



The Western Cave Conservancy, Inc.

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Directors of the Western Cave Conservancy, held May 2, 2004

Pursuant to notice duly given to the directors, this quarterly meeting of the Western Cave Conservancy was held on the above day and date at Sequoia National Park, Ash Mountain Headquarters. The Board wishes to thank Joel Despain and the National Park Service for arranging these facilities.

ATTENDEES

Rolf Aalbu, Director/Vice-President
Joel Despain, Director
Don Dunn, Director
Robert "Martin" Haye, Director/Treasurer
Jerry Johnson, Director
Bruce Rogers, Director
Marianne Russo, Director/President
Dan Snyder, Secretary

President Marianne Russo called the meeting to order at 1:24 p.m.

AGENDA

The agenda was adopted without modification.

MINUTES

The Board waived the reading of the minutes. The minutes were adopted without modification.

OFFICER REPORTS

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Relations/Fundraising
Research
Acquisitions
Nominations

The President called a 5-minute recess at 3:40.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TOPICS

Discussion protocol;
Proposed reversal of decision to recruit a recording secretary, and forming guidelines for minutes;
Overview of National Cave Conservancies Forum in WV, attended by Marianne, Dan and Martin;
Update on Crystal Cave cleanup.

Suggested Camp Nine Road cleanup;
Web site visitation statistics;
List serve;
[confidential] Cave;
Millerton Lake Caves;
Liability insurance;
Proposed change to credit card processing.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLVED, that a Property Stewardship Advisory Committee be created, to be chaired by a member of the Board of Directors and charged with overseeing all property management activities of the WCC. The initial responsibility of this committee will be to investigate management options, collect samples of management plans and identify management resources. Based on this research the committee is responsible for developing management policies and procedures for approval by the Board. As properties or management responsibilities are acquired either by purchase, easement, lease or other legal agreement this committee will provide supervision and insure consistent application of adopted management policies and procedures. (B2004-02-01)

RESOLVED, that the board approve the proposed Camp 9 Road cleanup project pending the approval of Calaveras County and Pacific Gas and Electric Co. Approval is also contingent upon proof of insurance for volunteer workers either through the county or through an event policy acquired by the WCC. Other project details are referred to the Public Relations Advisory Committee. (B2004-02-02)

RESOLVED, whereas recent findings in [confidential] in [confidential] Co. California suggest that the cave has extraordinary biological value, and whereas the cave has been determined by the land research advisory committee to be on private property owned by a 501(c)(3) public charity, the board directs the land acquisition committee to pursue permanent protection of the cave. (B2004-02-03)

WHEREAS the Western Cave Conservancy currently pays \$19.95 per month for credit card processing; and whereas the National Speleological Society has offered to process transaction for affiliated conservancies at no cost; therefore be it resolved that the Western Cave Conservancy transfer credit card processing to the NSS, and close the existing First Regional Bank merchant account. (B2004-02-04)

WHEREAS the Western Cave Conservancy is concerned about the future of the Millerton Lakes granitic talus caves, which have been deemed by geologists and speleologists as possibly the finest plutonic talus caves in the world, it is therefore resolved that the Land Research Advisory Committee be directed to research the dam and lake level raising at Millerton reservoir, which may severely impact the caves. Furthermore, whereas the threat to these caves is determined to be significant, it is resolved that the PR Advisory Committee is directed to publicize this problem through the WCC newsletter and web page and to seek partners and assistance in organizing opposition to changes to existing water levels that would threaten the caves. (B2004-02-05)

WHEREAS significant steps have been taken to speed production of minutes in a timely manner, therefore be it resolved that the board discontinue its search for a recording secretary. (B2004-02-06)

WHEREAS board minutes are required in a timely manner for board accountability, therefore be it resolved that the Secretary be required to submit complete meeting minutes, sans attachments, within 15 minutes of adjourning each board meeting. (B2004-02-07)

WHEREAS at board meetings, sensitive financial information, cave locations, human resource issues, and confidential property negotiations need to be discussed freely, the board resolves that from this date, May 2, 2004 forward, and retroactive to July 20, 2003, the public board meeting minutes shall be limited to actions of the board and a list of topics discussed in the Committee of the Whole, but will exclude the

officers and committee reports, and omit the substantive details of the discussions.
(B2004-02-08)

The next quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held Sunday, August 1, 2004, in Santa Cruz, California, at a location to be determined.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

I certify that the above is, to the best of my knowledge, the true and complete record of business conducted at the quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Western Cave Conservancy held on May 2, 2004.



Daniel S. Snyder, Secretary

EMAIL BUSINESS CONDUCTED DURING THE SECOND QUARTER 2004

RESOLVED, that the WCC authorize PRC member Bill Papke to buy 300 symbolic pins representing the WCC logo, as designed by Bill. The cost is to be less than \$550. (B2004-02-09)

Votes:

Dunn: MOVED 7/14

Aalbu: AYE, received 7/14

Haye: AYE, received 7/14

Despain: AYE, received 7/15

Rogers: SECOND AND AYE, 7/14

Johnson: AYE, by telephone 7/15; reaffirmed by email of 7/21

Russo: AYE, by telephone 7/15; reaffirmed by email 7/23

I certify that the above is, to the best of my knowledge, the true and complete record of business conducted by electronic mail and telephone during the second session of the Board of Directors of the Western Cave Conservancy, 2004.



Daniel S. Snyder, Secretary