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## **Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Western Cave Conservancy, held Saturday, April 28, 2007**

Pursuant to notice duly given to the directors and the public, the spring meeting of the Western Cave Conservancy was held on the above day and date at the Great Valley Museum Annex, Modesto, California. The Board thanks Ben Robinson for arranging the use of this facility.

### **ATTENDEES**

Rolf Aalbu, Director/Vice President  
Joel Despain, 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 1:14 p.m.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Approved after addition of Volunteer Insurance.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 27**

Approved after insertion of language of first motion, omitted, and clerical corrections.

### **OFFICER REPORTS**

President's Report (Marianne - attached)  
Vice President (Rolf – to be emailed to board by Rolf)  
Treasurer (Martin - attached)  
Secretary (Dan - no activity except scanning Windeler map due to new employment)

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Public Relations Advisory (Marianne in Don's absence – attached)  
Land Research Advisory (Rolf – to be emailed to board by Rolf)  
Human Resources Advisory (Marianne - attached)  
Land Acquisitions Advisory (Martin – no action)  
Property Stewardship Advisory (Joel - attached)  
Weller Natural Preserve Interim Manager's Report (Marianne - attached)

### **DISCUSSION OF COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Dinner event at upcoming NSS Western Regional

Windeler Project  
Job descriptions  
Weller Preserve  
Revised cave description criteria  
  
Recess at 2:30 p.m.

#### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

The committee was seated at 2:47 p.m.

Weller Natural Preserve Management Plan Review  
Weller Preserve Building  
Weller Preserve Driveway Gate  
New Melones Survey  
Avalanche Ravine  
Windeler Cave  
Ordway Property  
Insurance Subcommittee  
Conflict of Interest Policy  
Automatic Withdrawal of Donations  
Streamlining of Mailings  
Email Inquiry Regarding Publication of Cave Surveys  
Dante's Descent  
Representation at Indiana NSS Convention

#### **THE COMMITTEE ROSE AT 5:05 P.M.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

*RESOLVED, that a new Advisory Board is hereby created. This new body will consist of any number of members, and will include persons who wish to contribute special expertise to the WCC but cannot devote the time necessary to function as an active board member. This body could act as a transition for outgoing Directors to continue to contribute in a lesser capacity, or equally important, as a way to groom new candidates for the Board of Directors, and the Conservancy can benefit from its experts' reputations. The Advisory Board will not have meetings, but rather will serve as an as-needed resource pool of experts for the Board of Directors to draw upon. The areas of expertise would be in such categories as science, law, finance, real estate, non-profit business, cave or other land trust experience, local area personal contacts, building trades, etc. Such persons would be expected to contribute both on an as-needed basis and at least occasionally on their own volition. Appointments to the Advisory Board will be made by the Board of Directors and will be for a period of two years. Reappointment will be based on (1) desire of the appointee to continue; and (2) evidence of contribution. (B2007-2-1)*

*RESOLVED, that Marianne Russo is hereby appointed as the interim Weller Natural Preserve Manager, to serve until the final Preserve Management Plan has been adopted and a permanent manager is appointed under that Plan. (B2007-2-2)*

*RESOLVED, that the next meeting will be Saturday, August 4, 2007 at 1 p.m., at the corporation's office in Santa Cruz, CA.*

The open session adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

I attest that the above is, to the best of my knowledge, the true and complete record of business conducted at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Western Cave Conservancy held on April 28, 2007.

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