

# 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

## Reports

### **The Secretary** - Carol Tiderman

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 Tinkan

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 15th30

### **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 Pirie  
No report

**Grand Caverns/Cave Hill** - Jim McConkey  
no report  
Historical trail documentation continues

**Virginia Cave Board** – Meredith Hall Weberg  
No report

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**Cave Conservancy of the Virginias -Dave Socky**  
Logo contest in progress  
Funds available

**Spring Survey Project** - Joey Fagan  
No report

**Crystal Cave 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 now 2 million  
Tri State moved the NSS investigates getting 2 million in coverage. New River seconded -  
passed unan

## **Old Business**

**VAR Hosts**  
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 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