

IKC Winter Director's Meeting Minutes

Saturday, December 8, 2001

Officers and Directors Present:

Bruce Bowman
Kriste Lindberg
Keith Dunlap
James Adams
Bruce DeVore
Dave Haun (by proxy Bambi Dunlap)
Nick Noe
Tom Rea
Bob Sergesketter
Tom Sollman
Bill Tozer
Bob Vandeventer
Dick Vernier
Kathy Welling

Absent:

Steve Lockwood

Also in attendance were members Bob Armstrong, Bill Bunting, Jeff Cody, Don Ingle, Everett Pulliam and Sue Vernier; and guests Miranda Adams, Phyllis Sergesketter, and Robert Sollman.

The meeting was called to order at 1:11 pm at the Pendleton Community Library in Pendleton, Indiana. Bambi Dunlap was accepted as proxy for Dave Haun.

The minutes of the Fall Director's Meeting were approved as published on the IKC website and in the December 2001 *IKC Update*.

Treasurer K Dunlap reported the following:

The membership stands at 179.

To date, the IKC has raised \$33,780 towards the Buddha property. The Indiana Heritage Trust funding of \$54,000 has also been approved. Subtracting the purchase price, there will be approximately \$14,000 to roll back into the Land Acquisition fund or a Stewardship "Endowment fund (a topic for the spring Board meeting). It will be several months before the IHT money will be available.

The IKC currently has \$51,811 in cash, of which \$28,110 is in general funds or restricted funds other than the Buddha fund.

K. Dunlap will follow up with partial paybacks for the Buddha Karst Property loans before the end of the year.

Non-monetary funds as pertaining to the Buddha Karst Preserve will be liquidated. Bowman will pursue via eBay.

Buddha Karst Preserve.

The following were appointed to positions at the Buddha Karst Preserve:

Cave Patron: Bruce Bowman
Property Manager: Tom Rea

Tozer will continue to serve as interim Cave Patron until the first annual report is completed.

The temporary easement to attain IHT funds may not be needed if approval of the Master Plan is done quickly. Bowman will work with IDNR Division of Land Acquisition to determine.

Bowman led a discussion to clarify the following Master Plan items:

1. The property will be open from dawn to dusk, unless explicit written permission is secured from the IKC.
2. No collecting of foodstuffs is to be done on site, except for by permit, in order to encourage succession.
3. After much discussion, Bowman offered to pursue more information regarding picnicking, camping, and fires.

Earth Day 2002 will be held at the Buddha Karst Preserve. Activities for that day will include removal of anchors, formation repair, graffiti removal, sinkhole clean-up, and tree planting.

Survey of the south fence (about 1,050 feet) will be pursued by Rea, Bowman, Dunlap, and Jess Gwinn, Surveyor. As per discussion during the September meeting, woven wire with T-posts is preferred. Dunlap moved that cost not exceed \$1,000, including surveyor fees (expenses may be reimbursable through IHT stewardship funding.) Welling seconded. Motion passed, 12/0/2.

Other land acquisition opportunities.

Other land acquisition opportunities were discussed. These included two potential tracts in Orange County, one of which is likely to be acquired by the Hoosier National Forest with assistance from The Nature Conservancy. The IKC has been providing technical assistance. There was also discussion on a 1,400-acre Conservation Easement in Monroe County, which was offered to the IKC. After visiting the property and determining the magnitude of effort required, it was decided the IKC was not equipped to take on such a responsibility.

Shaft Cave.

Tozer moved to rescind the September 15, 2001 board motion to put a non-locking gate on Shaft Cave. Sergesketter seconded. Motion passed 12/0/2.

Tozer moved that a split rail fence be put up around the entrance to Shaft Cave, expenses not to exceed \$400. Welling seconded. During discussion, K. Dunlap proposed amending the motion to change it to a woven wire fence, expenses not to exceed \$200. Sergesketter seconded. Motion to amend passed, 7/4/3. Amended motion passed, 11/0/3.

Orangeville Rise.

Bowman announced for Lockwood that the re-survey of the Orangeville Rise has been completed. Nature Preserve monuments need to be installed. A workday will be needed to do it.

K. Dunlap moved for the Property Manager to contact the Orange County Highway Department to pursue re-location of the guardrail to where it should be, off of the IKC property. Adams seconded. Motion passed, 12/0/0.

Lindberg announced she would put a representative from a local government agency in touch with Lockwood to discuss erosion on the property.

K. Dunlap moved for a letter to be written to the adjacent landowner to acknowledge that his fenceline encroaches onto our property. The letter will grant temporary permission to continue his use of the pasture until a new fenceline can be constructed by the IKC. This permission will decrease the threat of a prescriptive easement now that the re-survey defines the legal property line. Devore seconded. During discussion, Bowman agreed to write the letter and a three-year time frame was allowed for the new fence to be constructed. Property Manager Lockwood will be responsible for setting up workdays related to the above motions. Motion passed, 11/1/0.

Shiloh Cave.

Adams led the group in a discussion of issues related to Shiloh Cave. Adams and Sollman will schedule a cleanup for graffiti to be removed from the cave.

Committees.

K. Dunlap moved that the Membership Committee be dissolved since most of its functional responsibilities were transferred to the Treasurer in the latest bylaws revisions. Devore seconded. Motion passed 11/1/0.

Bowman dissolved the *ad hoc* Children's Museum Committee.

The *ad hoc* Buddha Management Plan Committee will stand until further management issues are finalized.

Bowman dissolved the *ad hoc* Bylaws Change Committee after agreement was reached not to pursue the "succession of directors" bylaws change (the membership referred this proposal back to committee during the September 15, 2001 board meeting).

Other.

The new version of the "sinkhole flyer" is complete and several thousand copies have been obtained by the IKC. Education and Outreach Committee Chairman, Lindberg, will receive two boxes full for distribution. A PDF version of the flyer can also be downloaded from the IKC web page.

A new kaolinite mine has been found on the Hoosier National Forest. It will need to be gated.

K. Dunlap is working on two kiosks – one for the Buddha Karst Property and one for the Sullivan Property. Kiosk design was discussed at length and the original proposal was approved.

Erik Liebhaber has been named the Bloomington Indiana Grotto Liaison.

Additional topics on the agenda were deferred to the February Director's meeting. This meeting will be held Saturday, February 9 at 7:00 pm, at the home of Kriste Lindberg. Snacks and drink will be provided. Per new bylaws requirements, the board must approve an election ballot at this meeting.

The Annual Business meeting will be held on March 16 at 10:00 am, at the White River Township Public Library in Greenwood, followed by lunch at a nearby restaurant, which is to be announced.

Adams moved that the meeting adjourn at 4:28 pm. K. Dunlap seconded. Motion passed, 12-0-0.

Respectfully submitted by Kriste Lindberg, Secretary