

IKC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, September 15, 2001

Clayton, Indiana

Officers and Directors Present:

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

Arrived after meeting started:

Nick Noe
Steve Lockwood
Bob Vandeventer

Also in attendance were members Don Bohling, Bambi Dunlap, Don Ingle, Glenn Lemasters, and Carita Noe.

The meeting was called to order at 4:08 pm at the home of Bruce and Cissy Bowman in Clayton, Indiana, President Bruce Bowman presiding. Sue Vernier was accepted as proxy for Bob Sergesketter.

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

Treasurer K Dunlap reported the following:

The membership stands at 199, which includes 26 members whose dues have expired and will be dropped soon.

Cash and accounts receivable	\$ 33,439.74
Land assets	161,903.16
Loans	<u>(64,000.00)</u>
Net	\$131,342.90

Buddha Karst Preserve specific:

Buddha fund	
(including Land Acquisition Fund, raffle tickets, and pledges)	\$ 19,185.45
Possible future grants and other sources of income	
Indiana Heritage Trust*	54,000.00
IPALCO Golden Eagle Grant	10,000.00
National Speleological Foundation	<u>5,000.00</u>
Total	\$ 88,185.45
Initial purchase	<u>(73,680.00)</u>

*K Dunlap reported that he attended the Indiana Heritage Trust meeting on September 11 and that funding for the Buddha Karst Preserve was approved. It was the first step in a three-step process before funding is actually provided.

Various members reported that other caving organizations, including the CIG for \$1500, IUSC for \$100, and SJVG for \$250 are expected to donate.

Bowman mentioned that the October 2001 NSS News will have an article on the Buddha Karst Preserve so it may bring in a few more donations. Despite an apparent excess, the grants are by no means certain and funding should continue to be solicited.

Bowman mentioned that there is an updated version of the Buddha Karst Preserve waiver form on the IKC's website. This form needs to be used for future cave trips.

Bowman led a discussion on the following possible changes to be made to the draft Buddha Karst Preserve Management Plan:

- The board approved a change by acclamation that all wording would be updated to reflect the fact that there is more than one cave on the property.
- Haun moved that the wording be changed to reflect that a "current" waiver be kept on file. The implication of this motion was that this would require getting a new waiver at least every two years (the stated file purging interval), while not requiring a waiver every time the cave(s) are visited. Adams seconded. Motion passed, 10-1-2.
- K Dunlap moved that the wording be changed so that permission to dig above ground requires approval of the IKC board. Tozer seconded. Motion passed, 14-0-0. Bowman noted that Nature Preserves would likely want to also review such changes as part of the Master Plan.
- Nature Preserves suggested in e-mail that any trees planted should be indigenous to the Mitchell Plain karst region. The IKC board accepted this recommendation by acclamation.
- Several other topics received discussion, primarily signs on the property, prohibition of youth groups, caving group size, mechanical vehicles, camping, and clarification as to when caving permits are needed. These topics did not yield a motion.

Welling moved that the plan be approved subject to the above changes. Adams seconded. Motion passed, 14-0-0.

K Dunlap moved that 1,000 trees be planted next year on the Buddha Karst Preserve at a total cost of up to \$500 (approximately \$250 to be spent on trees and \$250 to be spent on supporting materials such as mulch). Lockwood seconded. During discussion, it was believed that the planting would most likely take place at Under/Above Earth Day 2002, as would a general cleanup of the property and caves. It was also clarified that the purpose of the tree planting was to add screening from the neighbors and the road and not necessarily part of a reforestation effort. Motion passed, 14-0-0. Several other activities need to take place on the preserve the same weekend.

K Dunlap moved that up to \$100 be allocated for a survey to better delineate the southern property line so a fence could be installed on the Buddha Karst Preserve. Rea seconded. Motion passed, 14-0-0. During discussion, it was believed that steel T-posts with woven wire would be the best fencing to be used. Allocation of funds to purchase the fencing was deferred to the December meeting.

Bowman led a discussion on seven bylaws change proposals:

1. Editorial changes to clarify the original intent of the bylaws.
2. Change director terms from two to three years, and modify the election process to correspond.
3. Stipulate the Robert's Rules of Order will define the IKC's default meeting process.
4. Modify Secretary/Treasurer responsibilities so the same person who takes money also maintains the membership database.
5. Add a requirement that the Board will review and approve the annual election ballot.
6. Change the election process so the new Executive Board is seated *after* the Annual Business Meeting.
7. More clearly define a process to fill Board vacancies. The new process calls for an election to select one of the Directors to fill any open Officer positions, while Director vacancies will remain vacant until the next general election.

Haun moved that all seven bylaws changes be approved. Adams seconded. Much discussion ensued, mainly revolving around concerns about possible bylaw change number seven. Rea proposed an amendment to review only the first six bylaw changes as a group. K Dunlap seconded. Original motion passed as amended, 14-0-0. [Note: The vote tally for both the amendment and final approval are uncertain. They were not clearly recorded, and the entire membership voted on the motions, not just the executive board. Nonetheless, there was no opposition to the first six motions.]

Rea moved that possible bylaw change number seven be referred back to committee to decide on a process to replace directors. Noe seconded. Motion passed, 11-4-1.

Bowman noted that The Nature Conservancy is preparing to reprint the sinkhole flyer and wants the IKC to determine how much they are willing to contribute. K Dunlap moved that \$300 be allotted to pay for "sinkhole flyers" (2000 flyers at 15 cents each). Welling seconded. During discussion, Ingle mentioned he may have a source who could get them printed for less, 12 cents each, and that he would follow up on it. Motion passed, 14-0-0. K Dunlap expressed concern that the eastern karst region is not mentioned in the flyer. Bowman will follow up.

Two events are coming up that the IKC may want to contribute to as sponsors. K Dunlap moved that \$250 be allocated to sponsor the National Cave and Karst Management Symposium in Tucson, Arizona in October, 2001. Welling seconded. During discussion, Adams offered an amendment that it should only be done if the IKC is recognized accordingly. Haun seconded. Amendment passed, 13-1-0. After additional discussion, the amended motion failed, 2-9-4.

Welling moved that \$250 be paid to cover the two presenter's (Bowman and Lindberg) registration costs for NCKMS 2001. Devore seconded. Motion passed, 14-0-1.

Haun moved that \$250 be allocated to sponsor the Cave and Mine Gate Forum to be held in Austin, TX in March of 2002. Adams seconded. Motion passed, 13-0-2.

Haun moved that \$300 be allocated to cover travel expenses for Mark Stacey to attend the Cave and Mine Bat Gate Forum. K Dunlap mentioned that Mark would only attend the Forum if his employer paid the expenses. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Adams moved that all three presenters be allocated \$100 in additional expenses for their respective conferences. Haun seconded. Motion failed. [No vote tally available.]

Additional topics on the agenda were deferred to the Winter Director's meeting. This meeting will be held Saturday, December 8 at 1:00 pm, preceded by lunch, in Andersen or Pendleton, Indiana. Tozer will determine an appropriate site.

Adams moved that the meeting adjourn at 6:25 pm to the annual picnic. Devore seconded. Motion passed, 14-0-0.

Respectfully submitted by Kriste Lindberg, Secretary

Post-meeting note: Congratulations to the annual dessert contest winners:

1st place: Apple pie, contributed by Tom Sollman (and Marsh Supermarket, Brazil IN)

2nd place: Persimmon pudding, made by Bruce Bowman

3rd place: Pecan pie, made by Keith Dunlap