

Minutes of the Spring 2013 VAR Meeting

May 19, 2013

Boy Scout Camp between Huntersville & Dunmore. Pocahontas Co, WV

Meeting was called to order at 9:18 AM.

Reports

The Secretary - Carol Tideman

A motion was made by Sligo to accept the minutes as published in the Region Record. Dingo Grotto seconded. Motion passed.

The Treasurer - John Fox

The status of the treasury was presented & distributed. Funds from Melrose restoration need to be added to report.

The Vice Chair - Judy Fisher

No report.

The Chairman - Craig Hindman

MAKC is in negotiations to manage Hupps Hill Cave.

CCV made a motion to give Crystal Cave funds to MAKC. GROSS seconded motion passed.

Conservation Co-Chair - Meredith Hall Weberg

Grand Caverns Restoration - Gravel was spread & cleaned algae around lights

VAR Outstanding Service Award - Meredith Hall Weberg

Eric Berge received his award. Form is online.

Landowner Recognition Awards - Janet Tinkham

We have a recipient to be announced after awarding. Please submit your suggestions. There is a form online.

Landowner Legal Support Committee - Bob Hoke

No new is good news.

Region Record - Jessica Reep & Kyle Mills

Send articles and pictures - Deadline for next issue June 15th.

VAR List Server - Walt Pirie

No report

VAR Web site - Jim McConkey

No report.

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

No report. One more cave than WV.

WVASS

No report. One more cave than VA.

WVCC - Dave Socky

Maintaining policy of caving for free - if you paid to come here you are trespassing.

SCCI - Walt Piriee

No report.

Grand Caverns/Cave Hill - Jim McConkey

No report. Historical trail documentation continues.

Virginia Cave Board - Meredith Hall Weberg

No report.

CCV - Dave Socky

Logo contest in progress. Funds available.

Spring Survey Project - Joey Fagan

No report.

Crystal Caverns at Hupps Hill

See motion in Chairman's report.

Youth Group Liaison - Joey Fagan

No report.

Host Report - Tri-State

194 registered, 184 on site

Jeff Markham put it together

Insurance needed for many sites is now 2 million

Tri State moved the NSS investigates getting 2 million in coverage. New River seconded - passed unanimously.

Old Business

VAR

Fall 2013 - no offers

Spring 2014 - possibly RASS

Fall 2014 - Mon Grotto

WNS

Monongahela National Forest closure expiring.

VAR Processes

The possibility of not serving beer & soda was discussed and approved.

Charging a vendor fee was discussed and not approved.

Discussion was held regarding all vendors paying a registration fee.

GROSS moved all vendors must register Blue Ridge seconded - passed

New Business

Check your grotto's listing on the VAR web site. Verify the contact information is correct.

GROSS moved to reinstate Greenbrier Grotto. Blue Ridge seconded. passed

Grant Requests

None received.

Announcements

Cave Sim - requesting funds for gas to get to convention

Breakfast funds go to conservation efforts - saving Lucy is this events recipient

Help is needed at registration at the 2013 convention

Please come to the 2013 Convention

Tri-State has hats for sale

Patch Adams needs help with security at convention

Tri-State info in NSS NEWS is incorrect - see web site

Adjournment

Greenbrier moved to adjourn, MON seconded.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:22 AM

Respectfully submitted:

Carol Tideman