

ADDENDUM TO OCS MINUTES 12/13/2022

Discussion of the OCS Facebook page (managed by Mike Hood) revolved around providing direct contact information for users who land on our page to get in touch with “official” sources at OCS rather than being bombarded with responses from anyone who is on the page. It was agreed that the page should remain open. One suggestion was to incorporate appropriate verbiage in the homepage header-photo to with contact information. Mike will look into a solution.

Frank reported getting decent response to his quest for local cavers to be the OCS contact with local landowners. OCS is well covered in the Northeast and has people in the Dayton and Bellevue areas. Still needed is an OCS member\contact in the Southeast.

Curt brought up the need to assure the same thing does not happen to Bob Gulden’s cave database as almost happened to HHH’s. Curt will follow up and report back.

Curt also floated the idea of participating with other cave surveys and conservancies on sharing BMPs (best management practices). That idea will be added to New Business for a future meeting.

All four officers of OCS indicated a willingness to continue in office for the 2023 fiscal year. Frank will probe interest for the four director spots. If there is competition for the director position, a ballot will be distributed or arranged on-line. If only four people express interest, the vote will be done by acclaim.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm with holiday wishes to/from all.

Hi Bert,

Am I correct in recalling that you had some access to Bob Gulden's cave database beyond contributing? Are you his data backup?

If so, I would like to officially request, on behalf of the Ohio Cave Survey, the data which Bob had in his database on Ohio caves. Since he and I communicated about Ohio's caves via email as recently as a few weeks ago, I think I'm up to date on the basics. However, on behalf of OCS, I am asking for as complete a dump of Ohio data as can be arranged. This will allow OCS to fact-check Bob's list against our Data and ODNR's data.

If you are not the correct person, do you know who has Bob's cave data repository now?

Thanks a ton.

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