

Meeting started @ 10:25am – called to order by Bill Walden (President)

Members Present: Bill & Karen Walden, Brent Ray, Jim & Anna Greer, Jim Currens, Don Conover, Randy Paylor, John Cassidy, Eric Weaver, Howard Kalnitz, Kevin Toepke, and NEWBIE (sign-in sheet passed around)

Reviewed Meeting Minutes from April. Read and approved. Motion (BDR/KT 2nd) to accept passed.
Officers:

Treasurer: The current balance is \$1925.64 and has been reconciled. Two checks need to be cut for Bill and Don due to expenses incurred with the KSS.

VP: Nothing to add.

Website: Nothing to add. Watch out for spamming from the website addresses. If traceable, report it.

Old Business:

1. Changes to bylaws – tabled till next meeting.
2. Membership – paid is about 30. Need tickler to membership on attendance.

New Business:

1. Filled 4 requests – transportation cabinet. A couple of outstanding ones are to be discussed:
 - a. Matt Niemiller – UofT – locations and maps for biological important caves in Ky – specifically dealing with unsurveyed (biological/fauna). Jim C recommends a conditional approval if he would come up to a ‘caving on paper’ session. Eric W suggested that he contact active surveys to let them know to make notes regarding biota. He is recommended by Dr. Tom Barr. No one has a real problem in helping him, it is just that the data is not that easy to access and/or not really there. Group consensus to invite him up for the next ‘caving on paper’ session (August 23rd).
 - b. Howard Kalnitz – Trying to get more people interested in surveying. For that end, he is trying to come up with a list of caves of which cave, when it was surveyed, who did it, and what is it’s status. This is mainly for Jackson and Rockcastle counties. He needs data from KSS on this to help make his list complete. He also has a website that tries to capture this. His website also has maps on it and he would like to consider a future request if our maps can be published likewise. Right now he only wants the listing. Randy has a list of caves in the counties. Howard can provide the information we don’t have and share it. Group consensus to provide Howard with the data.
 - i. There was some discussion on the posting of maps on the website. No location data is provided. Randy and Jim C mentioned that there are some groups within the state that would not agree to this. Also, control of distribution would be difficult. Long term project of KSS is a similar thing, utilizing it as a membership ‘perk’. Howard is willing to provide his data to help out.
2. Eric Weaver brings up the point of data collection. Everyone is not on the same page. Different programs, different methods, different standards. Jim C and Randy mentioned we could do a digital format for submitting reports, maps, etc. Howard mentioned that for example, PDFs are difficult to change. Eric mentioned someone’s thesis that talks about standard data on caves and GIS databases. Eric is trying to create a training document on Compass but suggests similar on cave surveying could be created, probably with a committee of people. Don mentioned that the KSS in about 1982 created a standard. Jim C mentioned that one should find something that one likes and then adopt and change it to fit your needs. Jim C also mentioned that we are really talking about two different things: dictating cartography standards and dictating electronic data transmission to the KSS. Jim C suggested that Eric put a proposal together. Bill mentioned it would also be a good newsletter article. There was also the discussion that some metadata (rope required, biota, etc.) that could be included. Eric will put something together.
3. Status on various collections:
 - a. Quinlan – mostly done

- b. Lou Simpson – came to a meeting and discussed donating the remainder of his data to the KSS. No one has approached him since. Lou has already given us most of the Sloans data.
- c. Angelo George – no work lately.
- d. Howard mentioned that Mary Gratz would be another person to work with. (Goochland Cave)
- e. Don Coons may have a bit more information, but not much.

Next Meeting

1. Caving on Paper session – reschedule to August 24th @ 10am, UK Mining Building. (Finalizing the Quinlan data).
2. Fall Meeting – October 25th @ CRF Hamilton Valley.
 - a. Bill will try to get a newsletter out, so send in articles.
 - b. Jim C to try and line up a cave trip – maybe to the Bunker Entrance.

Adjourned: 11:35am