

Northeastern Cave Conservancy, Inc
Executive Committee Board Meeting Minutes
Submitted by Christa Hay
01/17/2004 -Howe Caverns

Meeting called to order at 3:15 p.m.

Attendance: B. Addis, B. Folsom, J. Levinson, C. Hay, A. Traino, J. Siemion, N. Berg, C. Porter plus many other members.

General Discussions: (action items)

- Clarksville – have the preliminary survey map of Clarksville, need to get coordinates of caves and show on map, bisect needs to be different, Bob Addis to contact surveyor on these issues. Once survey is correct the lawyer needs the description for the deed.
- Financing – credit cards- Alan Traino has paper work for United Merchant Processing Association, there are issues that Alan Traino and Joe Levinson will need to check into.
- Marie Christiano –has been checking on several grant foundations and has a couple that she will apply to for the NCC.
- NSS has a clause for any money we get from them that they need 1st choice of refusal in the deed – this could be restrictive later on. Joe Levinson will get all info and “counter” with an offer to Philip Moss and if NSS will not accept then there will have to be a vote to the board.
- Thoughts are the money comes at too expensive a cost, we should also check with other groups as to what they have to do to get money- is the first refusal precedent?
- Alan Traino will contact TRA for grant – about \$3,000
- Can the NCC actually get a mortgage when it comes time if we do not raise enough funds – at this time we are at \$37,000 with donations and promissory notes. Joe Levinson to check with couple of banks.
- Tele-thon – we will be holding off on a telethon until we get formal agreement from the Alberts.
- Bill Folsom to set up a PayPal account for NCC.
- Alan Traino will contact NRO for donation.
- Bob Addis will contact several of the private companies in area for donations (Howe Caverns, Stone Quarry etc.)
- NCC can get a mailing list from the NSS to mail out for donations. Alan Traino will contact NSS.
- Web Page – needs to be ready for when the article is published in NSS News. Bill Folsom will be the clearinghouse for all material for web page. Christa Hay will clear all information going onto web page or any other area. Chuck Porter will work on getting permission for Clarksville Map and a cleaner copy.
- Tax Exempt for Knox – Joe Levinson to complete paper work.
- Ella Armstrong – They have come back to us on our last proposal and did not accept it (\$17, 500) but the owner has offered to let us take a smaller area, but he did not set a price. During the summer we had sent a proposal to owner for 1 acre surrounding cave it was turned down but looks like we could get the property – Bob Addis to submit another proposal for 1 acre.
- All electronic votes need to be written into the board meeting minutes.
- Bill Folsom, Alan Traino and Vince Kappler attending the New Jersey Cave Conservancy meeting to discuss the management of Leigh Cave.
- Next board meeting is set for Cave House – heat, tables, chairs, and bathroom.
- Conservation – we can ask neighbors if they have any garbage that we could take away – helps with keeping neighbors happy and cleaning up area.
- Bill Folsom is still working on Vermont Foreign Corporation.
- Christa Hay to contact Chair for 2004 NSS convention to see if we can sell lanyards for the convention.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.