

Minutes of the Fall 2011 VAR Meeting

October 15, 2011

RASS Field Station, VA

Meeting was called to order at 9:07

Reports

The Secretary - Carol Tideman

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

The Treasurer - John Fox

Bubble Cave to accept the minutes as published in the Region Record. Sligo seconded. Motion passed.

The Vice Chair - Judy Fisher

Nothing to report.

The Chairman - Craig Hindman

Will be covered in the agenda.

Conservation CO-Chair - Meredith Hall Weberg

Panther Cave needs a cleanup

Whitings Neck Cave needs a cleanup & restoration after graffiti discovered

Bubble Cave & DC Grotto performing a cleanup in Island Ford Cave on 10/15/11

Grand Caverns Restoration will be held on the Easter weekend

VAR Outstanding Service Award - Meredith Hall Weberg

Award presented to Rick Lambert & Marianne McConnell

Landowner Recognition Awards - Janet Tinkham

No report

Landowner Legal Support Committee - Bob Hoke

No new is good news.

Region Record - Bob Hoke

Send articles and pictures - Deadline for next issue December 15.

VAR List Server - Walt Pirie

No report.

VAR Web site - Jim McConkey

Use the forms. Contacts need to be updated for grottos.

Cave Bucks - JC Fisher

Still works. It's easy. For more information contact JC. Send the funds in, don't hold onto them.

VSS - Rick Lambert

A weeklong camp in Omega added a couple of miles.

WVASS -

No report

Balfour stepped down as chair after 25 years

Brian Masney is the new chair

New Bulletin and Monograph released

WVCC -

Banquet will be held in November

SCCI -

Will open all caves next Spring, back on the old schedule

Grand Caverns/Cave Hill - Jim McConkey

The dig continues in Fountain Cave. The property has been resurveyed, but permanent markers have not been installed yet. Signature work continues in Grand .

Virginia Cave Board - Meredith Hall Weberg

Will meet the 3rd weekend in November at Grottoes Town Hall.

A water line easement by Madison's Cave will be discussed.

Spring Survey Project - Joey Fagan

Accepting applications for grants

Crystal Cave at Hupps Hill -

The NSS still has it hung up with the legal committees. May look to MAKC to take it over.

Youth Group Liaison - Joey Fagan

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

158 registered, 142 on site

There were cave trips, food & mpp; a camp fire

BATS moved to thank Tidewater & R.A.S.S. New River seconded - motion passed

Old Business

VAR Hosts

Spring 2012 - Tri-State hopes to have information in the next Region Record at Greenbrier or Seneca.

Will be on the last weekend in April - 27-29
Fall 2012 - Roland Moore - Rockbridge Co.
Spring 2013 - possible FRG

WNS

CVA - clean your gear between trips. WV - no report
Fish & Wildlife gave a grant to the 2012 Convention for decon & education

New Business

None

Grant Requests

No requests.

Elections

New River moved to reelect the current slate. Bubble seconded - motion passed

Announcements

Take your trash away
Maya Con CD is available for Grottoes to pick up.
We need to get folks to attend the VAR & meeting
Karen Kastning was awarded the Outstanding Service Award at the NSS Convention

Adjournment

Bubble moved to adjourn, New River seconded.
Meeting Adjourned at 10:08 AM

Respectfully submitted:
Carol Tideman