

## **IKC Spring Director's Meeting Minutes**

Saturday, February 9, 2002

### **Officers and Directors Present:**

Bruce Bowman  
Kriste Lindberg  
Keith Dunlap  
James Adams  
Bruce DeVore  
Dave Haun  
Steve Lockwood  
Nick Noe  
Tom Rea  
Bob Sergesketter (by proxy)  
Tom Sollman  
Bill Tozer  
Bob Vandeventer  
Dick Vernier  
Kathy Welling

### **Absent:**

None

The Spring Directors' Meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM at the Bloomington home of Secretary Kriste Lindberg, President Bruce Bowman presiding. James Adams was accepted as Acting Secretary for the meeting. Sue Venier was accepted as proxy for Bob Sergesketter and all other Board Members were present.

The minutes of the December Meeting were approved as published on the IKC web site.

Treasurer Keith Dunlap reported \$30,193.57 in savings with \$44,193.57 in liquid assets after the \$54,000 from the Indiana Heritage Trust money is received and our \$40,000 loan (Buddha) is paid off. This will leave approximately \$18,000 in excess in the Buddha fund. Dunlap recommended that this and the "hat" fund be rolled back into the Land Acquisition Fund. Dunlap also suggested that some allocation from the general fund (\$26,200) be placed into a stewardship endowment fund. Bowman declined further discussion pending the receipt of IHT funding. Dunlap further noted that the IKC currently has 188 paid members, which is a new record.

Bowman talked about the structure of the IKC leadership in light of recent bylaws changes. All Officers and six Director positions are up for election in March. Bowman accepted nomination for President. Adams wished to be placed on the ballot as Secretary. Dunlap placed his bid for the Treasurer position.

For the Directors, four, three-year positions and two, two-year positions are up for election. The following members agreed to be listed for those positions: Kriste Lindberg, Steve Lockwood, Bob Sergesketter, Bill Tozer, Everett Pulliam, Don Ingle and Bob Vandeventer.

Kathy Welling moved to accept the ballot, seconded by Dunlap. Motion passed, 15-0-0.

Bowman noted that the IKC has been approved for an Indiana Heritage Trust grant for the Buddha Karst Nature Preserve. A conservation easement was signed on Wednesday, February 6, 2002. The IHT grant money should be received within 45 days.

The Master Plan for the Buddha Karst Nature Preserve was discussed with a motion to approve by Dunlap, seconded by Tom Rea. Motion approved, 15-0-0. This will come before the Natural Resources Commission at their April meeting.

Bowman was planning to take on the task of Buddha Cave Patron, since no other members had expressed interest in serving in this capacity. Member Jeff Cody has recently volunteered to take that position. Welling moved to accept Cody as Buddha Cave Patron, seconded by Adams. Motion approved, 15-0-0. Bill Tozer will continue to serve as interim patron until the first annual report is completed.

Bowman talked about a Conservancy Session that is scheduled for the 2002 National Speleological Society Convention in June. The session chair, Rane Curl, has proposed that the IKC make a presentation at that session. Various topics that have been suggested by Curl were discussed. Lindberg volunteered to speak on a topic and will coordinate with the session chair.

A new effort has been proposed to clean up the Buckner Cave property near Bloomington. A coalition of cavers and organizations has been suggested and a local resident has been coordinating and pushing for this effort. There are many opinions on many aspects of the effort. Bowman led a discussion on the pros and cons and the Indiana Karst Conservancy's role in a possible coalition. Several members were able to give an overview of the property ownership in that area with respect to the cave layout and the history of various entrances of caves in the area as well as past cleanup efforts.

There seemed to be a consensus that although it might be beneficial for the IKC to be involved cleaning up the cave and working toward long-term goals, without specific authority to take any positive action, it will be difficult to officially support an informal effort.

After this initial discussion, the President declared a closed meeting.

Upon reopening the meeting, Under Earth Days activities were set for April 13 and 14, 2002 at the Buddha Karst Preserve.

The Indiana Cave Symposium will be held on April 20, 2002. The IKC has been asked to make a presentation.

Rea brought in a new NSS publication, the Proceedings of the 14th National Cave and Karst Management symposium. These are for sale through the NSS Bookstore, but Indiana Karst Conservancy attendees were offered copies for sale without the shipping charge.

Meeting adjourned at 9:22 PM to celebrate several birthdays.

Submitted by James Adams, Acting Secretary