

Northeastern Cave Conservancy, Inc  
Executive Committee Board Meeting Minutes  
Submitted by Christa Hay  
08/27/2005 Schoharie Cabin, Schoharie, NY

Meeting called to order at 3:20 p.m.

Attendance: B. Addis, B. Folsom, C. Hay, J. Levinson, R. Strashun, K. Nichols, T. Engel

General Discussions: (action items)

- NRO – NCC will be there so will take the tent. Will we be doing an Auction? Need to contact Larry Botto.
- Taxes – due to tax report issues had to re-submit for removal from tax rolls on properties.
- Repository – ask Speleobooks if there is space to store NCC paper work (taxes, sales contracts etc).
- Conflict of interest – this is not covered in the Board Manual – J. Levinson will research this.
- OTR – Bob/ Christa leaving Wednesday night – will have NCKMS posters and advertise the HHG BOG meeting. There will be a silent auction (books, wine, plates?) Sean Ryan to help with membership there.
- Pompeys – cannot find a surveyor to work for free (donation) - will get signed contract first and then get survey done. What to do with Burn Area? General discussion on this – still burning going on at the site. Bill Folsom has a pro bono lawyer and will get the land owners lawyer and NCC lawyer together. Bill Folsom and Alan Tranio to talk more with owner on issues.
- Bensons – waiting on a stock holders meeting to occur. Taxes are not being paid? What are the back taxes on about 8 acres? Need to speak to Emily Davis at OTR. Joe Levinson to check on taxes.
- Clarksville - what happened to Stewardship? There have not been any real issues. If there are any issues in future can bring up during review process of property.
- Plum Day – September 23 in Clarksville. NCC will be on the Clarksville property. The NCC is asking the public to bring any information/ items concerning the cave.
- Bob Addis will promote Plum Day – write up and send to Bill Folsom to forward to caving lists.
- Knox Access – Jay Siemion will give information and make a motion on Park-n-go at a future Board meeting.
- Church & Wagon Wheel – Bob Addis to talk to Pat (owner)
- Website – new design is up – few links that need to be fixed [necavconservancy.org](http://necavconservancy.org)
- NCC Database – is it ready yet? Christa Hay - need to speak to Mike Chu and let Office Committee know when it is ready.
- Ken Nichols – “Mueller” – product that removes graffiti – will find out details.
- Clarksville – T. Engel – groups of 40 (Girls camp) - need fence across back end of parking lot – people taking wrong path and missing the kiosk. What is going on with parking lot? Kids leaving garbage and partying in changing area (at least it is localized) Group Policy is working. Thom would like to see Stewardship program continue at least for one more year.
- T. Engel has question – if a group had leader that is not employed but gets paid to lead in cave – do we need to get separate insurance for leader?? Answer – ask for certificate from both employee and the leader. Thom will also forward on to Bill Folsom to forward to our Legal Committee.
- J. Levinson contacted Office of Charities but they have not responded.
- Article in NCC newsletter on OTR and NRO – members can use credit card (ex. Charge \$10/month) reasons to promote – need to establish income flow for future. J. Levinson and Marie to write up and email.
- T. Engel is working with Nature Conservancy on Aeolis (VT). He will be writing the management plan (management team under the NCC).
- C. Hay – will check with Marta (sister, CPA) on setting up for tax assessment and costs spreadsheet.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. BBQ to follow!