

Indiana Cave Survey, Inc. Quarterly Meeting

Monday, March 13, 2000

Officers present: President Bruce Trotter; Vice President Ray Sheldon; Secretary James Adams; Treasurer Keith Dunlap; Board Member Nick Noe.

Officer absent: Board Member Dave Black.

Members and guests included Kriste Lindberg, Carita Noe, Shawn Noe, Steve Lockwood, Tom Rea, Kevin Strunk, Randy Jackson, Jerry Litaker, Jeff Fraiser Kevin Peters, and John Danovich (joined late).

The meeting was called to order at 7:43 PM at the Indianapolis home of Nick and Carita Noe. Minutes of the December 1999 meeting were approved as published on the ICS website and in Issue #40 of *The Indiana Cave Survey Notebook*.

Keith Dunlap reported \$1,849.55 in the Treasury. Six members have yet to renew their dues for 2000.

The County Directors gave reports on activity in their areas.

James Adams, reporting on Martin County, noted that the Crane Karst Study has added a number of reports to the files. There has also been some activity in Greene County.

Ray Sheldon reported that Flat Rock Cave has been verified in Shelby County. Sheldon has also been trying to track down the location of an area near a cave identified as "Clifty" Cave that appears in a photo taken at the turn of the century. The photo is featured in a book about Brown County. This may be Cave River Valley.

Sheldon has started a project in Ripley County to locate karst features in Varsailles State Park. On March 12, his team visited a landowner just outside the park. Their property contains five known caves and the owners have surveyed their caves. Sheldon also had a lead of a cave in the park but found it on the landowner's property. ICS Cave Report Forms have been submitted for five caves and three springs. All but three leads have now been officially reported.

Tom Rea noted that there are lots of leads in Owen County. He has also been following the progress of a group that has been busy mapping caves in Putnam County. Two Caves were recently connected and may result in a cave system of at least 1,500 feet. Rea also reported that Morgan County has one new cave in the files.

Randy Jackson announced that Debois County has doubled in ICS-reported caves--from four to eight. Also, there has been continuing activity in Orange County with several leads that need to be checked.

Nick Noe reported that Washington County has been quiet. He will be sending a Washington County "wish list" to the newsletter editor for publication.

Bruce Trotter is County Director for Decatur County, which has seen no activity. Trotter reported that Jim Riley has given up Jennings County. Bill Baus has sent a lot of information to Trotter for the archives of Monroe County.

As Archivist, Trotter passed out his quarterly ICS Archives Report. Since the last meeting, 121 new entries have been added. Trotter has been working through the paper files to verify data and has added some new fields to the report.

Progress continues on the Memorandum of Understanding with the Indiana Geological Survey. On March 3, Kevin Strunk, and Trotter met with Dr. Steinmetz at the IGS office. Dr. Steinmetz had previously sent an edited version of the ICS-authored MOU to Trotter. There seemed to be lots of give-and-take during the meeting. Negotiations will continue. Trotter, Strunk, and Dunlap are now going over the changes from the meeting. Strunk felt very good about the meeting and offered that there is now a greater understanding by the IGS about the work and philosophy of the ICS.

As part of the MOU discussion, there was a discussion concerning the format of our licensed database. Dunlap then moved to allow an email vote of the final ICS/IGS agreement. Seconded by Adams. Motion passed, 10-0-0.

The Indiana Cave Symposium is scheduled for Saturday, April 15, 2000 at Cave Country Canoes in Milltown. There will be a pitch-in dinner at 5:00 PM (local time) with the program beginning at 7:00 PM. Sheldon and Noe are coordinating the food that will be provided by the ICS. Trotter and Dave Black will provide the grills. Bob Vandeventer will bring an LCD projector, and the Central Indiana Grotto's slide projector, and maybe a screen. Adams will bring an overhead projector.

Trotter then reviewed the scheduled speakers and topics.

Jim Riley has given up Jennings County and it is now available. Trotter volunteered to take it. Dunlap moved to assign Jennings County to Trotter. Adams Second. Motion passed, 11-0-0

Concerning the licensing agreement, Nick Noe noted that comments were received from Trotter, Dunlap, and Bruce Bowman concerning item number three about the cost and duration of the service agreement in the December 11, 1999 version. There was discussion about how we should determine the cost on a case-by-case. An application to license the database might need to be developed. Also, a contact person needs to be assigned who will stay on top of requests.

Sheldon proposed that County Directors keep track of activity and report to the membership regularly. Some examples might include data requests, Cave Report Forms coming in and then broken down into the number of new caves and the number of corrections to existing entries. Photos, maps, and articles received could also be reported. The information could be published in the newsletter and on the website. He will follow up and design a data sheet. It was suggested that reports be required of the County Directors at each meeting.

The next meeting will be on Monday, June 5, 2000 at 7:30 PM in Columbus, Indiana at Bruce Trotter's house. Meeting adjourned at 9:49 PM.

Submitted by James Adams, Secretary

[Secretary's Note: These meeting minutes were approved by the membership at the June 5, 2000 meeting.]