

Minutes of the Fall 2005 VAR Meeting

September 26, 2005

R.A.S.S Field Station, VA

Meeting was called to order at 9:10

Reports

The Secretary - Carol Tideman

A motion was made by Bubble Cave to accept the minutes as published in the Region Record. BATS seconded. Motion passed.

The Treasurer - John Fox

A financial report was presented. A motion was made by Monroe County Cavers to accept the financial report. BATS seconded. Motion passed

The Vice Chair - Judy Fisher

Will be attending the VCC meeting next weekend.

The Chairman's - Craig Hindman

Report given later in the agenda

Conservation Co-Chair - Meredith Hall Johnson

April 15 & 16 - Easter Conservation Weekend

The Karst Trail is still alive and anyone interested should contact Andy Reeder

Island Ford Cave - Fall - Front Royal - scheduled for Oct. 8

Goodwin's Cave Management - Blue Ridge

The cave is doing fine.

VAR Outstanding Service Award - Meredith Hall Johnson

Awards presented to John Fox, Jim McConkey, & Bob Bennett

Please get submissions in by July - there is a form on the web site

Landowner Recognition Awards - Janet Tinkham

There were no nominations

Landowner Legal Support Committee - Bob Hoke

No report

Region Record - Bob Hoke

Needs material - Deadline Dec. 15

VAR List Server - Walt Pirie

It is going smoothly. There are several new members - currently approximately 170 members. Please keep your address up to date.

VAR Web site - Jim McConkey

No report

Cave Bucks - JC Fisher

No report

VSS - Dave Socky

4290 caves, 479 miles of passage, 1946 caves mapped or sketched, 1285 mapped, 590 feet average length, 366 significant caves, longest caves 22.5 mi. Sugar Run, 21.95 Omega, 17.49 Chestnut Ridge, 16 Butler. There will be a meeting next week at Phil Lucas's home.

WVASS - George Dasher

No report

History of the Region - Mary Sue Socky & Meredith Hall Johnson

Sold out! BATS moves to donate the profits to the WVCC - DC Seconded - passed unanimously. This can be removed from the agenda. Reprints can be done where there are orders for 25 or more.

West Virginia Cave Conservancy - Meredith Hall Johnson

The annual banquet will be held on Nov. 12.

New Dixie - Dave Socky

One more survey trip - approximately 100 feet of passage remain to be documented

Cave Management Forum - Joey Fagan

Resources are available to support dye tracing programs in Va.

The National Caves & Karst Symposium will be held in Albany NY Oct. 31 - Nov. 1

A Symposium on Karst will be held in Lewisburg Oct. 18-19 there will be a \$70 fee.

The Cave Board will meet on Dec. 3 - location to be announced.

There are VA. Karst Trails meetings around the state

SCCI - Walt Pirie

South Pittsburgh Pit has been purchased. Funds are needed. The cave is open to cavers.

Grand Caverns/Cave Hill - Chris Woodley

We have 3.79 miles of surveyed passage. The work in Grand is winding down. There is still lots of work to be done on the hill.

Folks are needed to Adopt a Grid and transcribe the signature data from the photographs to a spreadsheet.

Grand Caverns Haunted Cave - looking for people to serve as cave haunters on Fri., Sat & Sun. Starting in February - the 200th Anniversary Celebration - each month there will be a special presentation at the cave, including geology, bats, etc..

Cave Board - Joey Fagan

The meeting will be held on Dec. 3 - location to be announced.

Wilderness Proposal - Mary Davis

Preferred alternate sites will triple the amount of forest cutting. Comments are needed by Nov. 14. The comments should be regarding how much you like a particular area. Contact information to be put on the VAR list.

VA Karst Trails - Interested parties should send Andy Reeder contact information.

Host Grotto Report - R.A.S.S.

R.A.S.S. said there were 283 registered attendees. They have stew for sale Thank from the attendees.

Old Business

Handled above

New Business

Host Grotto for Spring 06 - Grand Caverns/Cave Hill Survey Project

Host Grotto for Fall 06 - no volunteers

Host Grotto for Spring 07 - Front Royal

Grand Requests

None received

Elections

CCV moved to elect the current officers., DC seconded - motion passed

Announcements

VAR Host thank you for your help. Please take out you trash.

CCV meeting will be held after this meeting

Blue Ridge - Dixie Caverns Haunted Cave - 9 nights of hell -contact Mary Sue Socky

Bill Biggers - expressed appreciation to host group

Cheryl Jones - come to Cave & Karst Symposium in NY Oct. 31- Nov. 1.

NSS board meeting Nov. 5 - Albany NY - tours to some of the cave preserves on Sunday

Adjournment

Bubble Cave moved to adjourn, WVCC seconded

Meeting Adjourned 10:06/p>

Respectfully submitted:

Carol Tiderman