



The Western Cave Conservancy

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Draft Minutes for the Meeting of the Board of Directors of May 8, 2010

Held at the home of Gale and Ray Beach, Menlo Park, CA

Call to Order: 1:14 pm by President Martin Haye

List of Attendees: Eileen Belan, Jerry Johnson, Ray Beach, Peri Frantz, Marianne Russo, Bill Frantz, Kelley Prebil, Martin Haye, Gale Beach

Conference line: Mike Spiess, John Moreno, Rolf Aalbu

Approval of the Agenda and Minutes: Motion to approve agenda. Marianne move Jerry second all approved

Reports Discussion (20 min)

Presidents report:

Vice President report:

Was contacted by a representative the Trust for Public Lands re: Avalanche Cave and they requested photographs to help the process of acquiring the cave and property.

Treasurer: Report sent to everyone.

Clarification on web expense: cost to renew WesternCaves.org and WesternCaves.com

Balance sheet is financial position. Showing where we are as an organization.

Actual budget: see where we are compared to where we thought we ought to be.

Revenue budget has been increased because Mike hopes we can build revenue this year.

Accounts currently held by WCC:

Bof A checking

First Regional Bank (credit card processing)

Nexity money market: got when interest rates were high

Paypal: for on line donation.

Mike suggested we combine BofA and Nexity.

Martin suggested we move money out of Bof A into an interest bearing account.

Rolf asked if he should keep his copies of the financial archives and what he should do with bank card. Martin said it would be okay to shred financial paperwork and check card.

Human resources: Jerry

Has corrected misspelling on advisory board list and has added who are members of advisory board but not WCC.

Jerry will be sending revision to his report

Public Relations: Marianne

Rolf suggested the web site be updated. That is in the process of being done. Maybe adding Jerry's page for plant life etc. Marianne will contact Rolf for his ideas.

Stewardship: Martin

Windeler: the gate seems to be working as there have been no break-ins. There have been some trustee trips and other trips are planned.

Conducting a photo inventory of cave so we can see if there is damage being done with trips. Committee process has been going well.

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Marianne asked about a rescue preplan for the cave? Martin will add to the list to work on that.

[redacted]

Rolf concerning trips...he hasn't been there and would like to go. Could we have WCC exploring trip? Martin is working with John Tinsley regarding scientific process.

[redacted]

Research committee, Rolf

Proposed Weller Bio Blitz July 10-11

Weller report, Marianne

Purchased a burn permit, they are free but need to be filed for every three years.

Changes to Rippled cave map. There are some question as to the time frame to get the map digitized.

Committee of the Whole

Build a Tool Shed next to Stool Shed at the Weller Preserve? (JJ)

Still have lots of tools and wood and paint left over from previous building. Jerry would like to see a 6X10' building attached to Stool Shed so we can have a place to store things that are currently in Fieldhouse. Materials needed to be purchased would be paint and cement blocks and maybe some plywood.

Unanimous that we proceed with Tool Shed. Motion to be made.

Mines and land trusts – info from T. Gilleland, similarity to [local] situation (MH)

Contacted by Tom Gilleland in Arizona. Have a couple of mines that they are trying to get rid of and wanted to know if we were interested. Martin concerned about insurance. Plus side is bats in them...

John Moreno has a group in mind to take the mines. Martin will email him the information.

Cross-contamination: adopt new policy? (MR)

Marianne feels as a conservation organization we should have some policy regarding White Nose Syndrome (WNS). Rolf wants to know what other conservancies are doing as far as WNS. Martin suggests we don't get too involved. Peri suggested we have a link on our web site to the latest information sites regarding decontamination.

It was agreed that we will have a static blurb on the web site that refers people to WNS sites that are kept up to date.

Motion to table policy on WNS. There will be more information via email (Marianne will dig out emails again and forward them to us again.)

Looking for someone who would be the minute taker. It was agreed that Martin will try to appoint someone each meeting to take the minutes and forward to Eileen who will continue to compile the rest of the minutes.

Weller management plan: list corrections before adopting as interim plan (MH)

M2 cave: update on proposed second visit (MR)

[M2] Cave. Marianne read letter from Real Estate person back to John Tinsley.

Much discussion followed on if we should go on cave trip.

Marianne moved to pick a few people to send up there on date determined by realtor. Motion carried.

Budget

Per Mike, seems like we are doing a better job of tracking membership. Secondly we should do a year end membership drive.

Marianne will send Mike her budget info and Martin will send info regarding Windeler project.

Per Marianne, she is getting together lists of addresses for membership invitations.

Clough Cave

On April 15 Marianne and Mike met with owners of Clough Cave. (See Marianne's report)

Bottom line, Marianne will keep people informed.

Proposal to dig at Weller Preserve.

Would board entertain a proposal. Consensus unanimous: yes.

Millerton

Bill Frantz will ask Mark Scott and Jonas Schachner about keeping up with Millerton (trying to find a "Designated Worrier")

New Business: 4:30 pm

Resolved that the WCC hereby authorizes Jerry Johnson to spend up to \$500 to build a tool shed on the Weller Preserve.(Unanimously carried.)

Next Meeting

Date, location

Adjournment: 5:00 pm