

IKC Spring Director's Meeting Minutes

Saturday, February 15, 2003

Bloomington, Indiana

Officers and Directors Present:

Bruce Bowman

James Adams

Keith Dunlap

Kriste Lindberg

Steve Lockwood

Nick Noe

Don Ingle (by proxy Sue Vernier)

Tom Sollman

Richard Vernier

Bob Vandeventer

Absent:

Bruce DeVore

Dave Haun

Bob Sergesketter

Bill Tozer

Kathy Welling

The February Directors' meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM at the home of Kriste Lindberg in Bloomington, Indiana, President Bruce Bowman presiding. One proxy was accepted, Sue Vernier for Don Ingle. The meeting minutes from the December meeting were approved as published with one correction changing "various county contacts" to "various agency contacts" in reference to a cave that was dug into during road construction.

Treasurer Keith Dunlap reported \$54,655 in the bank.

Dunlap also noted that a bank representative of someone trying to refinance property next to the Buddha property contacted the IKC and explained that we still owed \$36.42 in property taxes, which has now been paid.

Regarding short-term investments, Dunlap moved to put \$40,000 into CD investments. Seconded by James Adams. It was clarified that this includes the stewardship fund plus money from the general fund, and the funds would be accessible without penalty within 30 days if needed. Motion passed, 10-0-0.

Richard Vernier accepted a nomination as President. Adams accepted a nomination as Secretary. Dunlap accepted a nomination as Treasurer. Nominations for six Directors positions included: Jaime Winner, Everett Pulliam, Barb Capocy, Nick Noe, Dave Haun, Bruce DeVore, Tom Sollman, Kathy Welling, Patty Ruback, Sue Vernier, Carita Noe and Bruce Bowman. Four of the Directors positions will carry three-year terms and two will be for one-year terms. Dunlap moved to accept the ballot pending acceptance of all nominations. Steve Lockwood seconded. Motion passed, 10-0-0. *[Post-meeting note: Kathy Welling did not accept her nomination for a director position, therefore her name will not appear on the ballot.]*

Bill Tozer or Tom Rea will be asked to serve as election teller. Bowman will follow-up before the March meeting.

Dunlap noted several land acquisition opportunities. There was discussion of these opportunities.

The Department of Natural Resources has asked how we would like to list the Buddha property on the DNR web site. Detailed information for “open” sites or no listing at all for “closed” sites are two options. A third option is to have a dot on a map and provide contact information as a “restricted” site. The Directors preferred this third choice and Bowman will follow-up with the DNR. Bowman will also post similar information on the IKC website.

Dunlap has been working on the kiosk project. The first kiosk is scheduled to be erected at Under Earth Day at the Buddha property. Carita Noe warned that careful thought should be given to the message on the kiosk. Tom Sollman suggested that a sign be placed in the entrance room of Buddha Cave. Bowman asked that the Education Outreach Committee prepare a draft of possible signage options for the summer meeting. Concern was also expressed that the originally-planned location (near the parking area) would attract too much attention. Tom Rea will be asked to check on permission from the DNR to erect the kiosk and confirm the exact location.

A cleanup at the Blanton property is planned for March 29. A plaque will be placed at that time.

The IKC has recently been recognized by the DNR for Honorable Mention as Conservation Organization of the Year.

Access at Buckner Cave is still being monitored.

Adams noted that the idea of using a plot on the Sullivan property as a pet cemetery is a dead issue. The pet lover has found an alternate property.

May 17 has been designated as a fence workday at the Orangeville Rise. The adjacent landowner needs to be notified and permission obtained to access the fence area via his property.

Lindberg noted that a geo-cache has been reported at the Orangeville Rise.

Bob Vandeventer passed out the 2003 IKC calendar to the Directors.

The March annual business meeting will be on Saturday, March 22 at the Greenwood Public Library at 10:00 AM. Meeting adjourned at 8:54 PM.

Submitted by James Adams, Acting Secretary