

Minutes of the Kentucky Speleological Survey

April 3, 2011

Meeting held at Mining & Minerals Building

**University of Kentucky
504 Rose St.
Lexington, KY 40506**

President Jim Greer called the meeting to order at 11:19 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Officers & Board Members Present:

President, Jim Greer; Vice-President, Howard Kalnitz; Treasurer, John Cassidy; Secretary, Kim Gentry; Membership at Large Representative, Steve Gentry; Membership at Large Representative, Amber Yuellig.

Organizational Representatives

Present: Greater Cincinnati Grotto, Howard Kalnitz; Kentucky Geological Survey, Jim Currens.

Absent: Bluegrass Grotto, Randy Paylor; Dayton Underground Grotto, Jim Perkins; ESSO Grotto, Johnathan Lewis; Hart of Kentucky Grotto, Peggy Nims; Louisville Grotto, representative unknown; Western Kentucky Speleological Survey, Preston Forsythe.

KSS Members and Cavers in Attendance: Bill Walden, Richard Gilliam, Tama Cassidy, Tim Stoops, Don Conover, Jerry Nichols, Ben Miller.

Welcome and Introductions/ President's Report (Greer): Everyone was welcomed to the meeting and the officers were introduced.

Minutes from the last meeting were not read, copies were available at this meeting, and had also been posted on the KSS web site as well as through the KSS Yahoo Group. Howard Kalnitz made a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes. Amber Yuellig seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Vice-President's Report (Kalnitz): Nothing to report

Secretary's Report (Gentry): Nothing to report

Treasurer's Report (Cassidy):

First quarter of 2011-

Individual dues 71.44

Organizational dues \$ 150.00

Donation from GCG \$ 50.00

Search request \$ 25.00

Ended with a balance of \$3,623.51

Ended the quarter with 40 members.

17 of those are life members.

Data Access Committee Report (Currens): There has been one new request regarding caves in Todd County since last quarter. The Treasurer has not received any funds for new requests. Jim Currens and John Cassidy will work on a formal invoice procedure.

Data Administration Committee (Library) Report (Currens/Kalnitz): Nothing to report.

Membership Committee Report (Cassidy)-One new member since the last meeting.

Data Administration Committee (Database) Report (Kalnitz/County Coordinators):

County Coordinator updates:

Howard Kalnitz-Rockcastle County data has been re-done with Andrews scans. Jackson County yet to be completed.

Bill Walden for Harry Goepel-Wayne County has 21 new caves added. Bill has been confirming all GPS locations at Redmond Creek that has 47 locations. There was discussion between Howard/Bill on sending revisions to Howard. Howard wants the County Coordinator to send him their final revisions.

Steve Gentry-Still crunching data for Hart County. He plans to do location confirmation in Hart County but rain has delayed progress.

Amber Yuellig and Howard Kalnitz reported that Bob Yuellig's counties are up-to-date except for one county.

Jim Greer-still putting together data, planning to GPS some locations.

Amber Yuellig-all data is in the computer, plans to have Casey and Russell counties completed by next meeting.

Jim Currens-new data has been submitted to Howard.

John Cassidy-has worked in Madison County, not much progress yet.

There was discussion of Coordinators where data has not been received. Howard shared worksheet with up to date information. Of the 71 cave bearing counties, 32 (45%) have been completed.

Web Site Review Report-Kim Gentry sent list of corrections to Eric Weaver, some items have been updated.

Annual Publication-Due to the fact that Randy Paylor is out of state, we need a temporary editor. We need to have a publication ready at the fall meeting. This is a more scientific publication than the newsletter. Amber Yuellig suggested each presenter at the fall meeting give a summary of their presentation to include in the publication. Steve Gentry and Bill Walden will work together in getting together the next publication. Kim Gentry suggested asking Randy Paylor for any data he may have to include.

KSS Newsletter Report (Walden): Bill published the most recent newsletter and copies were available at this meeting. There was discussion and apologies about the last minute meeting

location change. Due to administrative decisions out of our control, we can no longer meet at the Core Library.

Old Business (Greer): Kim Gentry has started working on updating KSS Powerpoint. This will be completed by the next meeting.

Bill Walden and Howard Kalnitz need to finalize recommendations for the KSS to purchase its own projector.

Amber Yuellig has been brainstorming on database security options.

New Business:

WNS (Greer)-Now confirmed in Ohio. As you are logging caves or caving please look for unusual bat activity. Steve Gentry reported Big Bat Cave in Kentucky was checked and no WNS was confirmed. He stated that Mercer Lucifugus Cave will also be checked. He will probably go to Raymond's Cave for a spot check within the next month. Howard Kalnitz reported that 30 of 300 bat hibernacula in Kentucky have been checked.

It was discussed that Mike Crockett was approached by Brooke Slack from the U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife about a possible Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with KSS to share cave locations. Jim Currens said this issue comes up every couple of years. The KSS needs a formal data request or formal MOU. If the KSS gets a formal request it will be reviewed at that time.

Website-Bill Walden mentioned the website is frequently down. He stated he helped in the past to make updates. Jim Greer will contact Eric Weaver to see who he would like to be a backup in the event he needs help updating the website.

Changes to Grotto Representatives-

Dayton Underground Grotto-Don Conover stated he is the new representative but no formal notification has been submitted to the KSS.

Bluegrass Grotto-Jim Currens will check into.

Louisville Grotto-Tim Stoops stated he is the new representative but no formal notification has been submitted to the KSS.

Hart of Kentucky Grotto-John Cassidy reported they will not be renewing their organizational membership.

Jim Greer asked if current committee members wanted to remain the same. No one raised any objections.

Open Discussion (Group):

Fall business meeting (October 22/23, 2011)-Howard Kalnitz and Amber Yuellig will finalize meeting place location. Several locations around the state were suggested by several people.

Future Work Sessions at Kentucky Geological Survey Mining & Minerals Building:

May 22, 2011-Begin at 10 am (with lunch break) and end at 2 pm. RSVP with Jim Currens required.

Future Business Meetings:

June 12th, 2011-Begin at 11 am **Central** Time Zone at American Cave Museum in Horse Cave, Kentucky.

Steve Gentry motioned for the meeting to be adjourned, Jim Currens seconded. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:26pm. Howard Kalnitz then gave an excellent overview of ARC Explorer software.