OHIO CAVE SURVEY

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Dec. 13, 2022

Minutes

1. 1905 Called meeting to order.
2. Approve minutes of Aug. 31 meeting curt 1st, Adam 2nd.
3. Officer, director and committee reports
   a. President- Frank Vlchek - nothing to report
   b. Vice President- Curt Harler - land owner committee
   c. Secretary- Sarah Cayse - nothing to report
   d. Treasurer- Gary Bush – sent out earlier today. $3042.13 balance. Curt 1st, Dennis 2nd. Renewals will be sent out here soon.
   e. Directors
      Dr Hazel Barton – not present
      Dennis Green – nothing to report
      Jonah Kidder – not present
      Kevin Lorms – nothing to report. "Hole" near Ohio Caverns, reached out to grotto to find out more info. They will be researching and excavating, blowing air and taking water.
   f. Communications Committee-Mike Hood – Facebook get limited posts, twitter does not get much at all. When googling "Ohio Caves" are we the 1st to pop up? Or how do we get heighten or have more items so we are found easier. We want to make sure people are getting accurate information. Will add more meta data
   g. Finance Committee-Gary Bush – see treasurers report. Would like to talk about where we will be keeping data once things start to be scanned in. AWS?
   h. Landowner Committee-Chad Waffen – not here yet, see below.
   i. OCS-ODNR Liaison-Adam Batson – lead from DNR in September from a sinkhole opening in highland County. Was a cave, now it's opened no complete darkness, at least 50 feet long and 20ft down, he is digging it out. Opened up in February. From DNR the land owner reported and it was immediately reported to OCS, landowner contacted in 2 days.
   j. Records Committee-Adam Batson
   k. Newsletter Editor-Brittany Parrick – not present
4. Old Business
   a. Cave Definitions – Cave: Adult Human can enter, but has complete darkness. Twilight: adult human can enter, cave no complete darkness, no direct sunlight. Rockshelter cave: human can enter, opening with no zone of darkness. Pit: greater vertical relief than horizontal. At least twice as deep as it is wide. Natural bridges and arches: see Tim's Snyder's book, must be 3 ft long by, 1 foot wide. Pass by unanimous.

b. Data Exchange – Adam has nothing to report. No contact in regard to this with Erin. New building, Hobbs data being moved to new building possibly this week, approximately 6 file cabinets full.

c. Database/Info Management – Gary: NSS moved to new server, AWS cloud server. Recommends we follow suit. It's very expensive but will look into the cost, etc for non-profit to use. They have full service databases available with appropriate security levels. Can tie into website if wanted (limited set). Douglas: recommends a GIS system, for the map component or location data.

d. PowerPoint Program – Gary: presenter goes through and becomes very familiar. It went well and was well received. Possibly record the script and play with the slide show, then be available to answer questions. Curt: script is not rigid, it needs to be adaptable from caver audience to geology students, to general public. Gary: is torn between having it documentary style vs being able to adapt it. Wants to make sure the OCS information is portrayed accurately. Frank: Need to be familiar, had multiple questions pop up through out. Feels documentary style may not work well. Gary was encouraged by members stating he did well and was not stammering. Kevin: is there points to both sides? The presentation should go with audience. Having a polished presentation may be beneficial for moments notice, etc. A good asset for OCS to have in "Back Pocket". Gary: Can be used for a 20 minute video for the casual observer in a variety of settings. Frank: What format should that be in? Gary: There are programs that can make this happen just not PowerPoint. Possibly a radio announcer? Nice speaking voice.

e. Landowner Outreach – Chad: See outreach document. Stated out position as the OCS as regards to landowners. Curt: moved to accept as presented. Gary 2nd . Unanimous consent to adopt 2 page outline as OSC position with landowners. Will be on website and will have on letterhead to be able to hand or email to landowner. Chad: If we go to conventions or large groups then make a pamphlet or the like but until then use PDF format. When building landowner section take pieces parts to create the page. PDF shared privately, but content on website, just not the Letter itself. Frank: Requests to know difference. Chad: The idea of what we do is available just not eh formal PDF itself. Fundamental idea is "if you a landowner this is what we can do for you" we can share information, people, support, research (if landowner agrees), etc. "What's my liability, can people go inside, what is this in my cave, etc". Adam: Information for the family on who we are, authenticity of visit. Legal codes for caves. Professional document for landowner, neighbors, etc. Established who we are more then just holding records. Gary: Will lay it out on letterhead once document is complete. Dennis: commends for putting together a well written document. Dynamic document, can we add a see this link for updates?

f. Ohio Cave Regions – Frank: see map that was sent out. Curt: moved to accept the way it is presented, Adam 2nd, unanimous consent. Names for regions: Any comments? Directions vs nicknames. Moving forward will be using directions to describe regions.

g. Info Request/FB Page/Internet Presence – See Mike report above. Frank: Should we make a formal request to all Ohio grottos to share any new and old information with OCS? Gary: Agreed. Adam: Use to help grow membership as well. Mike: Who keeps up database?

Between Sarah and Gary. Frank: Sarah to reach out to grottos, looking for members and requesting any and all, old and new cace information. We are the resportory for all cave information in the state. Curt: Cleveland, Gary: Cincinnati, Kevin: Columbus, Frank: Standing Stone, Ohio cavers and climbers. Dayton probably doesn't have a lot of data. Miami valley grotto? Sarah: Wittenberg university.

(Sarah got an EMS call and had to leave, Curt took over minutes see addendum)

5. New Business
   a. 2023 Elections