

Minutes of the
Kentucky Speleological Survey Meeting
April 19, 2009
Mines and Minerals Building, Lexington, KY

The meeting was called to order at 11:20 am, by KSS President, Bill Walden. By the end of the meeting 19 cavers were present.

Old Business: No minutes were available from the KSS meeting on January 24, 2009. Preston Forsythe said they were typed 2-3 days after that meeting, but unfortunately copies were not available for distribution at today's meeting. Those minutes will be distributed by email soon. Jim Currens asked about the proposed By-Law revisions discussed during the last two meeting. Hopefully we can vote on this matter later in the meeting. Internet conferencing was briefly discussed.

New Business: There was a long discussion on plans for the White Nose Syndrome (WNS) Symposium next Sunday, April 26, 2009, in Lexington at the KGS Core Sample Library near the Horse Park. Speakers, times, KSS display, parking, lunch and other details were discussed. Hopefully, all grottoes that cave in Kentucky will send a representative. Howard Kalnitz asked if the KSS will have a statement about the WNS. Right now there is none, but hopefully we can have a statement after the WNS Symposium. Randy Paylor said the NSS has drafted a request for emergency funding for WNS research. Bill Walden mentioned recent caving at Wells Cave where he posted signs at the entrance about WNS and the cave being closed.

Data Requests: Bat hibernaculum caves in KY was brought up. Ky Fish and Wildlife knows the locations of the major bat caves. Randy Paylor said the KSS had several data requests, which he had on file upstairs, and we would work on during the paper caving session after the meeting. The county coordinator of Jackson and Rockcastle Counties, Howard Kalnitz, said he had updated those files eliminating around 100 duplicated caves. Howard and Randy discussed the serial numbers and format for recording cave information in the KSS laptop.

Treasurer Report: John Cassidy gave a detailed report. The Greater Cincinnati Grotto donated \$50 to the KSS. The KSS really appreciates this contribution. Several members have renewed. The current balance is \$1801.28.

At this point in the meeting Bill Walden realized we had enough members present to proceed with a vote on the By-Laws revisions. Jim Currens reviewed the major suggested revisions, including dues increases. Eric Weaver suggested that dues amounts did not need to be set in the By-Laws, instead include a statement that dues will be set by the Board. Bill Walden suggested that we vote the Revisions up or down, as proposed. Eight voted to approve the By-Laws as read by Jim Currens. Zero members voted against. The Revised KSS By-Laws should be posted to the website soon.

Darrel Atkins led a discussion on the KSS website and the problems of keeping it up-to-date. Eric Weaver said he could help with the website. Darrel said he would look into a Yahoo-type list for auto mailing. Darrel also had a new print ad for the Karst-O-Rama and the Speleofest that looked good.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:12 pm. After lunch some members returned for a KSS paper caving session.

Your Caving Scribes,

Shari and Preston Forsythe