

NORTHEASTERN CAVE CONSERVANCY, INC.

Executive Committee Board Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Christa Hay

08/03/02, Bill Folsom's house, Kerhonkson, NY

Meeting called to order at 10:30am

Attendance:

B. Addis, B. Folsom, C. Hay, R. Strashun

General Discussions: (action items)

- Howe Cave Hotel - Should we give our name for the dig?, Bob Addis to contact Ben Gunther- we would like the Entrance next to the hotel, define the area and the project, will need a liaison - possibility of Jason Siemion. Bill Folsom reported that's not true, what I said is that Emily Davis thinks we need a liaison. Bill doesn't think this is necessary, unless Ben thinks so. Bob would like a point person to lead this project, and Jason Siemion's name was suggested. Bob to contact Jason & then Ben- more discussion is needed on this issue.
- Westfalls - Chuck Porter and Bob Addis to meet with owner in mid-august, many phone calls made but owner has been unavailable until this time, if he does not want to give/sell than at least get access to cave. Bob is calling the owner in mid-August to set up a meeting for 2-3 weeks later. This is the first the owner can meet with us.
- Shipping costs - Office committee brought up subject of shipping costs for NCC items. Need to get the average costs and then post on web/newsletter.
- Network for Good- Office Committee brought up issue of not knowing who donated money when done with Network for Good, Christa Hay will test it and make sure money is going to right place. There is an area on the site when donating that the person can pick if they want to submit their name if they want to.
- Terrace Mountain - Need to talk with Schoharie Land Trust about this.

- Tongass Cave Project- NCC to sign the petition - check with Thom Engel
- Bill Folsom has contacted Stephie Gifford on the possible management of Ice Cave Mt- this has recently opened up to the public again.
- Bill Folsom in contact with Anne Tocker concerning the NCC being able to buy property in Vermont.
- Bob Addis & Christa Hay sent letter and brochures to Escot- these are retired professionals that help with grants and fund raising issues.
- Toufa Cave - need cleanup - Bob Addis to research when the Spring clean up for Schoharie county is, need to have town pick up the garbage (appliances, etc)
- Bob Addis to contact Emily Davis on Jobber and Spider Caves and see what the opportunities might be.
- NSS Convention - Bob Addis went to the conservancy round table- NSS is trying to hire professional grant writers to do a seminar for next convention, if no one goes we will contact and try to get the PowerPoint presentation for the notes.
- Joe Levinson to contact Rane Curl and Janet Thorne for convention '03 to see if the grant writers will be there.
- Checking on grant writing help on-line. Christa Hay to check on PG&E grant.
- Sellecks - tax assessment forms are here, Joe Levinson needs to complete- Bob Addis to help.
- Bill Folsom to check with Paul Murphy on when he would like to schedule a cleanup on his property.
- Bill Folsom to contact Bob Handley of the WVCC about obtaining 100 copies of Living on Karst, a landowner educational handbook.
- Time to set up another Levys clean-up

NCC get together followed- had a great time and **THANKS** to Bill and Robin for hosting and to everyone that brought goodies to share.

Bill, Robin, Bob, Christa, Chuck, Anne, Tom, Peter, Clare