

Indiana Karst Conservancy Quarterly Meeting
Saturday, December 6, 2003
Indianapolis, Indiana

The fourth quarter/winter meeting of the Indiana Karst Conservancy was called to order at 10:06 AM at the home of Nick and Carita Noe in Indianapolis, President Dick Vernier presiding. All Directors were represented:

Richard Vernier, President
James Adams, Secretary
Keith Dunlap, Treasurer
Bruce Bowman (by proxy Tom Rea)
Bruce DeVore (by proxy Sue Vernier)
Dave Haun (by proxy Bambi Dunlap)
Kriste Lindberg
Steve Lockwood
Nick Noe
Don Ingle
Bob Sergesketter
Tom Sollman
Bill Tozer
Bob Vandeventer
Jaime Winner

Proxies were accepted, Tom Rea for Bruce Bowman, Sue Vernier for Bruce DeVore and Bambi Dunlap for Dave Haun. The minutes of the September meeting were accepted as published noting that Don Ingle's first name was incorrectly listed as "Doug."

Treasurer Keith Dunlap reported there was \$24,888.87 in the general fund, \$2,505 in membership dues fund, \$10,935.68 in the stewardship endowment fund, and \$-18,101.04 in the Wayne Cave acquisition fund. Assets include \$20,228.51 in cash, \$6,605 in accounts receivables, and land value of \$183,013.16 for a total of \$209,846.67. The IKC's total membership is at 192 with seven new members joining since the September meeting.

There was discussion on a proposed revision to the Grotto Liaison Agreement. The draft was previously distributed to the Directors so that it could be reviewed prior to the meeting. Bill Tozer noted that two items should be addressed initially. A time limit for the agreement should be included so that the IKC and grottos are required to review procedures and liaison performance periodically. He also noted that it might be more efficient for liaison reports to go to the Cave Patron and not the Agreement Coordinator.

Tozer, Rea and others noted several items that need to be addressed regarding general wordsmithing and clarifying the intent of various points. D. Vernier will make the noted revisions and invited further comment.

Regarding Sullivan Cave access, it's been proposed that a change be made to improve convenience and to be more consistent with our access policies. Currently, Bob Vandeventer manages access as the Cave Patron. S. Vernier moved to change Sullivan status from "restricted" to "limited" to allow Grotto Liaisons to arrange access, but the Liaison must contact the Sullivan Cave Patron prior to the trip to coordinate that trip. Seconded by Don Ingle. Motion passed, 15-0-0.

Kriste Lindberg summarized her activities regarding the IKC's education and outreach programs. Much of her activity was included in the December issue of the *IKC Update*.

K. Dunlap reported on the Hancock property status.

There was much reporting and discussion regarding the Wayne Cave acquisition. \$45,000 has been raised/pledged; \$11,500 needs to be raised. [Secretary's Note: This \$45,000 figure included the NSS grant that was later declined, see below.]

Robert/Tom Sollman and Don Ingle requested consideration as the Property Manager for the Wayne Property. Both candidates spoke on their own behalf for the position. The Sollmans were selected.

K. Dunlap reported that our \$5,000 NSS grant has been approved, however, as a stipulation for that grant, the NSS now requires a Right of First Refusal if the property is sold. K. Dunlap has previously distributed to the Board a draft agreement document that would be submitted to the NSS. Basically, the Right of First Refusal agreement is a purchase agreement prepared in advance. There was discussion. James Adams moved that we accept the grant and submit our proposed Right of First Refusal to the NSS for their review. S. Vernier seconded. Motion failed, 1-9-4. A letter will be sent to the NSS Grant Chairman explaining our decision. [Secretary's Note: This will increase the amount of money needed for the Wayne Cave payoff from \$11,500 to \$16,500.]

Tom Sollman indicated it will take an additional \$2,000 for hardening of the driveway at Wayne. Approval for the funding will probably be made at the March meeting.

There will be a new contact for us with the Hoosier National Forest. We should have more information sometime in January.

There is a meeting on December 18th to find out if the Buddha Property will qualify as a Classified Wildlife Habitat. This designation will lower our property taxes.

A letter declining the Spring Mill Memorandum of Understanding has been sent to the DNR. A meeting has been scheduled with Spring Mill representatives on December 20th to discuss this further.

Buckner Restoration/Conservation Project: No one had any additional information. K. Dunlap thought that a draft management plan had been written but no one has seen a recent copy.

Adams reported on recent contact with the Shiloh Cave landowner. All is well with the landowner relationship.

The next meeting will be on February 21, 2004 at 6:00 PM at the Bloomington home of Kriste Lindberg. This is the annual Director's Meeting. The March business meeting will be on March 27, 2004 at 10:00 AM at the Greenwood Public Library.

Meeting adjourned at 1:33 PM.

Submitted by James Adams, IKC Secretary