

Nittany Grotto Inc.

Minutes of meeting, June 12, 2010

Present: Dave Ader, George and Karen Bange, Bryan Crowell, Gary Dunmire, Rachel Kane, Cynthia LaCoe, Terrance Lovell, Andy McKinnon, Jeff Morrissey, Steve Shawver, Joe Turchick, Keith Wheeland, Will and Bette White

Proxies: Jim Kennedy, Mike Backe, Andrew Churlik, Geoff Eckess, Jeffrey Jahn, Brian Kolka, Rachel Bosch, Keith Christenson, Jack Igoe, Nevin W. Davis, Frank Marks, Ira Sasowsky, Kendra Hujsa, Christopher Catherman, Kathleen Kerrigan, Sara Fern Fitzsimmons

Call to Order: There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order by the President, Bryan Crowell, at 6:00 p.m. under Gary Dunmire's cooking shelter at the Rupert Cave Preserve.

The minutes of the July 15, 2009 minutes were read and approved.

Finances: The treasurer, Keith Wheeland, noted that there was \$99.22 in the cash account and \$1925.89 in the checking account for a total of \$2,025.11. Keith noted that the cash account also includes some postage stamps.

President's Remarks and Other Reports: Bryan Crowell thanked all who attended and those who sent proxies. He offered a special thanks to the Bange's for allowing the group to use the Rupert Cave Preserve facilities.

Bryan reported on a presentation that he heard at the NRO field meet by Al Hicks the NY Biologist concerning White Nose Syndrome. Other discussion followed.

Terrance Lovell discussed the recent action to get the cave rescue team allied with the local rescue group. A meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 18. Terrance and Keith plan to attend. Terrance also asked if there would be any interest in conducting a mock cave rescue. The answer was yes.

Keith Wheeland, guest newsletter editor, reported that the latest issue of the Nittany Grotto News (Vol. 56, No. 1) was printed and would soon be posted to the website. Copies were distributed to those present.

Old Business: The general lack of agenda items was explained by Keith by noting that the joint meetings of the Nittany Grotto Caving Club and the Nittany Grotto Inc. appeared to be working well. Will White, the Caving Club Faculty Advisor, concurred.

New Business: The only item under new business was the election of officers. Bryan Crowell was elected for another term as President. Gary Dunmire was elected for another term as Vice President. Keith noted that his only reason for filling the post of Secretary Treasurer was to get it started when the Nittany Grotto became incorporated. He noted that he would serve if absolutely necessary, but he was ready to shed this duty. After some discussion, Andy McKinnon offered to run for the position, and was elected. Joe Turchick and Will White were elected as Directors at Large.

Next Annual Membership Meeting: George and Karen offered the Rupert Cave Preserve for hosting the next meeting. The Board thanked them and will decide on a date and time to be announced later.

Officers:

President: Bryan Crowell

Vice President: Gary Dunmire

Secy/Treas: Andy McKinnon

Directors at Large: Joe Turchick and Will White

The meeting was adjourned about 7:00 p.m.

Notes: During the meeting there was a little rain plus thunder and lightning that seemed to be rather close. Paul Winter and Elena Bridges showed up after the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith D. Wheeland, Secretary Treasurer