

# October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2001 Meeting Minutes

## NATIONAL CAVE MANAGEMENT SYMPOSIUM STEERING COMMITTEE

### Meeting

Tuesday, October 16, 2001

5:10pm

Inn Suites Hotel & Resort

Tucson, AZ

### MINUTES -- DRAFT

#### 1. Roll Call

##### Present:

Cheryl Jones	NSS
Jim Kennedy	BCI
Jim Goodbar	BLM
Ron Kerbo	NPS
Heather Garland	TNC
Jim Miller	USFS
Bob Currie	USF&WS

##### Not Present:

(George Huppert)	ACCA
Roger McClure	CRF
Rane Curl	KWI
Gary Berdeaux	NCA

##### Proxies Accepted:

Bob Currie	ACCA
Pat Kambesis	CRF
Mike Warner	KWI

B. Recognition of guests (see list at end)

#### II. Minutes of the June, 2001 meeting were approved

#### III. Reports

A. Cheryl Jones: Chairman's report

##### 1. NCKMS Logos

Designs submitted were determined to not possess all the desired features for a NCKMS logo. Kennedy moved: The search for a NCKMS logo will be widely announced again. The desired

specifications for designs include:

The logo should be...

1. Fairly simple and easily reproduced in a range of sizes and formats
2. Attractive when reproduced in color or in black and white
3. Easily recognizable

The logo should...

1. Speak to/represent cave and karst resources
2. Convey the concept of cave and karst management (we realize this is the most challenging of our requests)
3. Address both surface and subsurface resources
4. Incorporate the text: National Cave and Karst Management Symposium

Deadline for contributions will be March 1, 2002

Goodbar seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

## 2. Awards

Awarding certificates of appreciation will wait until we have a logo.

## 3. Past Proceedings on CD

This may be a project for the future, since each copy would have to be scanned. Beginning with the 2003 Symposium, Proceedings will be issued on CD as well as a hard copy.

## 4. Enhancing symposium attendance/marketing

Efforts should be made to increase symposium attendance by drawing in professionals who encounter, manage, or contend with cave and karst resource in their jobs.

-Al Krause will look into the possibility of the NCKMS linking with the state and federal agencies and organizations requiring symposium attendance for certification of professionals.

First step will be the EPA and Florida state certification of professionals linked to karst management.

-Al Krause will also focus on marketing the 2003 NCKMS through University, and hydrological organizations web sites. Information and links to the NCKMS sites will be provided to these organizations, and visa versa.

-The NCKMS Steering Committee should set up and maintain a web site.

-A list of contacts should be passed on from symposium to symposium, so that they may be sent information directly

## 5. 1999 NCKMS Proceedings Status

Tom Rea has taken over the job of Editor. His wife has been very sick, so the deadline of this symposium has been missed. Tom expects the Proceedings to be out early in the New Year.

## B. Jerry Trout: 2001 NCKMS

-Jerry Trout will provide a list of NCKMS organizational and management suggestions and ideas to the hosts of the 2003 Symposium, and to this committee.

-Attendance: 151 people are registered

-Pre-registration: 80-90 people

-The 2001 Proceedings will be dedicated to George Huppert.

### C. Death of a Friend

George Huppert, pioneer in cave and karst management and good friend to speleology, was killed in a car accident en route to the 2001 Symposium.

George was the ACCA representative on the NCKMS Steering Committee.

The Committee asked the Chairman to send a live plant and card from the committee to George's wife, Betty Wheeler.

(Cards were written to Betty Wheeler and to Dave Foster, Executive Director of ACCA, and signed by each member of the committee. Thanks to Mike Warner and Speleobooks for donating the cave scene note cards used. A flowering Christmas Cactus was sent to Betty Wheeler the week of the Symposium)

## IV. Old Business

### A. Selection of 2003 (and 2005) Symposium bid:

#### 1. National Park Service: Hawaii. Ron Kerbo

Interest by all necessary NPS officials in hosting the 2003 Symposium is not confirmed. The NPS may offer a bid at the 2002 Steering Committee meeting for hosting the 2005 Symposium

#### 2. NSS Cave Diving Section: Florida: Michael Poucher

Jim Goodbar moves: The bid by the NSS Cave Diving Section to host the 2003 Symposium is accepted.

Jim Miller seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

The event will be held Gainesville Florida. Date to be announced ASAP.

## V. New Business

### A. Scholarship Committee

1) Kerbo moves: A scholarship committee is created to review applications and select those to be awarded symposium scholarships, and manage the scholarship program.

Jim Goodbar seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

The Chairman selected members of the Scholarship Committee:

Jim Goodbar

Jim Kennedy

Jim Miller

Ron Kerbo

Bob Currie

2) Bob Currie moves: The NCKMS Scholarship Program will be named the George N. Huppert Scholarship Program.

Jim Kennedy seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

## **VI. Announcements**

A. Jim Kennedy briefed the Committee on the upcoming cave gating symposium. The Steering Committee is sponsoring the event, to be held March 4-6, 2003. Bob Currie thanked the Steering Committee for its support of the project.

B. Heather Garland, Tennessee chapter of The Nature Conservancy, is replacing Gabby Call as TNC representative on the Steering Committee.

## **VII. Future Meetings**

A. Tuesday, June 25, 2002

NSS Convention

Camden, Maine

## **VIII. Adjourn**

A. Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm.

## **GUESTS**

Sandy Trout	USFS - 2001 NCKMS Co-Chair
Brian Sokofsky	SUNY ESF
Jerry Trout	USFS - 2001 NCKMS Chair
Michael Poucher	NSS Cave Diving Section
Rebecca O'Sullivan	Escabrosa Grotto
Albert Krause	NSS Conservation Committee
Roberta Serface	NSS, NAG
Bruce Bowman	IN Karst Conservancy, NSS
David Ek	NPS
Doug Medville	NSS, Hawaii Speleological Survey
Jeff Bray	WV Cave Conservancy
Gabby Call	TNC of TN
Gary Moss	Project Underground, NSS
Hazel Medville	NSS
Lindsay McClelland	NPS
Mike Wiles	NPS
Joel Despain	NPS, SEKI
Tom Banis	NPS
Sue McCready	Escabrosa Grotto
John Roth	NPS - Oregon Caves
Elizabeth Miller	NSS
Rick Toomey	CRF, AZ State Parks
George Veni	NSS (add Texas Speleological Survey)