

Indiana Cave Survey Quarterly Meeting  
September 8, 2003

The September meeting of the Indiana Cave Survey was held at the home of Todd Webb near Wyandotte Caves. The meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM (Indianapolis time), President Bruce Trotter presiding. Officers in attendance included Trotter, Vice President Dave Everton, Treasurer Keith Dunlap, Secretary James Adams and Board Member Ray Sheldon. Board Member Randy Jackson was absent.

A membership upgrade request has been received from Nate Newkirk to Regular Member status with a request for a waiver of the two-year waiting period. Dave Everton also requested a membership upgrade to Contributing Member status. The applications were circulated for review.

Minutes of the June 2003 meeting were accepted as published. Dunlap reported \$2,399.57 in the bank with 47 members.

County Directors' Reports:

- Dave Black: Received some email announcements that he has received electronic report forms, but he does not have instructions to retrieve them.
- Adams: No activity – has electronic forms waiting
- Tom Rea: No activity except some electronics forms are waiting.
- Sheldon: Has discovered the owner of a known cave. Kriste Lindberg reported on a presentation to the Indiana Land Surveyors by Lindberg and Sheldon. Several attendees reported the whereabouts of some caves to Sheldon.
- Nick Noe: No activity
- Trotter: A couple of reports have been received.

Black reported that he has been working on the database, but has had some personal delays.

Trotter passed out the Archives Report. There are eight new entries since the last meeting. Warren County has been added.

Noe reported that he has continued to research the Central Indiana Grotto library for historic cave and karst references.

Webmaster Rob Jarboe reported 11,000 “hits” on the site since going live. All minutes have been converted to PDF files. Several less obvious cosmetic changes have been made. Most of the work has been on the online cave report forms section.

Sheldon has not heard any news or made any contact with the Indiana Geological Survey.

Dunlap noted that Hoosier National Forest work in the field has been very limited during the summer. He has authored a draft agreement between the ICS and the Hoosier National Forest to provide the HNF with a partial database that includes HNF properties. No problems are foreseen by the ICS or the HNF. There will be no charge to the HNF in exchange for data transfer in both directions. Access will be limited at the HNF.

John Benton reported that he had heard that our contact at the HNF might be leaving that position. Black moved to approve the draft agreement. Seconded by Sheldon. Motion passed: 9-0-0.

Membership Upgrades. Nate Newkirk requested an upgrade from Associate to Regular Member with a waiver of the two-year waiting period. Waiver passed: 4-0-1. Upgrade passed: 9-0-0.

Dave Everton requested an upgrade from Regular to Contributing Member. Upgrade passed: 5-0-1.

There was discussion on the Operations Timeline. Everton has also volunteered to produce a "manual" for cavers submitting report forms and for County Directors retrieving forms.

Jarboe reported further on progress on the website and the forms area. He explained the various procedures for the County Directors.

No further information on the I-69 extension. Everton noted that the group who made the original inquiry for cave location data has been working in caves along the proposed route. Trotter noted that we have also not heard further from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management on their request for locations related to feed lots.

Webb passed out a Cave Weather Proposal to be used in a Masters thesis that has been received which requests cave location data for significant caves in Harrison and Crawford counties. Black will follow up with the requestor.

The National Speleological Society has awarded two Green (Honorable Mention) ribbons to *The Indiana Cave Survey Notebook* at the 2003 convention in the Graphic Arts Salon. The June 2002 cover photo was taken by Kriste Lindberg in Valley Cathedral Cave. The September 2002 cover photos were snapped by Bruce Trotter in Sellersburg Quarry.

There were some general comments of cave-related happenings including progress on a memorandum of understanding with Spring Mill State Park, transmitters for bats near Wyandotte Cave, correspondence recently received from a non-member regarding various aspects of the Survey, and the next data team meeting scheduled for October.

The next quarterly meeting will be held on December 8, 2003 at 7:30 PM at the home of Nick and Carita Noe in Indianapolis. Meeting adjourned at 9:32PM

Submitted by James Adams, Secretary