

Minutes of the Spring 2001 VAR Meeting

May 6, 2001

Cumberland Gap, TN

Due to the lack of a forum, no business was conducted. The committee reports follow.

9:05 - the unofficial meeting was started

Reports

The Secretary - Carol Tideman.

No report.

The Treasurer - John Fox

A financial report was presented.

The Vice Chair - Judy Fisher

No report.

The Chairman - Craig Hindman

Discussed letter received regarding Hellhole

Conservation Chair - Andy Reeder

50 people turned out for the Grand Caverns Restoration. Approximately 70 formations were repaired.

Bowden Cave

Winter - , Summer -

Island Ford Cave

Winter - , Summer-

DNR funds are available for sink hole cleanup. The Nature Conservancy administers the funds.

Dyers Cave is to be cleaned

No plans for the Sinkhole from Hell

Baltimore & Sligo Grotto's have replaced the Gate at Silers Cave

The NSS has Conservation Grant funds available - contact Al Kraus

Goodwin's Cave

Open for spring. The cave is healing and life is returning. Scouts have requested access.

Staunton Cave - Ted Andrus

No report.

Landowner Recognition Awards - Don Anderson

The Combs - Dryer Cave - were nominated by Tri-State Grotto, The Dore's - Scott Hollow Cave - were nominated by Baltimore Grotto

VAR Outstanding Service Award - Tom Spina

no report

Landowner Legal Support Committee - Bob Hoke

no report

Region Record - Bob Hoke

needs material

Patch Committee - Ernst Kastning

no report

VAR List Server - Walt Pirie

no report

VAR Web site - Vitus Eidukevicius

The site up and running. Approximately 2K visits a month.

Cave Bucks - Judy Fisher

Tri-State has passed the \$2,000 mark

VSS - Phil Lucas

no report

WVSS - George Dasher

- Number of known caves in West Virginia at present: about 3800.
- Planned Monographs:

1. Kenny Simmons Cave: Tom Pollock

2. Carpenters-Swago Cave System: Mark Johnson (maybe)
 3. Pendleton County history: John Taylor (maybe)
- Planned Bulletins:
 1. Pendleton County: George Dasher
 - a.) Still need maps, pictures, text descriptions, etc.
 2. Culverson Creek Cave: Phil Lucas and Bill Balfour
 - a.) Still working on the map, etc.
 - The overall data coordinator, to whom each cave should be reported
 1. Bill Balfour: 987 Doecreek Road, Pembroke, Virginia 24186: 540-626-5453
bal4karst@email.msn.com
 2. Include text descriptions, geological descriptions, pictures, locations, maps, etc.
 - Area Coordinators:
 1. Berkeley, Hampshire, Jefferson, Mineral, and Morgan Counties: J.C. Fisher at 304-258-4974 or jcf@access.mountain.net
 2. Culverson Creek Cave Basin. Phil Lucas at 540-396-3584 or vss1@aol.com or Bill Balfour at 540-626-5453 or bal4karst@email.msn.com
 3. Grant County: John Ganter at 505-265-5007 or jganter@sandia.com
 4. Hardy County: Pete Penczer: .at 703-536-7804 or penczer@hotmail.com
 5. Mercer County: Nick Schaer at 304-369-1749 or scc0552@wvnet.edu
 6. McClungs-Ludingtons Cave System: Joseph Caldwell at 804-848-4182
 7. Monroe County: Jeff Bray at 304-292-8756 or jbray31706@aol.com
 - Does not include the Scott Hollow area
 8. Pendleton County: George Dasher at 304-965-1361 or wvcaver@juno.com
 - Germany Valley: Gordon Brace at 703-288-3889 or braces@iop.com.
 9. Organ Cave: Ray Cole at 703-960-3559 or k6gaa@arri.net
 10. Renick Peninsula: Cliff Lindsay at 304-497-3636 or cliffindsay@hotmail.com
 11. Saltpeter: Ray Garton at 304-366-1810 or garton@mammoth.geo.com

12. Tucker County: Doug Moore at 304-592-2610 or doug@karstsports.com
 13. Invertebrates: Ray Garton at 304-366-1810 or garton@mammoth.geo.com
- What's going on where in West Virginia
 - Cassell Cave Survey Weekend: Second weekend of every other month: contact Miles Drake at 304-350-6422: experienced surveyors only
 - Germany Valley Karsy Survey; Second weekend of each month; contact Gordon Brace at 703-288-3889 or braces@iop.com.
 - Mercer County Weekend; Last weekend of each month; contact Nick Schaer at 304-369-1749 or scc0552@wvnet.edu
 - Monroe County Weekend: First Weekend of each month: contact Jeff Bray at 304-292-8756 or jbray31706@aol.com: call or email ahead of time as this date is sometimes changed
 - Taylor Run (Randolph County) Weekend; First weekend of each month; contact Devin Kouts at 703-288-0166.
 - WVACS Project Weekend: Second weekend of each month: contact Lonnie Burns at 304-497-2234 or omb00811@mail.wvnet.edu
 - Tucker County Weekend; Third weekend of each month; contact Doug Moore at 304-592-2610 or doug@karstsports.com.

History of the Region - Mary Sue Sockey
Report at home. Vitas may have an editor

West Virginia Cave Conservancy

Lighthner Cave entrance has been purchased - open - permit is required to exit via McClungs

Power Lines - Will Orndorff

No report

New Dixie

Approximately 5 more trips are needed to finish - plan to complete this year.

Host Grotto Report

Pine Mountain reported 112 people attended, 116 registered 70 went on field trips. 10 trips were led 5 were self guided.

Old Business

Host for Fall 01 - RASS

Will be held the weekend on September 28'th at the Field Station

Host for Spring 02 - WVCC

possibly at Natural Chimney's the last weekend in April

New Business

John Pearson - Greenbrier County - requested membership in VAR for Bubble Cave Ltd. To be voted on at next official meeting

Host for Fall 2002

Host needed

Grant Requests

MAKC was not acted on. MAKC has a power washer available to VAR through a MAKC member

Meeting was closed at 9:57

Respectfully submitted:

Carol Tiderman