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## **Nittany Grotto Inc. Annual Membership Meeting Minutes**

7/15/2023

At Rupert Cave Preserve, Mifflin County, PA

### **Call to Order**

7:17 pm Quorum is established, and President Harrison Cassady calls the meeting to order.

30+ Members were in attendance!

### **Secretary-Treasurer's Report**

Secretary-Treasurer Paul Winter gave the financial report. Total assets are \$2757.88.

### **Committee and Officer Reports**

#### Library

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. Crow will not be moving the library to his new home. The library will be moved to a new location: likely Kepler House.

#### Newsletter

Olivia McAllister – Newsletter Report was given, indicating a newsletter is imminently in the works and articles are due by Monday the 7/17/2023 for the official deadline for the July Issue.

#### President's Report

No report

#### Vice-President's Report

No Report

#### Members at Large

Dwight Kempf and Aaron Clair – No Report



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## Meeting Location Report

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

## **Unfinished / Old Business**

Harrison Cassady motions to change the bylaws – The Secretary/Treasurer position is split into two positions: Secretary and Treasurer; and the Directors at Large are reduced from two to one to maintain a total of five officers.

*This proposed change was announced at the 2022 Business Meeting.*

[Note: The responsibilities will remain the same per current wording of the bylaws]

Eric Hill seconded.

Harrison asks a question.

Discussion ended unanimously.

2 votes were opposed.

In favor: *the rest*

Motion passes.

A motion was made for the secretary and treasurer descriptions to be fully described and shared with the membership ahead of the next annual meeting.

Seconded.

No opposition. Unanimously approved.

## **New Business**

### Informational Updates

Maitland Cave, 20 minutes from the meeting location, is up for auction. Starting at \$76K. A 10 acre parcel with buildings. The seller is not currently interested in subdividing, but the new owner may be interested.

Will White notes it has a spectacular entrance, with not much cave. Rumor speaks of a long cave running up the ridge.



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## Centre County MAR Bulletin

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

## Sharer Cave Gate Maintenance

We want to renovate the Sharer Cave Gate to improve the gate door. Eric Pelkey moves to authorize \$30 for this. Dwight seconds.

Approved unanimously.

## Sharer Cave under new ownership

There was an informal discussion of the new landowner for Sharer, who is excited for the cave and may be excited for sinkhole cleanups.

## Future Trash Clean Up

Rick Smith is working to coordinate a trash clean-up.

## Honorary Life Membership Announcement

The NGI board has voted to bestow honorary life membership to George Bange and Karen Bange.

## Approval of the Minutes from 2022

Minutes as Corrected were approved unanimously.

## Officer Elections

Nominations for President: Eric Hill.

Motion to close nominations unanimously approved.

Eric Hill was elected by acclamation.



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Nominations for Vice President: Eric Pelkey.

Motion to close nominations approved unanimously with a vote.

Eric Pelkey was elected by acclamation.

Nominations for Treasurer: Paul Winter.

Motion to close nominations approved unanimously.

Paul Winter was elected Treasurer.

Nominations for Secretary: Olivia McAllister.

Motion to close nominations approved unanimously.

Olivia McAllister was elected Secretary.

Director at Large: Devin Moore.

Dwight Kemp – declined nomination.

Aaron Clair – declined nomination.

Motion to close nominations approved unanimously.

Devin Moore was elected Director at Large.

**Motion to adjourn the meeting made at 7:56 pm.**

**Unanimously approved!**

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Winter

Secretary-Treasurer NGI