Rockcastle Karst Conservancy

General Meeting – March 8, 2015

Approved Minutes

In Attendance:

Directors: Mary Gratsch, Tammy Otten, Pete Stow, Sean Cain and Steve Gentry
(A quorum does exist)

Others: Neena Jud, Werner Jud, Howard Kalnitz, Bob Dobbs, James Robinson, Dennis Green, Ralph Mann, Richard Duncan, Janice Gott, Mike Wuerth, Jerry Brandenburg, Rob Coomer and Gary Bush

37th Meeting of the Rockcastle Karst Conservancy was held at the Scheban Branch, Boone County Library, Union, KY. Called to Order by Chair Mary Gratsch at 2:13PM.

Meeting Agenda Attached:

Announcements:

- Results from this year's election of two open Board positions were read. Werner Jud and Tammy Otten were installed as new Directors(S. Cain)
- **New Board voted unanimously (5 votes For) on the following Officer positions.**
  - Chair – Tammy Otten
  - Vice-Chair – Steve Gentry
  - Treasurer – Werner Jud
  - Secretary – Sean Cain
  - At-Large – Pete Stow
- Mary Gratsch steps down as acting Chair.
- Tammy Otten assumes office of Chair.
- Tammy Otten asks each in attendance the following question. "Why the large turn out and what has kept you from coming in the past?"
  - The two main reasons stated were 1) Not knowing the meeting dates and 2) General availability.

Secretary's Report: (Cain)
Read summary of Minutes of Meeting of 12/14/2014.
A request was made to add Special meeting notes and email votes to this meeting minutes.

Gentry moved to accept the Minutes. Second by Stow. Approved unanimously (5 votes For)

Treasurer's Report: (Submitted by W.Jud)
Current Fiscal Year details are in the March 8, 2014 Balance Sheet and December 14, 2014 thru March 8, 2015 Revenue and Expenditures Report.

S.Cain moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as provided. S.Gentry seconded. Vote: Unanimously accepted (5 votes For)

Committee Reports:

(A) Membership Committee: (Pete Stow)

1. No report was available.
2. Discussion ensued on the subject of having Tammy and Werner work together to keep membership list fresh and up to date. (T. Otten)
3. Suggestion was made that each of the tasks discussed be given a timeline for completion. (B. Dobbs)
4. It was mandated that the Membership Committee and Message Committee would merge. An informal meeting will be held complete merger. (T.Otten)
5. Membership Renewal Letters will be sent out by end of March. (T. Otten)
   a) Suggestion made to mail letters with newsletter. (G. Bush)
   b) An envelope stuffing party will be held at Tammy's house on March 24th at 6:30pm. (T. Otten)
   c) Suggestion made to create a means of follow-up with those members not renewing. (R. Coomer)

(B) GSP Committee: (J. Brandenburg)

1. Scout activity continues to be strong.
2. A plumber has been contacted to replace the worst water pressure regulator. The remaining two will be replaced at a later date.
3. GSP Committee will start having virtual meetings. Contact James Clements for details.
4. Movie producer from New York is interested in making movie at GSP. More details as available.
5. Audit of GSP financials is complete. Gary Bush executed audit with Werner Jud and Jerry Brandenburg present. All records were accurate.
6. Financial request has been approved for road work. Pitch of road will be changed to deter gravel run-off. Ralph Mann suggested contacting Brush Arbor Company for quote
7. Open House – James Robinson is organizing with Madison County band performing on Sunday and reenactors on-site both days.
8. Have begun creating jobs list and responsibilities for tasks that need completed at preserve.
9. Indiana University has requested to do study in cave. More information has been requested.

(C) Misty Cave Committee: (Pete Stow)

1. Will open May 1st.

(D) Cornhole Cave Committee: (Mary Gratsch)

1. Road condition is questionable and field needs cut.
2. Still needs surveying completed.

(E) Fundraising Committee: (T. Otten)

1. WAW – Mary and Tammy were present. Sold some hats and gain two new members
2. Ralph Mann has some additional donations to give.
3. Pam Duncan still has two wine baskets to raffle.

(F) Acquisition Committee: (B. Dobbs)

1. Report on Pulaski County property.
2. The Board officially recognized Bob Dobbs for all his efforts.
3. Bob Dobbs was appointed as head of Acquisition Committee by Tammy Otten.
4. A presentation on conservation easements and their requirements was presented by Janice Gott. Much discussion was had by all present. Janice pointed all in attendance to www.landtrustalliance.org for further information.
5. Tammy created an exploratory committee consisting of Janice Gott, Neena Jud, Werner Jud, Mary Gratsch and Howard Kalnitz. Committee must present findings at summer meeting.
6. Tammy Otten requested that a "Letter of Thanks" be sent to Bruce Orwin, Acting Attorney, for his efforts on behalf of RKC.

W. Jud moved to give Bruce Orwin a One Year Membership to RKC. S. Gentry second. Vote: Unanimously Accepted. (5 votes For)

(G) Message Committee: (T. Otten)

1. Newsletter sent to Ron Hager.
2. Bob to follow-up with Ron.
3. New Board will be listed in newsletter.
4. Must have printed by March 23, 2015.

Old Business:

(A) Audit of RKC Finances (G. Bush)

1. Date has not yet been set for audit. Werner will contact Gary to set date. Audit complete by Summer Meeting.

(B) Life Membership Fund (H. Kalnitz)

1. Howard has forms to open account with Fidelity.
2. Howard will open account within the next week.
3. Account will be opened with $12,300.
4. Discussion pursued concerning change in bylaws surrounding future management. Discussion was tabled till summer meeting.

Other Board Activity

(A) Email Vote On Life Membership Fund Investment

1. Motion that the Board shall invest the Life Membership Fund in an index style mutual fund, non-profit(organization) account for a period of no less than 2 years to be reviewed at that time. This fund will be invested and managed by an RKC member designated and approved by the board with regular reports to the Board of Directors.
2. Motion that the Board of Directors shall invest the Life Membership Fund with the NSF based on a contract agreeable to both parties and voted on by the RKC Board of Directors passing with a majority vote.

T. Otten made both motions. M. Gratsch seconded. (A vote yes for one implies a no vote for two and a yes vote for two implies a no vote for one.)

***P. Stow – Yes for Motion 1**
***S. Grenty – Yes for Motion 1**
***T. Otten – Yes for Motion 1**
***S. Cain - Yes for Motion 2**
***M. Gratsch – Yes for Motion 2**

Motion 1 passes on a 3 to 2 vote.

(B) Email Vote On Purchase Amount Of Property

1. Motion made to authorize Bob Dobbs a set dollar figure to bid on interested properties.

P. Stow made motion. M. Gratsch seconded. Motion was passed unanimously. (5 votes For)

(C) Email Vote On Increased Purchase Amount Of Property

1. Motion made that RKC authorizes an increase in the set dollar figure for Bob Dobbs to bid on interested properties.

P. Stow made motion. M. Gratsch seconded. Motion was passed unanimously. (5 votes For)

(D) Email Vote On Change To Corporate Resolution

1. Motion to adopt the language change on page 5 of the Corporate Resolution.

S. Cain made motion. P. Stow seconded. Motion was passed unanimously. (5 votes For)

New Business:

(A) None

Next Meeting: Will be held Sunday, June 7, 2015 at the Main Branch of the Boone County Library.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by P. Stow, seconded by S. Cain at 4:46PM
Vote: Passed unanimously (5 votes For)

Meeting Minutes prepared by Sean Cain, Secretary.

Action Items

1. Membership renewal letters mailed by March 31, 2015.
2. Newsletter printed by March 23rd.
3. Conservation Easement Exploratory Committee Report by June 7, 2015.
4. Financial audit completed by Gary Bush by June 7, 2015.