

## **Indiana Caves Survey, Inc. Quarterly Meeting**

December 11, 2000

Officers present were President Bruce Trotter, Vice President Ray Sheldon, Secretary James Adams, Treasurer Keith Dunlap, and Board Member Nick Noe. Board Member Dave Black was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 PM at the Indianapolis home of Nick and Carita Noe. C. Noe reported that three caves have been found in Cass County. The Indiana Cave Survey currently has no County Director for Cass County. The report forms, when received, will be sent to Kevin Wools who is Tippecanoe County Director.

Minutes of the September 2000 meeting were approved as published on the ICS web site and in Issue #43 of *The Indiana Cave Survey Notebook*.

Dunlap reported \$1,720.16 in the Treasury. \$250 was spent on the ACCESS Developers Kit for Black to use on the database. We now have 37 members.

Each County Director present at the meeting offered a brief report of activities in their counties. Trotter reported no activity in Decatur or Jennings County.

Sheldon received an inquiry from someone buying some property in Jennings County. Two surveys are underway in Ripley County. No new activity in Bartholomew, Brown, Jackson, Shelby, or Scott Counties. He's received some new maps for Jefferson County and Dr Julian Lewis is conducting a "bug" study.

Randy Jackson informed the group that no reports have been received in quite awhile for Orange, DuBois, or Perry Counties. He received an inquiry about a hole that is getting sewage dumped into it.

Tom Rea announced that a couple of new caves have been found in Putnam County. No other activity in Clay, Fountain, Morgan, Owen, or Parke Counties has been reported.

Wools had no activity to report except that he received an Orange County report form and passed it along to Jackson.

Adams received a new report form for Martin County. There has been no activity for Greene County.

N. Noe mentioned that five or six corrections and at least one new report form have been received for Washington County.

Black was supposed to be at the meeting with the much-delayed database. Jackson received an email from him that he would not be at the meeting. He now hopes to have the database at the CIG Christmas Party that is scheduled for Saturday, December 16. There was much discussion on the future of the database. We have missed the 2000 update. It is important that we fulfill our obligation to the Indiana Geological Survey as outlined in the recently signed Memorandum Of Understanding.

Trotter passed out the updated Archivist report. A couple of new caves have been added.

Adams reported that there hasn't been too much activity on the web site. Look for a new membership list, some photos, and a new article before the end of the month.

Sheldon has met with the Indiana Geological Survey liaison and they now have the most recent database. Security seems very good and access is limited in their offices. In conversations with the IGS, they supported our use of a licensing agreement so that other agencies and businesses can use the database.

An annual data report form is in the works for County Directors to use to track their work. Black has the most recent changes.

N. Noe has not received any new comments on the licensing agreement that is posted on the web site. Dunlap, Sheldon, and Trotter had some comments on the wording that they will pass on to N. Noe. There was much discussion on the purpose and direction of a licensing agreement.

I Kevin Peters has applied for Regular Membership and for a waiver of the two-year membership requirement. Adams moved to waive the two-year requirement. Dunlap seconded. The Board passed the motion, 5-0. Peters was unanimously accepted by the members present as a Regular Member.

Peters volunteered to be County Director of Hamilton County where he has recently heard about the discovery of a possible cave in that county.

ICSymposium 2001 was tentatively set for April 21 at Blue's Canoes in Taylorsville. They have a shelter house with lighting and electricity and plenty of parking. Camping will be available at \$5 per person. Trotter will coordinate the program. Sheldon will plan the pitch-in dinner. Dunlap moved to fund ½ the cost of the food up to \$50. The Indiana Karst Conservancy has already approved the other 50% of the cost. Adams seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr Lewis has requested a list of caves on the Hoosier National Forest sorted by location and by length. Dunlap estimated that this would be about 100 caves. Dunlap moved to provide a printed list of Hoosier National Forest caves sorted by location and length. In return, Dr. Lewis will provide a copy of the final HNF report to the ICS. Wools seconded. Passed unanimously. Adams will sort the list.

Kevin Peters mentioned that his recent article on Boone Cemetery Cave and the Boone family came about because of his interest in the ICS database. He presented an electronic version to the ICS for the archives.

Election of Officers for 2001:

- President - Bruce Trotter
- Vice President - Ray Sheldon
- Secretary - James Adams
- Treasurer - Keith Dunlap
- Board Members - Randy Jackson, Kevin Peters.

The next meeting was set for the home of Bruce Trotter in Columbus, Indiana on Monday, March 12, 2001, beginning at 7:30 PM. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 PM.

Submitted by James Adams, Secretary.

*[Secretary's Note: These minutes were approved by the membership at the March 12, 2001 meeting.]*