

# Western Cave Conservancy

213 Elm Street • Santa Cruz, California 95060

## Public Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Western Cave Conservancy, held Saturday, November 1, 2008

Pursuant to notice duly given to the directors and the public, the annual public meeting of the Western Cave Conservancy was held on the above day and date at the home of Rolf Aalbu in Sacramento, California.

### ATTENDEES

Rolf Aalbu, Director/Vice President  
Robert Martin Haye, Director/Treasurer  
Jerry Johnson, Director  
Bruce Rogers, Director  
Marianne Russo, Director/President

**Advisory Board (guests):** Pat Helton; Ray and Gale Beach; Kelley Prebil; Dale and Sherry Hartwig.  
**Absent:** Joel Despain, Director; Don Dunn, Director; Dan Snyder, Secretary; Mike White, Director.

President Marianne Russo called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

The agenda was approved as proposed.  
The minutes of the August 16 meeting were approved as written.

### OFFICER REPORTS

President (Marianne, attached)  
Vice President (Rolf, given verbally)  
Treasurer (Martin, given verbally)  
Secretary (Martin, given verbally)

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Relations (Marianne gave a very brief verbal report)  
Research (Rolf, given verbally)  
Acquisitions (Bruce; attached)  
Property Stewardship (Marianne gave brief verbal report in Joel's absence)  
Human Resources (Jerry, attached).

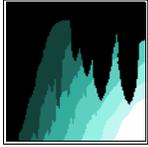
A recess was called at 2:38 p.m.

### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The Committee was seated at 2:52 p.m.

**Weller Natural Preserve Manager's report:** (Marianne, attached)

**Newsletter articles:** Martin will write an article for WCC newsletter on the timeline of what we've done. This can be the source of a similarly-themed web page. Bruce will write an article for WCC, Cal Caver, NSS West, and grotto newsletters asking for cave purchase leads. Marianne will put an article about the Field House in the newsletter along with a wish list (e.g. folding tables, chairs, etc.)



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**Expanding the advisory board:** Jerry will check which of the people agreed last time haven't been contacted. Additional people to contact: Mike McNichols (MH); Jef Levin (MH); Joel Despain; Neal Marchington; Hester Mallonee. Also: Bill Frantz was meant to be included already.

**M2 Cave:** Bruce will contact Ernie to see if he can find a local realtor to get a realistic valuation of the property.

**Annual public meeting:** We would like to have a meeting in Southern California. Bruce will contact Bern Szukalski and ask where an appropriate place might be. Possible dates: January 17, January 24 (can't do January 10 due to the annual CRF meeting in Fresno).

**Secretary candidate:** Eileen Belan is essentially a shoe-in for the position, but we don't want to appoint her until she has been able to read the full job description.

**President candidate:** Martin has ideas and is interested in taking on the position, but will need to find a viable candidate for Treasurer.

**Publicity & Fundraising goals for 2009:**

- Put an article in the conservation issue
- Get articles into the Cal Caver and grotto newsletters
- We'll try to get out another big mailing, perhaps before the holidays.
- Minor web site modification (timeline, list of advisory board members)
- Be better about renewals (Martin and Eileen to work together on this)
- PR committee to brainstorm some presence at Texas International convention

The committee rose at 4:36 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS**

*WHEREAS the Conservancy's existing procedure for appointing members to the Advisory Board is cumbersome, RESOLVED that from this point forward, advisors who are nominated at a Directors meeting, and who subsequently accept the nomination, will be automatically appointed to the Advisory Board. (Haye B2008-3-1)*

*WHEREAS the Conservancy recently applied for and was granted a retro-active property tax exemption by the Amador County Assessor, and WHEREAS this money was initial intended for the Weller Preserve, RESOLVED that the refunded tax money shall be dedicated to building the Weller Field House. (B2008-3-2)*

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 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 November 1, 2008.

R. Martin Haye, acting secretary