

Indiana Cave Survey, Inc.

Quarterly Meeting - June 10, 2002

The June meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM at the home of Ray Sheldon in Elizabethtown, Vice President Nick Noe presiding. Officers present: Vice President Noe, Secretary James Adams, and Treasurer Keith Dunlap. Officers Absent: President Bruce Trotter, Board Members Randy Jackson and David Black.

The minutes of the March meeting were approved as published in the June ICS Notebook. Treasurer Dunlap reported \$2,226.34 in cash assets. One member has been dropped for non-payment of dues. We now have 42 members.

Each County Director present gave a brief report:

- Sheldon: No activity.
- Noe: One report received for Washington County.
- Tom Rea: Has received a reprinted article, otherwise no activity. Rea knows of two caves that have been mapped but nothing has been turned in.
- Trotter: Reported via Sheldon that there was no activity.
- Kevin Wools: No activity.

Sheldon noted that Henry, Dearborn and Hamilton Counties have no entries in the database and suggested that these counties be removed from the database.

Sheldon passed out the Archivist's Report. There have been 18 new entries since March 11, 2002.

Adams wishes to resign as ICS Webmaster. Noe and the group thanked him for his work. Several applications have been received for the position and reviewed later in the meeting..

IGS/MOU Report: Sheldon talked with John Hill of the Indiana Geological Survey before the March meeting but has not spoken to him since.

Noe asked if the Department of Transportation has made any inquiries about cave locations for the I-69 extension to Evansville of either the ICS or the Indiana Geological Survey. Dunlap noted that they made inquiries about eight years ago, but is not aware that they have sought any updated information since that time. Dunlap has sent information to them in his written comments.

Noe asked if we should offer them the database. Dunlap suggested that we could approach the consulting company that is working with INDOT and offer our assistance.

Dunlap reported that the Hoosier National Forest is interested in the database. There is no urgency but he feels we don't want to let the opportunity slip by. More caves continue to be discovered on HNF property. A large tract of land near Wesley Chapel Gulf is being purchased.

The 2002 Indiana Cave Symposium was held in April. About 45 people attended at Cave Country Canoes in Milltown. Sheldon, Trotter and Jerry Walker received certificates of appreciation from the US Fish and Wildlife Service. It was a really good symposium.

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management has expressed an interest in licensing the database. IDEM is currently looking at our proposed agreement that was sent for IDEM's review. Adams and Sheldon noted that IDEM has sent at least one inquiry to determine if any caves are in areas where confined feedlots are proposed. No other inquiries or information has been received.

The Hoosier National Forest has requested an updated listing of caves and karst features on HNF properties. The most recent version that they have for HNF caves is from the 1996 database. We have an MOU with the HNF that specifies that we exchange information on a regular basis. Sheldon moved that we provide an updated paper copy to the HNF. Seconded by Dunlap. Rea noted that we have this specified in the MOU and no motion is necessary. Black will be instructed to produce a paper update ASAP.

Noe is busy doing library research again.

Black did not attend the meeting and the updated database has not yet been produced. The President will be instructed to contact Black to investigate the delay.

Carita Noe noted that the new Indiana State Museum has a nice mock-up of a leopard in a cave. A video and a publication related to this display are for sale in the museum gift shop.

Scott Fee has reapplied for membership in the ICS. He has asked to be reinstated as a Regular member. Before he moved out of state, he was a contributing member. Per the ICS constitution, Dunlap requested a meeting of the Board of Directors. The three officers present agreed. Dunlap moved to waive the two-year membership requirement. Noe seconded, Motion passed, 3-0-0.

Rea moved to promote Fee's membership to Regular member status. Noe Seconded. Motion passed, 7-0-0.

Several people have shown interest in taking over the ICS web site. Rob Jarboe was present to apply and was appointed as Webmaster.

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, September 9, 2002 at the Columbus home of President Bruce Trotter.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Submitted by James Adams, Secretary

[Secretary's Note: These meeting minutes were approved by the membership at the September 9, 2002 meeting.]