

Ohio Cave Survey | BOARD MTG. MINUTES

Nov 18, 2020 | 1905-1957 Hours EST | Meeting location Online via Google Meet

Meeting called by M. Hood

Type of meeting Board Meeting

Facilitator M. Hood

Note taker M. Hood

In attendance:

M. Hood, C. Harler, S. Lott, G. Bush, Dr. H. Barton,
J. Kidder, K. Lorms, D. Marsh

AGENDA

Approval of Minutes from last meeting
1st: Unanimous consent 2nd: N/A

Reports:

President: Mike Hood

- Willing to stay on a president for another term, but the organization needs to realize his time might be limited due to new work-related commitments.

Vice President: Curt Harler

- Nothing to Report

Secretary: Sarah Lott

- Excused

Treasurer: Gary Bush

- 501c(3) organization as the IRS approved our application. He will now proceed with setting up the bank account with PNC. We need three signatures on the account. President Hood said he would be able to travel to Columbus to meet at the bank to get the applications signed. Gary is going to ask Secretary Lott to be another signatory. Director Lorms said he could be a signatory as he lives in Columbus. Gary won't be able to set up our PayPal account until the bank account is established. He said this is a simple process to set up. PNC requires non-profit groups to maintain a balance of \$500 to avoid any monthly fees.

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Directors: Dr. Hazel Barton, Jonah Kidder, Kevin Lorms, Darryl Marsh

- Nothing to Report

Communications Committee: OPEN

- President Hood said that since he manages the web page and social media accounts, he is willing to be the committee chair.

Finance Committee: Gary Bush

- Covered in treasurers report

Landowner Committee: OPEN

- Nothing to Report

OCS-ODNR Liaison Committee: Aaron Bird

- Will cover in new business.

Records Committee: OPEN

- Aaron Bird stated that once the MOU is in place, he would be willing to chair the committee.

Old Business:

Nominations and elections of officers and directors for 2021

-November we will start the process

Appoint Ad Hoc Committee for elections

Records: Want to have a database of all the info online.

Waiver: Data Access?

What Committees do we need: Communications and Records, Hold off on Landowner until we start doing surveys.

Ohio Caverns and Seneca Caverns Joined

Reached out to park districts with not hearing much back.

New Business:

- Draft Memorandum of Understanding with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources – Aaron Bird discussed the Memorandum of Understanding with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. The MOU is mostly ready to go and both parties did all negotiations in good faith. Aaron presented the MOU for attendees to review. There are a few sections left to complete and he suggested a virtual meeting with ODNR, OCS board members, and OCS-ODNR Liaison Committee members to go over the MOU line by line and prepare the document for approval by OCS and ODNR. Aaron will coordinate with Erin Hazelton (ODNR representative) to set up the meeting. Don Conover expressed interest in being involved and was appointed to the committee.
- Nomination of officers and directors for 2021. President Hood opened the floor for nominations at this time. The following members were nominated from the floor. Nominations will close on November 30th.

President – Mike Hood

Vice President – Curt Harler

Secretary – Sarah Lott

Treasurer – Gary Bush

New Business:

Directors (elect four)

Dr. Hazel Barton

Don Conover

Brian Devine

Jonah Kidder

Kevin Lorms

Darryl Marsh

- Curt Harler asked for nominations for the NSS Landowner Appreciation Award. Ohio Caverns and the owner of Freelands Cave were nominated.

Adjournment:

1st: Gary

2nd: Curt

Next Board Meeting: To Be Announced

General Membership Meeting ~ December 16th, 2020 @ 1900