

Nittany Grotto, Inc.

Minutes from the Nittany Grotto, Inc. Annual Membership Meeting, June 1, 2019 at 6 pm at the Rupert Cave Preserve, McVeytown, PA

Call to Order: At 6:35 PM the meeting was called to order by Paul Winter. He thanked our generous hosts, George and Karen Bange, for the use of their property and thanked those present for attending.

A quorum was established

Minutes: The minutes from the previous meeting were approved unanimously.

Financial Report: Forthcoming.

Committee Reports:

NGI Newsletter Committee – Volume 62, No. 2 was published in November. Send submissions to Abbe Hamilton NSS 63701. All content related to caving is accepted and encouraged.

Library Committee – The NGI library remains in Bryan Crowell's basement. Usage in 2018 was minimal. There was a request for a 50th anniversary copy of the NGI newsletter. Dwight Kempf, Todd Karchner, and Keith Wheeland would like a printed copy.

Rescue and Safety Committee – Fall 2019, Terrance was contacted regarding J-4 Cave to rescue a young man who had entered the cave to meditate. There is an OCR at Butler Cave on June 28th, 2019. Terrance is looking to set up cave rescue practices in Kookan Cave. If interested, contact Terrance.

Conservation Committee – No report.

New Business:

NGI Meeting Location – Karen and George Bange may be traveling during the 2020 meeting. Make sure to make arrangements for access or an alternate location depending on their schedule.

CaveSim – Keith Wheeland moves that NGI donates \$200 with no restrictions to CaveSim. Tommy Cleckner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Amendment to Bylaws/Articles of Incorporation – (Notice given on March 29, 2019)

Paul Winter moves to strike out the words "District of Columbia" in the Articles of Incorporation; and to insert "Article 16 Anti-Harassment Policy". The National Speleological Society's Anti-Harassment Policy shall be binding"; and to strike out the words "Article 16 Amendments" and insert the words "Article 17

Amendments"; and to strike out "16A" and insert "17A"; and to strike out "16B" and insert "17B"; and to strike out the words "Article 16 Dissolution" and insert the words "Article 18 Dissolution". Eric Pelkey Seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Update on Miller Cave – Pennsylvania State University wants to know who is accessing their property and when, but does not have a clear policy for cave access at this time. This should be revisited again in 2020 as unfinished business.

Elections:

President – Hope nominated Rick Smith. Rick Smith accepts the nomination. Aaron Clair nominated Paul Winter as President. Paul Winter declined. Bryan Crowell moved to close nominations. Motion passed unanimously. Rick Smith is elected president.

Vice President – Hope nominated Tommy Cleckner as Vice President. Tommy declined. Eric Pelkey nominated Olivia McAllister as Vice President. Bryan Crowell moved to close nominations. Motion passed unanimously. Olivia McAllister is the Vice President.

Secretary-Treasurer – Erick Pelkey nominated Aaron Clair. Aaron Clair accepted. Olivia McAllister nominated Paul Winter. Paul Winter declined. George Bange moved to close nominations. Motion passed unanimously. Aaron Clair is Secretary-Treasurer.

Director at Large – Eric Pelkey nominated Paul Winter. He declined. Rick Smith nominated Tommy Cleckner. Tommy accepted. Andy McKinnon nominated Nadia Garzone. She accepted. Bryan Crowell nominated Terrance Lovell. Terrance accepted. Nominations were closed. Terrance Lovell and Tommy Cleckner are Directors at Large.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Hope Brooks, Secretary/Treasurer