

IKC ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
Saturday, March 27, 2004
Greenwood, Indiana

Officers and Directors Present:

Richard Vernier, President
James Adams, Secretary (proxy by Bambi Dunlap)
Keith Dunlap, Treasurer
Bruce Bowman
Dave Haun
Kriste Lindberg
Steve Lockwood
Nick Noe
Don Ingle
Bob Sergesketter
Tom Sollman
Bill Tozer
Bob Vandeventer
Jamie Winner

Absent: Bruce Devore

The Indiana Karst Conservancy Annual meeting called to order at 10:07 AM, President Dick Vernier presiding.

The Executive Board elections were the first order of business. Bowman asked for clarification on write-in ballots and reminded everyone that all members vote. Tozer was the election teller with assistance from Phyllis Sergesketter. Since there were no contested positions for the three Officers, Bowman moved that these positions be approved by acclamation. Ingle seconded. Unanimous except for one abstention. The Officers for 2004 are Dick Vernier, President; Bob Sergesketter, Secretary; and Keith Dunlap, Treasurer.

Voting for the five open Directors positions was then completed. Tozer announced the results as follows: Ingle, Lockwood, Noe, and Winner elected to the full 3-year terms. Sue Vernier will fill the one-year term vacated by Bob Sergesketter (who became Secretary).

Bowman moved the ballots be destroyed, Bob Sergesketter seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The teller reported that of the 195 ballots eligible, 65 ballots were cast (33%) with 22 of those power voting.

Minutes of December and February meeting minutes were accepted as published in the March *IKC Update*.

Treasurer's Report: Total assets of \$222,480 of which \$31,665 is liquid. The General Fund is approximately \$26,000. There are currently 195 members with 131 of those already renewed for 2004.

There was discussion on membership cards. Keith Dunlap questioned if they were necessary and a value-added expense (our supply has run out and we need to re-order). The consensus was that we should continue distributing cards so Dunlap will procure new cards.

The next order of business for the annual meeting were the Cave Patron and Property Manager Annual Reports. Patron reports were presented by Bob Vandeventer (Sullivan), Keith Dunlap (Coon and Grotto), Jeff Cody (Shaft and Buddha), and Suicide (Ronnie Burns). No Patron reports were provided by James Adams (Shiloh) or Tom Willet (Wayne). Property Manager reports were given by Robert Sollman (Wayne), Steve Lockwood (Orangeville Rise), and Keith Dunlap (Sullivan). No Property Manager report was submitted by Tom Rea for Buddha.

During the open discussion of these reports, the issue of bolts at the second drop in Shaft Cave was brought up. It was decided to modify the release form, cautioning the use of natural and unnatural anchors and to back-up all rigging. Keith Dunlap made the motion and Haun seconded that we remove the existing bolts and have new bolts installed in a more appropriate location. Motion passed: 7-4-3. Dunlap will take on this action item with Haun's assistance. Jeff Cody and Brandon Stephens are willing to help coordinate the project.

Keith Dunlap reports that during a visit to Sullivan Cave in January, it was confirmed by Dr Virgil Brack that approximately two dozen Indiana bats use the cave (along with several hundred Little Brown and Pipistrelles).

Robert Sollman announced Wayne Property workdays are set for June 19-20 (for grading/preparing the driveway and parking area, and disposing of the large wood pile) and June 26 (for final grading of the base stone and installation of the driveway gate).

Haun made a motion and Noe seconded to reimburse Vandeventer and Lindberg for up to \$100 for gas expenses to attend the Cave Conservancy Forum in West Virginia (representing the IKC). Motion passed 9-1-4.

Tozer, a NSS Director, shared information regarding recent changes with grantee requirements for the NSS Land Acquisition Grant program. In July of 2003, the requirements were changed to require a Right of First Refusal. His motion to the NSS Board in March removed the new RFR language and substituted a simple repayment clause if a grant was given, then the property was sold or not managed as agreed upon. His motion passed 15 to 2.

In light of the NSS grant requirements change, Haun moved and Sergesketter seconded that the IKC re-apply for the \$5,000 grant we previously declined. Motion passed unanimously.

Keith Dunlap discussed the Wayne fundraising status. As of the beginning of the meeting, we were \$26 short of our initial goal to bring the Land Acquisition restricted fund back to into the black. The hat was passed around the room to generate the shortfall with a total of \$128 collected.

A proposed by-laws change was discussed. Dunlap moved and Vandeventer seconded a change to Article XI that would list the NSS, The Nature Conservancy, and other non-profit land trusts as the preferred recipients of the IKC assets should the IKC dissolve. The motion carried by the majority of the membership present.

Our next meeting is scheduled for June 19, at 7 PM at the Geology Building in Bloomington, Indiana. Meeting adjourned at 12:45 and members interested were invited to have lunch immediately following the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Bambi Dunlap for Jim Adams