

The Minutes of the Kentucky Speleological Survey Meeting January 24, 2009

The president, Bill Walden, called the meeting to order at 10:15 EDT.

Attendees: Darrell Atkins, Howard Kalnitz, Jeff Saylor, Andrew Daugherty, Lou Simpson, Shari Forsythe, Randy Paylor, Jim Currens, Preston Forsythe, Bill Walden and Donald Conover.

Shari Forsythe served as secretary at the request of Jim Greer, who could not attend.

The old minutes were read and approved, after a couple minor corrections.

- Randy reported the following KSS computer news: The KSS has a new external hard drive and XP is now on the laptop. Also, one of his friends has donated an old desk top computer to the KSS.

Treasurer report by Jim Currens: The current balance is \$1,780.21. Kevin Toepke has paid dues for Life Membership. Several other individual dues were paid. A couple of organizations need to be reminded to update their dues. Jim Currens has a check for Kevin to reimburse him for the domain name fee.

Data Requests: Randy Paylor said that several data requests were submitted and these were discussed. Steve Gentry asked about two caves. Dr. John Holsinger is interested in 50 caves over 19 counties. There was a question of how the info will be published and how detailed the lat./long should be. It was agreed that location to the minute would be OK. Gary O'Dell asked for information on a cave for dye tracing. Jim and/or Randy have responded to each request.

Old Business: Jim Currens had copies of the By-Law revisions for people to read and approve. There were a few suggestions. Jim pointed out we do not charge for searches. We did not have a quorum to vote on the By-Law changes so Bill Walden said he would email those who can vote.

New Business:

- Internet conferencing was discussed as we sometimes have internet availability at our meeting locations. Some people felt it would be worth a try for a Voice internet conference. Bill will check into it and maybe we can try it at our next meeting.
- Having a KSS meeting or a booth at the Speleofest was discussed. It would be a good opportunity to contact a large group of cavers. Perhaps Bill could give a ten minute presentation at the Banquet.
- We need to place ads in both the Speleofest and KOR guidebooks for 2009. Bill said he would work up some new posters with new graphics. Darrel said he could work up a new poster on general cave distribution across the state.
- CRF has not updated their dues, but they let us have our fall meeting there for free. It was voted on and passed unanimously that CRF should have a free Life membership, similar

to the Kentucky Geologic Survey. It would be good to submit this announcement in the new CRF newsletter which has a deadline of March 1st.

- Location and date of the April meeting was discussed. It may be at the KGS Core Library on the north side of Lexington. This would be better for those coming from the north and it would solve a parking problem at the Mines and Minerals Building. Watch for this announcement on the website. The April meeting will be either April 11 or 18. Bill would like to have a speaker as well as give cavers from across the state the opportunity to give a presentation of what they are doing, especially from an exploration standpoint.
- On March 3, 6 P.M. Roger Brucker will make a presentation on “The Mapping of Mammoth Cave” at the Fossil Fuel Survey meeting. This will be at the Mines and Minerals Building, Lexington, Room 102, and the meeting is open to the public.
- Bill suggested that at least one meeting a year we could have a program with invited speakers and also host a survey class. Most felt that the fall meeting at CRF /Hamilton Valley would work well for this. It might also work at KOR. We would have to work out the details for feeding this group.

Election of Officers: Elections were held. The new KSS Officers for 2009 are:

President-Bill Walden
Vice President-Jim Currens
Secretary-Shari Forsythe
Treasurer-John Cassidy
Directors at Large-Don Conover and Jim Greer

Other Business: There was a discussion about adding county coordinators. This could help us with our data files. We could ask for a yearly report from each county coordinator. That information then could be published in one large annual newsletter which Randy would work on.

Some of the duties of the county coordinators would be:

- Sort data online and at the office, and update and correct.
- Try to stay on top of projects in the county.
- Become the face of the KSS for that county.

Several volunteered for various counties, or were volunteered.

Meeting Adjourned 12:20 pm.

Your Scribes,

Shari J. and Preston L. Forsythe