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Nittany Grotto Inc. Annual Membership Meeting Minutes

7/16/2022

Teleconference

Call to Order

6:58 pm Quorum is established, and President Harrison Cassady calls the meeting to order.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Secretary-Treasurer Aaron Clair gave the financial report. Total assets are \$2757.88. Please contact Aaron Clair with any questions. Draft Minutes were reviewed.

Committee Reports

Bryan "Crow" Crowell gave the Library Committee report. The library is still in Crow's basement. If you want to peruse the library, talk to Crow.

Terrance Lovell was absent. No safety committee report.

Abbe Hamilton is absent. No newsletter report. However, she conveyed previously to the society that, after one final July 2022 newsletter, she would be stepping down as Newsletter Editor.

Newsletter Editor Appointment

Olivia McAllister was proposed as new Newsletter Editor. After some discussion with the membership, the Board of Directors unanimously voted to appoint Olivia McAllister as Newsletter Editor.

President's Report

Harrison Cassady proposed two amendments to the bylaws for 2023.

- A new diversity statement, wording TBD, to be voted on at the 2023 Membership Meeting.
- Splitting the officer position of Secretary-Treasurer into Secretary and Treasurer positions, and reducing the number of Directors at Large to one, so that we would have a 5-member Board of Directors: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and one Director at Large.

This represents greater than 30 days of advanced notice to the membership.



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Vice-President's Report

Paul Winter thanks George and Karen for once-again hosting our Membership Meeting, and thanks Greater Allentown Grotto for their company at the campsite this weekend.

Directors at Large

Dwight Kempf and Eric Hill had nothing to report.

New Business

A new Centre County MAR Bulletin is being prepared. The prior one was in the 1970's (two members volunteered 1979). The new one will have work begun in a few weeks. Paul Winter and Harrison Cassady are running this.

We want to renovate the Sharer Cave Gate. Eric Pelkey moves to authorize \$30 for this. Dwight seconds. Membership votes in unanimous approval. Informal discussion of the new landowner for Sharer, who is excited for the cave and may be excited for sinkhole cleanups.

Rick Smith comments: we should renovate the Mount Rock Cave Gate. The gate is very corroded. No motion was raised.

Rick Smith comments: Rick has just repainted the McAlisterville Cave Gate and was impressed by how long the last coat of paint lasted (20 years?). Rick thanks Chris "Foom" Sanders for welding a hole in the gate closed, in order to better protect the locking mechanism.

Will White asks: what caves have we recently purchased, and how can we look out for more? Rick Smith answers: We helped MAKC in the purchase of Sarah Furnace several years ago, and in the past two years have helped MAKC in the purchase of Penn Aqua and McClure Cave. MAKC has a selection committee looking out for new caves.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.



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Officer Elections

President: Eric Pelkey nominates Harrison Cassady. No other nominations. Harrison was elected unanimously.

Vice President: Eric B. Hill nominates himself. No other nominations. Eric Hill was elected unanimously.

Secretary-Treasurer: Aaron Clair nominates Paul Winter. No other nominations. Paul Winter was elected unanimously.

Member at Large: Paul Winter nominates Dwight Kempf and Aaron Clair. No other nominations. Dwight and Aaron are elected unanimously.

Harrison Cassady motions to close officer elections. Eric B. Hill seconds.

Approval of the Minutes

Minutes from previous meeting on July 7, 2021, were approved unanimously

Adjournment

Harrison Cassady moves to adjourn the meeting. Eric Pelkey seconds. Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

Minutes prepared by,

Aaron Clair

Secretary-Treasurer Nittany Grotto Inc.