



Western Cave Conservancy, Inc.

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Draft Minutes of the Regular Quarterly Meeting of the Western Cave Conservancy, held Sunday, November 13, 2005

Pursuant to notice duly given to the directors, the fall quarterly meeting of the Western Cave Conservancy was held on the above day and date at the Great Valley Museum Annex at 1100 Stoddard Avenue, Modesto, California. The Board thanks Matt Bowers and the Great Valley Museum for arranging and providing these facilities.

ATTENDEES

Rolf Aalbu, Director/Vice President
Don Dunn, Director
Robert Martin Haye, Director/Treasurer
Jerry Johnson, Director
Marianne Russo, Director/President
Dan Snyder, Secretary

Matt Bowers, guest

President Marianne Russo called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

AGENDA

Agenda approved by general method.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

After correcting the year in the heading, the minutes of the March 27, 2005 meeting were approved as written.

OFFICER REPORTS

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Relations/Fundraising Advisory
Land Research Advisory
Land Acquisitions Advisory
Property Stewardship Advisory
Human Resources Advisory

REPROT DISCUSSION TOPICS

Delay in the Rippled Cave acquisition;

Loan pre-approval for general use;
Glitch in vest delivery system.

The board recessed at 2:48 p.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TOPICS

The committee was seated at 2:53 pm.

Slow process of acquiring Rippled Cave;
[confidential California properties];
Avalanche Ravine;
Proposed restrictions the U.S. Congress is considering on the deductibility of conservation donations (land and easements);
Speleo-Ed evening discussion on cave conservation issues;
Fixing general malaise afflicting the Conservancy due to the long delay in getting a cave;
LTA Standards and Practices;
Standard Committee meeting days have not worked out;
Board recruitment;
Current donor list for the website, explaining delay to donors, and some donor anonymity requests;
Current membership list for member database;
Next annual meeting;
Directors wanting to change their photo on the website;
Request for a block of time at the annual meeting to practice the elevator statement with audience;
Cave Capers in Pacific Grove Dec. 3.

The committee rose at 5:15 p.m. There followed a recess for 20 minutes to craft motions.

NEW BUSINESS

Whereas the Conservancy is opening a new money market account, and whereas this account can earn interest on our funds while they are inactive, therefore be it resolved that Treasurer is authorized to transfer funds between the Bank of America checking account and the Nexity Money Market Account as needed and appropriate. Each transaction shall be approved by President, or if President is unavailable by Vice-President. (B2005-04-01) Rolf seconds, passed unanimously.

Be it resolved that the board of the Western Cave Conservancy approves of an expenditure not to exceed \$600 for materials to create a new tabletop educational exhibit. (B2005-04-02) Martin seconds, passed unanimously.

Whereas, the Western Cave Conservancy has reviewed *Land Trust Standards and Practices*, published by the Land Trust Alliance in 2004; and,

Whereas, the Western Cave Conservancy agrees that *Land Trust Standards and Practices* are the ethical and technical guidelines for the responsible operation of a land trust;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Directors of the Western Cave Conservancy hereby adopts *Land Trust Standards and Practices* as guidelines for the organization's operations and commits to making continual progress toward implementation of these standards and practices. (B2005-04-03) Don seconds, passed unanimously.

Resolved, that the annual meeting of the board of directors shall be held on Saturday, Jan. 21, 2006 at 1 p.m. at the Marble Quarry Resort in Columbia, California. Jerry seconds, passed unanimously. [This date has since been confirmed with Ralph Squire, owner of the Marble Quarry Resort.]

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:54 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 November 13, 2005.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel S. Snyder". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent flourish at the end.

Daniel S. Snyder, Secretary