

Nittany Grotto Inc.

Minutes from Nittany Grotto Meeting, May 4, 2011 at 8 PM in Room 214 Wagner Building, Penn State campus

Members Present: Bryan Crowell, Will White, Andy McKinnon, Gary Dunmire, Joe Turchick, Keith Wheeland, Katherine Thorwart, Maria Andrews, Paul Winter, Terrance Lovell, Dan Karrasch, Shawn Daugherty, Rachael Kane, Matt Eckess, Larry Moore, Kyle Gerhart, Bette White, Jenevieve Clauss, Geoff Eckess, Dave Ader, Cynthia LaCoe, and Anna Byers

Call to Order: There being a quorum, the meeting was called to order by the President, Bryan Crowell, at about 8:00 PM in Room 214 Wagner Building, Penn State campus, following the regularly scheduled Nittany Grotto Caving Club meeting.

New Business:

Gary Dunmire presented email that Bryan Crowell had received from Graymont indicating that the company had plans to concrete the entrance to J-4.

Bryan Crowell submitted a motion to establish a committee to address this potential permanent closing of the cave. A brainstorming session ensued, discussing various strategies of working with Graymont to maintain access to the cave, or at the very least, to gate it for conservation and safety purposes with the possibility of gaining access in the future. Mr. Crowell agreed to appoint members to the committee at a later date.

The Caving Club will be informed of progress made by the J-4 Committee with occasional updates.

The meeting was adjourned at about 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andy "Karst" McKinnon, Secretary-Treasurer