

Northeastern Cave Conservancy, Inc.

Minutes 09/08/2001

Fox Creek Nature Center

Meeting began at 1:00

1. Introduction and greetings by President Bob Addis
2. Attendance: Addis, Allison, Cantello (arrived 1:20), Folsom, Hay, Kappler (arrived 1:30), Levinson, Lucas, Murphy, McLuckie (arrived 1:10), Rider and Warner.
3. Presidents report – Bob Addis - see [Attachment A](#)
4. Vice Presidents report – Bill Folsom - oral
 - Checking into alternative t-shirt vendors
 - Looking for new treasurer candidates – Members please consider this position.
 - NSS Convention – NCC booth was manned 3 out of the 5 days
 - Received \$5,000 from NSS – *Jagnow*
5. Treasurer’s report – Joe Levinson - see [Attachment B](#)
 - NYS Sales Tax Exemption forms now available through the Office Committee. Use these to save money on NCC purchases.
6. Secretary’s report – Christa Hay - see [Attachment C](#)
7. Acquisitions Committee Report – Chuck Porter – no report
8. Knox Cave Preserve Report – Emily Davis - oral
 - Cave use has been very heavy by summer camp groups
 - New rule – only 1 camp group at a time, 10 people and no one under Jr. High School level
 - NSS NEWS wants to do an article on Knox., and is working with Art Palmer.
9. Onesquethaw Cave Preserve Report – Thom Engel – with Knox report
10. Publications Committee Report – Kevin O’Classen – no report
11. Website Subcommittee Report – Bill Folsom - oral
 - Member list now password protected
 - Plan to put the Powerpoint presentation on site
 - Purchased *necaveconservancy.org* as a donation (\$50/2 years)
12. Office Committee Report – Mike Warner, Emily Davis – oral
 - Sending emails for dues – helps to save postage since many members do renew this way
 - Could assist in purchases – logo on stickers, t-shirts etc.
13. Land Trust Liaison Committee Report – Mike Warner – oral
 - Due to busy schedule has not attended a recent meeting – Land Trust wants to keep cave liaison on the board
14. Legal Committee Report – Dan Werner – no report
15. Addis moved to open the Committee of the Whole. Vice President will preside.

(This is an informal part of the discussion led by members in the audience, not the Board. The Board wants to know what is important to the members, and will structure motions from this discussion for voting later in the agenda under New Business)

2nd by Levinson

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Topics:

- NRO – are we going to bid for a 2002 NRO – at this time due to the Convention next year we will try for the 2003 Spring NRO – Ed Lucas to check with Mike Martuscello (HHG Chairman) if the HHG wants to do the Fall 2002 – if not then NCC might do it if still available.
- Advertising for the October Brooks BBQ – Call both Wal-Mart and Brooks to confirm space and time.

16. Folsom moved to close the Committee of the Whole

2nd by McLuckie

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

17. Hay moved to approve the minutes of the June 02, 2001 meeting.

2nd by McLuckie

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

18. (Postponed from 03/01/01) Addis moves the name of the proposed cave preserve containing Selleck's, Levy's, Cave 575, Natural Bridge, and other karst features be the Sellecks Karst Preserve. 2nd by Folsom.

Lucas moved to postpone

2nd by Allison

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

19. Levinson moved to delete Act 20-20 and Act 20-8.

2nd by McLuckie

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

20. Levinson moved the time period that the Executive Committee is authorized to spend monies in any motion shall be limited to four (4) regular Board meetings unless otherwise specified. Such financial actions shall not become Acts of the Board unless they are so moved in regular or electronic business.

2nd by Folsom

Amended by Kappler to delete the 2nd. sentence; 2nd. by Warner.

Vote To Amend: For-Cantello, Abstained-Kappler, Opposed-Rest **FAILED**

Vote on original motion: For-None, Abstained-None, Opposed-Rest **FAILED**

21. Levinson moved that the Preserves Committee shall manage the Sellecks Karst Preserve when the NCC takes title to it. They will make a recommendation for a property manager at the first Board meeting following the closing of the property.

2nd by Rider

For – None, Abstained – Levinson, Opposed – Rest

FAILED

22. Levinson moved to authorize the Executive Committee to spend up to \$1,000 for an easement to South Bethlehem Cave, Albany County, NY. This is valid until the third meeting of 2002.

2nd by Allison

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

23. Cantello moved that the NCC spend up to \$200 for a canopy.

2nd by Levinson

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

24. Levinson moved that authorization to the Executive Committee to spend money shall be valid up to the beginning of the 3rd. regularly scheduled Board meeting following the initial authorization unless otherwise specified.

2nd by Lucas

Warner moved to substitute: Board authorization to spend NCC funds shall expire in one (1) year unless otherwise specified.

2nd by mcLuckie

Vote to Substitute: **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Voted on the Substituted Motion: **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

25. Addis moved that the Officers will conduct an Executive Committee meeting on November 10, 2001 at 10:30 AM at 55 Western Ave., Cohoes, NY. NCC members are encouraged to attend.

2nd by Levinson

For-Rest, Abstained-Rider

PASSED

26. Addis moved that the next NCC Board Meeting be held on December 8, 2001 at 1:00 PM, location to be announced.

2nd by Cantello

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

27. Addis moved that the Fox Creek Nature Center and the Gallupville House be thanked for their generous donations of facilities.

2nd by Levinson

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

28. Addis moved to adjourn.

2nd by Levinson

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Meeting ended at 4:10