



The Western Cave Conservancy, Inc.

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Directors of the Western Cave Conservancy, held August 1, 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 the office of the Conservancy in Santa Cruz, California. The Board wishes to thank Dan Snyder and Martin Haye for providing these facilities.

ATTENDEES

Joel Despain, Director
Don Dunn, Director
Robert "Martin" Haye, Director/Treasurer
Jerry Johnson, Director
Bruce Rogers, Director
Marianne Russo, Director/President
Dan Snyder, Secretary
Pat Helton, guest
Kate Despain, guest (part)

President Marianne Russo called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m.

AGENDA

Time corrected to 2:00 pm. Otherwise, agenda approved as drafted.

MINUTES

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

OFFICER REPORTS

President
Vice President (in absentia)
Treasurer
Secretary

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Relations/Fundraising Advisory
Land Research Advisory
Land Acquisition Advisory
Stewardship Advisory
Nominations

SPECIAL REPORTS

Volunteer Coordinator

REPORT DISCUSSIONS

How best to publish our activities regarding the Avalanche Ravine THP.

[confidential Arizona cave]

The chair called a recess at 3:15 for 10 minutes.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TOPICS

Seated at 3:30 pm.

Proposed Camp Nine Rd cleanup;
Insurance;
Logo pins;
Promotional item policy;
Regional dinner budget;
Grotto presentations;
[confidential CA caves] owner inquiry;
Where to put business that doesn't fit in the present committee structure;
Involving more and more dispersed people in committees;
Stewardship committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Whereas, the Treasurer has learned that PayPal offers a less expensive and more flexible option for credit card processing than the National Speleological Society, therefore be it RESOLVED that the Treasurer is directed to open a PayPal account for the Conservancy, switch credit card processing to the new account, and close Conservancy's current merchant account once the transition is complete. (B2004-03-01)

Whereas, an attorney's opinion letter on various liability exposure issues in California and Oregon would be useful in obtaining insurance, therefore be it RESOLVED that the Treasurer is authorized to spend up to \$300.00 to obtain such letters from knowledgeable attorneys. (B2004-03-02)

RESOLVED, that the Board directs the Land Acquisition Advisory Committee to send a letter to the owners of the [confidential CA caves] to ascertain their willingness to sell the property. (B2004-03-03)

RESOLVED, that nominee Michael Spiess be appointed to the Land Acquisition Advisory Committee. (A2004-03-01)

RESOLVED, that nominee Caroline Brown be appointed to the Property Stewardship Advisory Committee. (A2004-03-02)

RESOLVED, that Joel Despain and Jerald Johnson be nominated and appointed to the Property Stewardship Advisory Committee. (A2004-03-03)

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors approves the payment of \$300 to Edward Funke, land appraiser, for his services, regardless of whether the Conservancy will be reimbursed for half by the property owner. (B2004-03-04)

RESOLVED, that the Public Relations Advisory Committee be authorized to spend up to \$1000 for food and supplies for the 2004 NSS Western Regional dinner. (B2004-03-05)

RESOLVED, that Central Pacific Acquisitions Manager Rich Sundquist be authorized to negotiate for the Rippled Cave property for an amount not to exceed \$XXX, in agreement with the appraised value of the cave plus ten percent. (B-2004-03-06)

The next quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held Nov. 21, 2004 at noon, at the home of S. Ray and Gale Beach in Menlo Park, California.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 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 August 1, 2004.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel S. Snyder". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "D" and "S".

Daniel S. Snyder, Secretary