it was appropriate to have this organizational meeting.

PRESENT: George and Karen Bange, Gary and Tammy Dunmire, Terrence Lovell, Andy McKinnon, Rob, Amanda, and Rayla (ten days old) Martin, Joe Turchick, Keith Wheeland, Will And Bet White

TREASURER'S REPORT: Keith Wheeland reported that there was a balance of \$390.00 in the account.

OFFICERS: The first order of business was to elect officers. Keith Wheeland volunteered to be Secretary-Treasurer for the first year. His offer was accepted unanimously. Amanda Martin was elected Chair, and Gary Dunmire, Vice Chair.

Also elected were two Directors at large, Rob Martin and Joe Turchik.

PO BOX: A motion to retain the Post Office Box of 676, State College, PA was offered by Gary Dunmire and seconded by Rob Martin. After much discussion, the motion was adopted.

WEB SITE: A motion to authorize the expenditure of \$12 per year to the NSS for server space for a web site was offered by Karen Bange and seconded by Terrence Lovell. After much discussion and the stipulation that the web sites of the Caving Club and the Corporation would have cross links, the motion was adopted.

ACCEPTANCE : A motion was made by Gary Dunmire and seconded by Amanda Martin to accept the Articles of Incorporation and bylaws as written. The motion was adopted.

REIMBURSEMENT: A motion was made by Karen Bange and seconded by Joe Turchick that the treasurer be reimbursed for the following expenses that he paid out of pocket.

Loan to start up the bank account to meet minimum.	\$100.00
Incorporation fee and postage.	\$125.80
PO Box fee for six months	53.00
Total	\$278.80

The motion was adopted.

LEGAL ANNOUNCEMENT: A motion was made by Bette White and seconded by Karen Bange that we authorize the Secretary-Treasurer to spend funds to place a required legal announcement into the newspaper (Centre Daily Times) concerning the incorporation of the Corporation. The motion was adopted.

A motion by Gary Dunmire, seconded by Karen Bange that the meeting be adjourned was adopted. Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Keith Wheeland, Secretary-Treasurer