



# The Western Cave Conservancy, Inc.

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## **Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Western Cave Conservancy, held Sunday, October 22, 2006**

Pursuant to notice duly given to the directors, the regular quarterly meeting of the Western Cave Conservancy was held on the above day and date at the Ash Mountain Headquarters of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks in Three Rivers, California. The Board wishes to thank Joel Despain and the park for the use of this facility.

### **ATTENDEES**

Rolf Aalbu, Director/Vice President  
Joel Despain, Director (until 12:05 p.m.)  
Donald Dunn, Director (by speakerphone)  
Robert Martin Haye, Director/Treasurer  
Jerry Johnson, Director  
Marianne Russo, Director/President  
Dan Snyder, Secretary (by speakerphone)

Absent: Bruce Rogers, Director; Michael White, Director

President Marianne Russo called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

### **AGENDA**

Agenda approved as written. Martin commented that the agenda is probably too long to complete.

### **MINUTES OF JULY 30, 2006**

Revision of 8/21 previously provided to directors by email with meeting notice. Approved as written.

### **OFFICER REPORTS**

President (Russo)  
Vice President (Aalbu)  
Treasurer (Haye)  
Secretary (Snyder)

### **DISCUSSION OF OFFICER REPORTS**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Public Relations/Fundraising Advisory (Dunn)  
Land Research Advisory (Aalbu)  
Land Acquisitions Advisory (Haye)  
Property Stewardship Advisory (Despain)  
Human Resources Development (Russo)

## **DISCUSSION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The board recessed at 10:43 a.m.

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

President Marianne Russo seated the committee of the whole at 10:47 a.m.

**Rippled Cave Slideshow**  
**Weller Natural Preserve**  
**Windeler Cave**  
**Dante's Descent Status**  
**New Melones Reservoir Cave Inventory and Survey Project**  
**WCC Organization**  
**WCC Financial Miscellany**  
**Insurance**  
**Expiring Board Terms**  
**Next Meeting**

Joel Despain left at 12:05 p.m.

The committee rose for lunch at 12:10 p.m. and reseeded at 1:08 p.m.

**Avalanche Cave Status**  
**Potential Future Projects**  
**Suggestion for New Nomination Process**  
**Potential Acquisition**  
**Insurance, revisited**  
**Streamlining Meetings**  
**Cave Conservancies Forum Report**  
**Business Card Reorder**  
**Closed Meetings**  
**Newsletter**

The committee rose at 2:04 p.m.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

*RESOLVED, that the Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay all applicable property taxes on the Weller Natural Preserve property in Amador County, California.* Moved by Martin Haye, passed unanimously. (B2006-04-01)

*WHEREAS banks do not require identification when depositing into an account; and*  
*WHEREAS the current process of hand-delivering deposits for the Vice-President or President to take to the bank is inconvenient and does not address a real need;*  
*RESOLVED, that the Conservancy's financial controls are hereby modified to allow the Treasurer to make bank deposits directly, provided that he or she provide the President and Vice-President with timely reports of deposits.* Moved by Martin Haye, passed unanimously. (B2006-04-02)

*RESOLVED that Robert Martin Haye be nominated for another three-year term as director on the board of the Western Cave Conservancy, effective January 2007 through January 2010.* Moved by Marianne Russo, passed unanimously. (A2006-04-01)

*WHEREAS there will be direct costs associated with the upcoming Weller Natural Preserve workday on November 18, 2006, for items such as fencing, signage, safety glasses and dump fees, and other*

*incidentals;*

*RESOLVED, that the Conservancy authorizes an expenditure of up to \$300 for these purposes.*

Moved by Jerry Johnson, passed unanimously. (B2006-04-03)

*RESOLVED, that henceforth unless otherwise specified, regular board meetings shall take place on a Saturday between the hours of 1 p.m. and 5 p.m., and that yearly public meetings shall take place between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. and that at the latter the closed session take place between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. and the public session take place between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.* Moved by Rolf Aalbu, passed unanimously. (B2006-04-04)

*WHEREAS, one of the Conservancy's outstanding loans is at a higher interest rate than the others;*

*RESOLVED, that the Treasurer immediately pay the balance due on said loan.* Moved by Martin Haye, passed unanimously. (B2006-04-05)

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

I attest 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 October 22, 2006.



Daniel S. Snyder, Secretary