

**IKC ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**  
**Saturday, March 24, 2001**  
**Greenwood, Indiana**

**Officers and Directors Present:**

Bruce Bowman (by proxy Larry Reece)  
Kriste Lindberg  
Keith Dunlap  
James Adams  
Bruce DeVore  
Steve Lockwood  
Nick Noe (by proxy Bambi Dunlap)  
Tom Rea  
Bob Sergesketter  
Tom Sollman  
Bill Tozer  
Bob Vandeventer  
Richard Vernier  
Kathy Welling

**Directors Absent:**

Dave Haun

The Annual Business Meeting of the Indiana Karst Conservancy was called to order at 10:15 AM at the White River Library in Greenwood, Indiana, President Kriste Lindberg presiding. Elections were the first order of business. Larry Reece served as Election Teller. Following the elections the new Officers and Board of Directors were seated.

Bruce Bowman was nominated and accepted by acclamation as President.  
Kriste Lindberg was nominated and accepted by acclamation as Secretary.  
Keith Dunlap was nominated and accepted by acclamation as Treasurer.  
Directors receiving winning votes for two-year terms were Bruce DeVore, Dave Haun, Nick Noe, Tom Sollman, Richard Vernier, and Kathy Welling.

Outgoing President Lindberg passed out certificates of appreciation to all the Officers and Directors for their hard work. K. Dunlap took over the meeting at this point as Bowman was called away by a family emergency and Lindberg was suffering from a cold and was losing her voice.

The minutes of the December 2, 2000 Winter Quarterly Meeting and the February 17, 2001 Directors Meeting were approved as published in the March 2001 *IKC Update*.

Treasurer K. Dunlap reported \$23,057.09 in cash. Of this amount, \$2,217 was in the restricted land acquisition fund and \$79,013.16 was held in land for a total in assets of \$102,070.25. Dues are due at the end of March. We currently have 186 members, 115 of which have already renewed their membership for the coming year.

Cave Patrons, Stewards, and Property Manager were asked to provide annual reports on their activities. These written reports were distributed to the Board as follows:

- K. Dunlap - Coon and Grotto Caves and the Sullivan Property
- Tom Willett - Waynes Cave
- James Adams - Shiloh Cave
- Ronnie Burns - Suicide Cave
- Bob Vandeventer - Sullivan Cave
- Jeff Cody - Shaft Cave
- Richard Newton - Sinks of Indian Creek Conservation Easement
- Steve Lockwood - Orangeville Rise

K. Dunlap is coordinating activities for Under Earth Day, scheduled for April 7. 1,800 trees will be planted, 2,300 trees will be mulched, work will be done on the driveway to correct erosion problems, and "Classified Forest" signs will be posted this year.

Lockwood has secured a cost estimate of between \$300 and \$400 to locate and install permanent markers at the property boundaries of the Orangeville Rise. Adams moved to reinstall the markers and fund the project up to \$400. Welling seconded. Motion passed, 14-0-0.

K. Dunlap will communicate to Newton to investigate the exact location of a fire ring and 4-wheel drive trail near or on the Sinks of Indiana Creek CE and to seek the opinion of Allan Pursell of The Nature Conservancy on possible easement violations at the property.

Cody suggested that a new fence be installed to help keep anyone wandering in the woods from falling into Shaft Cave. He has contacted Newton who suggests that enough black locust wood to build 120 linear feet of fence similar to the fence around Gory Hole can be delivered to the site for \$300. Welling moved to purchase the wood and fund the project up to \$300. Vandeventer seconded. No Vote. After much discussion, Bill Tozer moved to postpone the vote on the fence until the June meeting to allow the Board to inspect the property. Lockwood seconded. Motion passed. 12-2-0.

K. Dunlap noted some opportunities for possible land acquisitions.

Lindberg reported that all is well with our education and outreach efforts. There are plenty of materials available to pass out at events such as the IMAX theatre at the Children's Museum, which is currently showing *Journey Into Amazing Caves* and all is going well. Upcoming events and partnerships include more collaborations between the HNF, IKC, and IDNR State Parks, IDNR Wyandotte Woods training (April 19), Earth Day (April 29), Historic Hoosier Hills (May 1), ACKMA (April 30-May 4), IDNR Division of Water Conference (May 9-10), IDNR Naturalists training (May 17), Indiana Youth Environmental Summit (May 12), EarthFest (May 19).

The book *Bats of the United States* was included in the most recent *IKC Update* mailing to members.

A new Indiana Karst Conservancy brochure has been produced by Lindberg and Vandeventer. Copies were distributed for comment.

Under Earth Day is set for April 7, the Indiana Cave Symposium is scheduled for April 21, and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources mine gating project is being planned for the weekends of May 12-13 and June 23-24.

We may want to revise our procedure for elections. Bowman, K. Dunlap, Tom Rea, and Tozer volunteered to form a committee to make recommendations to the Board.

DeVore extended thanks to outgoing President Lindberg for her continuing efforts for the Indiana Karst Conservancy, especially in the area of public education.

The next meeting was set for Saturday, June 9 at the IU Geology Building in Bloomington beginning at 6:00 PM. The annual Hancock Property cleanup will begin at 1:00 PM prior to the meeting. All Board members should inspect the Shaft Cave entrance before the June meeting.

Meeting adjourned to Little Mexico restaurant for lunch at 12:31 PM.

Submitted by James Adams, Acting Secretary