

Ohio Cave Survey General Membership Meeting Aug. 31, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:10pm

Eleven people present at some time during the meeting.

Secretary not present and no minutes from the previous meeting available.

Treasurer Gary Bush reports \$2967.13 balance and no change since last meeting with no activity and no new members. Details were emailed earlier in the day.

Directors Dennis Green and Kevin Lorms had nothing to report

Communications Committee – Not present

Finance Committee - Nothing more to report

Landowner Committee – Not Present

OCS-ODNR Liaison – Not Present

Records Committee – Not Present

Old Business

Frank reports MOU has been signed by all parties and is now in effect

Frank reports on Adam's request for laptop to manage database and/or other info. Lengthy discussion on how to best manage database and information securely was led by Gary. Cloud based server was agreed to be the best route with keys to it to only the few that would need them. Dennis provided an "encryption service" that he uses. Gary would like to see the old cave files in order to know what exactly we're dealing with. Doug Aden reports that Lisa Long is the librarian in charge of those files at this time. Gary, Kevin and Doug will arrange to see the files some time after September.

Gary reports he has not had time to work on the Power Point program, a presentation on who we are and what we do.

Doug says he could assist with any help needed with GIS. He works with it every day.

New Business

Frank brings up the newsletter and what form it should take to keep our obligation with the MOU. Gary says we really need it to keep members informed and keep up enthusiasm. We should start with an initial one. Frank said he'll email members to look for a volunteer to be editor. Brittany Harrick said she would assist but did not want to be editor.

Frank brings up motion presented by Curt Harler to divide state into regions similar to the wildlife regions and appoint people to manage requests for info or check on possible cave locations. Doug suggests using the Karst Zones the state already uses and shared the map that is online.

Frank asks how we manage “Shared Info Requests” , who gets info and for what reasons. We need some sort of hard policy. Adam brings up three categories of “research”, “recreational” and “educational”. Also sensitive caves are probably off limits to recreational and educational categories. The use of sacrificial caves on public land is discussed. Requests could be managed by our Karst Zone managers with the need for two people to sign off on any request. Frank said he’ll put out an email to membership to look for volunteers to manage different karst zones.

Chad gives his opinions on land owner outreach. Chad will develop a page for the website specifically for cave land owners explaining what we can do for each other.

Motion was agreed by all to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes submitted by Frank Vlcek