

## ISS Meeting Minutes

**Sunday, May 17, 2009**  
**Monroe County Annex Building- Waterloo, Illinois**

Call to order: 9:10 AM.

Introduction of Directors and Officers:

President: John Lovaas- absent

Recording Secretary: Philip Moss

Vice-President: Jack Wood- absent

Treasurer: *John Lovaas*

Director: Philip Moss

Director: Tony Schmitt (Presiding officer, selected by random number generation)

Director: Steve Taylor

Director: Bob Weck

Director/webmaster: absent

IDNR Director: Mona Colburn

Data Request Committee: Frank Wilhelm- chair; Bob Weck, Jack Wood; members

Richard Raber present.

1) Taylor moved: The minutes of the December 13, 2008 meeting are approved.

Second: Weck

For: all

PASSED

### **Reports:**

2) Treasurer's report: *John Lovaas* via email  
Attachment 1.

3) Membership report: *Jack Wood* via email

Since the last meeting there have been no new members, although there have been inquiries. A list of members and their mailing addresses was provided to the Board via email.

Note: Directors would like to have email addresses on the membership list.

4) Data Request Committee activity: *John Lovaas*

Lovaas reports that there were no requests since the last meeting.

5) Not-For-Profit Filings: Philip Moss, Registered Agent  
Filing is not due for a while.

6) Shawnee Forest Project: *Jack Wood*, Chair, SNF Committee  
Attachment 2.

7) Website: *Jack Wood*, webmaster  
No report, the site is out of date by a meeting or two.

8) ISS Patches: Richard Raber  
No patches sold.

9) Grotto/Agency Activity Reports  
Philip Moss reports that Joe Kath, Terrestrial Endangered Species Project Manager, IDNR-Division of Natural Heritage, has asked that cavers voluntarily stay out of state-owned caves to slow the spread of White Nose Syndrome among bats.

**Old Business:**

10) Filemaker Pro migration.  
Wilhelm has the program. Mona Colburn will send Frank Wilhelm copies of the digital data he does not already have and a list of paper holdings.

11) President's letter to ISS data recipients.  
John Lovaas' draft is attachment 3.

Moss moved to substitute attachment 4 as the letter to the data grantees.  
Second: Weck  
For: all  
PASSED

12) At the December 13, 2008 meeting, Philip Moss moved that Chapter 2, Part D1 of the ISS bylaws be amended to read:

***There shall be 5 elected directors.***

It was seconded, at which point Moss moved to postpone the vote on his previous motion until the next ISS meeting, as the board is not allowed to vote on a Bylaw change without sufficient advance notice to the membership.

Vote on the bylaw change:  
For: all  
PASSED

**New Business:**

13) Moss moved: The ISS shall encourage all Illinois cavers to abide by and support cave access restrictions or closures put in place to slow the spread of White Nose Syndrome. The ISS will encourage all cavers to follow the best available decontamination procedures between all cave trips.

Second: Taylor

For: all

PASSED

14) Colburn moved: There will be 10 minutes for open discussion of topics of interest to the attendees.

Second: Moss

For: all

PASSED:

15) Moss nominated Bob Weck as Vice-President.

Taylor moves to close nominations.

Second: Moss

For: all

Weck elected

16) Taylor moved: The entire Data Request Committee is reelected.

Second: Schmitt

For: all

PASSED

17) Presiding Officer and Director Tony Schmitt thanked Mona Colburn for all her work supporting the ISS.

18) Discussion on the next meeting: It will be on one of the following dates: 10/17/09, 10/24/09, or 11/7/09. The meeting will be held in the Carbondale area to start at 7:00 PM on a Saturday night to be selected by the Board. Philip Moss will arrange a meeting place and Steve Taylor will coordinate the date selection.

19) Colburn moved to adjourn.

Second: Moss

For: All

Adjourned at: 10:50 AM.

## **Attachment 1**

### **Treasurer's Report**

Previous balance reported: \$236.11

Dues and  
individual donations: \$170.00

Current balance: \$406.11

John Lovaas  
Treasurer, Illinois Speleological Survey, Inc.  
May 8, 2009

## **Attachment 2**

### **Shawnee Forest Committee Report**

Survey in Equality cave has been canceled for this year. The below email from Rod McClanahan, our contact with the SNF sums it up well and impacts pretty much any activity that we'd do on SNF lands. The project is on hold until further notice.

From Rod McClanahan...

It has been a good productive relationship between the ISS and the Shawnee NF, and we want to try to find ways in which we can work together. Unfortunately, this WNS thing has really caused a lot of panic and shock to the cave and bat communities. It is spreading so fast that the science cannot seem to get on top of it, while at the same time hundreds of thousands of bats are dying. Hopefully things will settle down and you folks can resume mapping next year. Things are getting so tight with this WNS that the US Fish and Wildlife Service is also recommending that professional biologists also stay out of caves-too great a risk of spreading the WNS. We just completed winter hibernacula surveys and found no sign of WNS in the caves. Initially that sounds good, but it is conceivable that the fungus could already be there but has not spread to/affected bats yet-hope not. But to be on the safe side, our regional office has strongly suggested that each forest sign an emergency closure order for one year, which is what our forest supervisor did. We apologize for the inconvenience this has caused to ISS.

### **Attachment 3**

Dear ISS Data Requestor,

The Illinois Speleological Survey would like to thank you for your past use of the ISS cave and karst database. We hope that the supplied data were useful in your work.

We would also ask you to review the ISS data confidentiality agreement, which can be found online at:

<http://caves.org/iss/ConfAgree.html>

We look forward to working with you again in the future.

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President  
Illinois Speleological Survey, Inc.

### **Attachment 4**

ISS' President  
Mailing address  
Mailing address

Dear ISS Data Grantee (actual name),

The Illinois Speleological Survey thanks you for your past use of the ISS cave and karst database. We hope that the supplied data were useful in your work.

Prior to granting the aforementioned data, you signed confidentiality agreement, a copy of which is attached. This letter is to remind you of your agreement to keep the provided ISS data confidential and that the agreement is binding in perpetuity.

To facilitate cave and karst research, we are providing access to nonsensitive Illinois speleological information online at <http://www.caves.org/iss/research.htm>. If you have or are aware of literature that has not been included, which you feel should be included, please share that information with us at the email address below or the mailing address above.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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President  
Illinois Speleological Survey, Inc.  
Email address  
Phone number

