

## Indiana Caves Survey, Inc. Quarterly Meeting

September 10, 2001

The third quarter meeting was called to order at 7:50 PM at the home of Ray Sheldon in Elizabethtown, Indiana. Officers present: President Bruce Trotter, Vice President Ray Sheldon, Secretary James Adams, and Treasurer Keith Dunlap. Officers absent: Board Members Randy Jackson and Kevin Peters.

The minutes of the June meeting were approved as published. Dunlap reported \$1897.81 in the treasury.

County Director reports:

- Adams - There might be a problem with the PDF file of the database. Three Martin County caves that are included in the database are not in the PDF file. One Martin County cave has been given a number based on a published report in the *CIG Newsletter*. A GPS reading/update was received for a Greene County cave.
- Sheldon - He has received a request about caving in general but reports no new activity.
- Nick Noe - Two new reports were received for Washington County.
- Dave Black - No activity.
- Kevin Wools - Two report forms were received that included one map of an existing cave and one new cave.
- Tom Rea - Two new caves have been mapped; Tom has not received any paperwork.
- Trotter - 12 report forms have been received for Jennings County. These had been assigned ICS number but the paperwork had not been filed. Some new lead information has been received by Trotter for Dearborn County but nothing official has been submitted to him.

Black noted that we should appoint a County Director for Dearborn County so that the county information can be added to the next database update. Trotter agreed to take it.

Trotter reported that there were 14 new entries added to the archives since the last meeting in June.

Adams noted that there is an announcement on the opening page of the Indiana Cave Survey web site about a book signing by Roger Bruckner that is taking place on Saturday, September 15 in Castleton.

Sheldon reported that we now have a sponsor for the newsletter, Seiler Instrument and Manufacturing Company. They will have an ad in each newsletter beginning in December.

There was some discussion about having a closed cave list on the web site.

Trotter roughed up an ICS brochure. There were some comments and suggestions.

Noe had nothing new to report on the licensing agreement. Black moved to accept the current licensing agreement as a basic agreement that will then be customized for each applicant. The Board of Directors will approve each request by email vote or at a meeting. Wools seconded. Motion approved, 7-0-1. Sheldon thanked Noe for his ongoing efforts.

Trotter and Sheldon brought up the idea of having a standard form letter to send to people who send inquiries to members. Adams can assemble sample replies and post them on the web site in the *Members Only* section for members to cut and paste into their responses.

Now that his work on the licensing agreement is finished and Winter is close at hand, Noe is going to get back into reviewing newsletters at the CIG Library.

Elections for 2001 will be held at the next meeting in December.

A resolution is sought for the continuing database entry problems for Monroe County: Bill Baus has proposed that another person be used to input Monroe County data since his own computer is not configured correctly to run the database. Baus wants to continue as Monroe County Director, but is willing to step down in favor of someone else who can take over the county.

Sheldon moved to appoint Randy Jackson as County Director for both Monroe and Vandenburg counties so that the database can be brought up to date for the next update. Seconded by Adams. Motion approved, 7 - 1 - 0.

There was discussion on the state of the DNR permit system for visiting caves on DNR property. No further information or requests have been received from the Conservation Officer group that was interested in obtaining cave information for rescue purposes.

There was discussion about having one meeting a year on a Saturday. The next meeting will be at the Noe Condo in Beech Grove on Monday, December 10, 2001 beginning at 7:30 PM. Meeting adjourned at 10:06 PM.

Submitted by James Adams

*[Secretary's Note: These meeting minutes were approved by the membership at the December 10, 2001 meeting.]*