

Western Cave Conservancy

213 Elm Street • Santa Cruz, California 95060

Draft Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Western Cave Conservancy, held Saturday, January 17, 2009

Pursuant to notice duly given to the directors and the advisors, the annual public meeting of the Western Cave Conservancy was held on the above day and date at Los Angeles River Center and Gardens, 570 West Avenue 26, Los Angeles, Ca

ATTENDEES

Rolf Aalbu, Director/Vice President
Robert Martin Haye, Director/Treasurer
Jerry Johnson, Director
Marianne Russo, Director/President
Eileen Belan, Director/Secretary
Bruce Rogers, Director (via telephone conference)
Don Dunn, Director (via telephone conference)

Guests: Bill Frantz, Peri Frantz, Joel Despain, Caroline Brown, Roger Brown, Carol Vesely, Dell Quick, Frank McDonough, Ric Gates, Pat Helton

President Marianne Russo called the meeting to order at 1:11 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

The agenda was approved as proposed.
The minutes of the November 1, 2008 meeting were approved as written with a slight correction in the Notification wording. (Replaced “public” with “advisors”.)

New Secretary Eileen Belan was welcomed.
Thank you to exiting officers, Joel Despain and Mike White

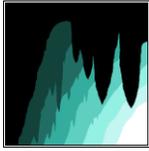
OFFICERS REPORTS

President Marianne Russo. (See attachment)
Vice President Rolf Aalbu. (See attachment)
Treasurer Martin Haye. (See attachment)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Acquisitions Bruce Rogers (See attachment)
PR Committee Don Dunn (See attachment)
Research Committee Rolf Aalbu (See attachment)
Stewardship Joel Despain (new committee chair, Martin Haye)(See attachment)
Human Resources Jerry Johnson (See attachment)

Frank Donoghue agreed to be on the Advisory Committee
Carol Veseley agreed to be on the Advisory Committee



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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Weller Natural Preserve Manager's report: Marianne

There will be work days the last Saturday of each month for the next four months. NCRC training is scheduled for May 16, 2009.

Jerry put together a report that is 91 pages long so far, of the plants and animals that have been seen and photographed as possible. All are welcomed to take pictures and submit information to Jerry.

There was some discussion on camping at the preserve and the management plan will probably be revised to make rules for camping.

There was discussion on the funding of the preserve and fire insurance.

Conservation easements: Bill Frantz

Bill has done some research and found that there are several conditions that might prove to be a problem with easements. He would like to talk to the board to see if the WCC really wants to pursue easements. The Federal Government has four rules for granting the long term commitment for easements.

1. Historical preservation
2. Habitat preservation
3. Public Recreation
4. Public Viewscape

Newsletter Update:

Email versus web version. There has been a problem in the past with people not aware that the newsletter is on the web site. It has been decided that the newsletters will be mailed to all members with the color version on the web site.

Advisory Board.

Is a group of people who care about the conservancy and its goals. They would be involved with decisions and receive emails about current project information.

Secretary/Director. Eileen Belan

Thank you letters and gifts will be sent in a timely manner. The thank you letter upon receipt of the donation will include the message to save it for tax purposes. There will not be letters sent out to everyone in January with tax information.

Stewardship/Director, R. Martin Haye

Martin will take over the Stewardship. He covered his platform and advised on his future plans.

President/Director, Marianne Russo

Marianne will remain as President

Publicity and Outreach:

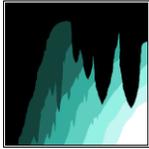
There are tentative plans to hold the public meeting in Southern California in 2011 with So Cal Grotto hosting. Carol will check with the board to find out before committing.

Clough Cave Restoration, Joel Despain

It does not appear this project will obtain funding in 2009.

Future events:

The PR committee will request space at the International NSS convention and members will man the booth. There was talk about presenting who we are and what we do at the international.



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It was brought up that the web site is very out of date. Information needs to be sent to the web master, Kelley Prebil, with specific information and she will update the web site.

MOTIONS:

It was moved and seconded to reelect Russo, Johnson and Dunn to the board. (A2009-1-2)

It was moved to appoint Martin Haye the new Director of Stewardship. (A2009-1-3)

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 January 17, 2009.

Eileen Belan
Secretary