

Rockcastle Karst Conservancy Fall Board Meeting – September 8, 2024

In Attendance 9/8/24:

Directors: Patrick Gibson, Werner Jud, Janice Gott and Mary Gratsch were present onsite.
(A quorum does exist.)

Others: Debi Pavey, Scott Pavey, Richard Duncan and Neena Jud were present on site.
Gary Bush was present online.

73rd Meeting of the Rockcastle Karst Conservancy was held at the St Bernard Library and online.
Called to Order by Chair Patrick Gibson at 2:05 PM.

(9/8/2024 Meeting Agenda at end of Minutes.)

Announcements:

1. Werner Jud announced that he has filed the 2023 Federal 990 Tax returns

Secretary's Report: (M. Gratsch)

1. Read summary of the Minutes of regular Meeting of 6/2/24

MOTION: Motion to accept the minutes of the 6/2/24 meeting as amended (J Gott, Jud 2nd, by acclaim).

Treasurer's Report: (W. Jud)

1. Sheila Stephans is a new Life member. RKC currently has 86 Life members.
2. Migrating to Quick Books is ongoing.
3. W. Jud to update signatories on Bank accounts at Chase and Community Banks

MOTION: To accept the Treasurer's Report as presented (Gratsch, Gott 2nd, by acclaim).

Committee Reports:

(A) Membership/Message Committee: (Gratsch)

1. Copies of the Spring Newsletter, supplied by Debi were distributed at Karst-o-rama. One new membership was gained.
2. The Tri-fold Display was set out at the NSS Convention along with copies of the Spring Newsletter. Items put in for sale at the Consignment Booth earned \$215.
3. Leah Schneider volunteered to work on future Newsletters, possibly published quarterly. For a December Newsletter Leah will need to have articles by the end of November.

(B) GSP Committee: (Debi Pavey reporting)

1. Upcoming events at GSP include: 9/13-15 Caver Appreciation; 9/28 Lila Mullins and Renner Family Reunion; 10/12 Blue Lodge Masons; 10/25-27 Halloween Fund Raiser. Neena announced that there are a variety of school trips on the calendar for this fall. Help is needed! The calendar of school trips is available on-line.
2. The new GSP caretaker is expected to be announced during Caver Appreciation Weekend.

3. New GSP Committee Board will be seated on 9/15. Newly appointed members are David Lindemuth for BGG & Mark Swelstad and Kevin Lorms for COG, Neena Jud will take over Secretary duties.
 4. Water main repair – the project is ongoing. Expected completion in 60 days. Volunteers needed to help with digging.
 5. Over the winter GSP Committee would like to see the MOUs with RKC and the Greater Cincinnati updated. Patrick Gibson, Kile Kreutz and Debi Pavey volunteered to work on RKC's MOU with GSP. The Committee also plans to update GSP's Management and Strategic plans.
 6. The combination for the main GSP gate will be changed on January 1, 2025.
 7. Pat Hutson was thanked for all the mowing support he has provided.
 8. Ticket House repairs are ongoing.
 9. The Committee is still waiting to receive camping monies from KOR. Gary Bush is having to sort out all the payments due to poorly followed registration procedures.
 10. Scott Pavey will attempt to repair the old tractor and zero turn mower over the winter
- (C) Misty Cave Committee: (S. Cain report by email)
1. Sean Cain cut a path to the cave before KOR. Pete Stow led a trip to Misty during KOR.
 2. Jennie Galletta Hawkey from COG organized a cleanup which was held on August 24th.
 3. Sean will write a report on the clean-up for the next Newsletter
- (D) Skylight Dome Committee: (Thor Bahrman, Jerry Brandenburg)
1. no report
- (E) Cornhole Cave Committee: (Gratsch)
1. Nothing new.
- (F) Sloans Valley Cave Preserve (Mike Harrington reporting by email)
1. Mike reports "all is good in the Valley"
 2. The Board discussed the property easement. Neena Jud suggested checking with the utility companies to see what easements they have.
 1. In order to establish an Etsy site to sell SVCP items Gary Bush needs Mike to set up a link for Etsy, then he will post it on the RKC website.
- (G) Fundraising Committee:
1. KOR raffle raised \$246, Brian Pitcher donated \$9 and 5 SVCP shirts were sold for \$80.
 2. Items entered for sale at the NSS Consignment Booth generated \$215
- (H) Land Acquisition (Patrick Gibson reporting for Wendi Orlandi)
1. Wendi has been talking to landowners as she is introduced to them
 2. Conservation Easement Committee – Nothing new.
- NSS Preserves Program / MOU Committee: (Mary Gratsch)
1. Nothing new.
- (I) Grant Committee: No updates
- (J) Waiver Committee: No updates

Old Business:

1. Archeology Research - no updates

New Business: Board Nominations are open. Janice Gott's position is expiring in 2025. She was nominated and accepted the nomination

Next Meeting: The next Meeting was set for Sunday, December 8, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. EST, location St Bernard Library.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:59 p.m. (WJ, MG 2nd, by acclaim)

Meeting Minutes prepared by Mary Gratsch.

Action Items

1. Treasury Records Migration – Jud, Gott
2. Bank Signatory Changes – Jud, Gott, Gibson
3. Waiver Committee - meeting & recommendations – Gibson, Bush
4. Grant Committee – Gibson, Burgess
5. Plans for SVCP Kiosk – Harrington
6. RKC Website link for SVCP logo merchandise–Harrington, Bush, Treasurer
7. Develop an emergency contact plan with Pulaski County Sheriff Department for Sloans Valley Preserve – Gratsch, Gibson, Philip Francis
8. NSS Preserves Program MOU Committee
9. Cornhole Cave survey –Gratsch
10. Create letter or brochure explaining to landowners how to preserve their cave property – Orlandi, Gott
11. Historical survey at GSP – O’Dell
12. Update RKC Bylaws
13. RKC/GSP MOU – Gibson, D. Pavey, Kile Keutz
14. Winter Newsletter – Leah Schneider, entire Board, Sean Cain



FALL 2024 MEETING AGENDA

Sunday, September 8, 2024

St. Bernard Library, St Bernard, OH - 2:00 P.M.

- **Call to Order – Patrick Gibson**
- A. **Announcements**
 - 1. ???
- B. **Secretary’s Report – Janice Gott**
 - 1. Minutes 3/10/24, including in-between meeting motion of 5/12/24 [Below]
- C. **Treasurer’s Report – Werner Jud**
 - 1. Life Membership & Endowment Funds
 - 2. Migrating Treasury Records to new Quickbooks platform
- D. **Committee Reports**
 - A. **Membership/Message Committee – Mary Gratsch**
 - a. Spring newsletter is out
 - b. Tri-fold display board revision
 - c. Upcoming Events
 - B. **GSP Committee – Debi Pavey**
 - a. Water Line Repair
 - b. Caretaker
 - c. Ticket House Renovation
 - d. Open House
 - C. **Misty Committee – Sean Cain**
 - a. ???
 - D. **Skylight Committee – Thor Bahrman/Jerry Brandenburg**
 - a. Lock Replacement
 - E. **Cornhole Committee – Mary Gratsch**
 - a. Assess eroding entrance
 - b. Survey trip
 - F. **Sloans Valley Preserve Committee – Mike Harrington & Joe Morgan**
 - a. Kiosk Plans
 - b. Emergency Contact Plan with Pulaski County
 - c. Cathy Crockett Memorial Trail ownership?
 - G. **Fundraising Committee - Mary Gratsch**
 - a. SVCP Logo merchandise link on RKC website
 - b. GSP stickers or magnets to sell
 - H. **Acquisition Committee - Wendy Orlandi**

1. Acquisition Report
2. Brochure for landowners about preserving cave properties
3. Conservation Easement Committee Report – Janice Gott

J. NSS Preserves Program / MOU Committee – Gratsch, Gibson, Jud

K. Grant Committee – Patrick Gibson

1. Requested a list of all projects from each Preserve Manager to be used by the Grant Committee when searching for additional grants

L. Waiver System Committee

- **Old Business**
 - Archeology Research – O'Dell
- **New Business**
 - ???
- **Next Meeting Date – December Meeting**
- **Motion to Adjourn**