

M I N U T E S
1st QUARTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
January 10, 2009
Ginnie Springs Outdoors
HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA

Present:

- * Jeff Bauer - President, Instructor Director
- * Bert Wilcher – Treasurer, Director
- * Larry Green – Training Director, Instructor Director
- * Richard Dreher – Instructor Director

Absent:

- * Rick Murcar – Vice-President, Director
- * Tracy Grubbs – Director

* = Voting BOD Members QUORUM PRESENT

Debra Green - Operations Manager
Sean Denney – General Manager

Committee Chairs Present:

Journal – Jeff Bauer Publications – Debra Green
Safety – Richard Dreher Science Committee – Joel and Jacki Clark

Members Present:

Anthony Daly-Crews Elisha Gibson Corey Mearns

MEETING OPEN 6:00 PM

Approval of October 11, 2008 minutes - Approved.

Nominations/Appointments to BOD positions: (by-laws and procedures read by Jeff Bauer)

President – nomination for Jeff Bauer for President – Accepted – Approved – Unanimous
Vice-President – nomination for Rick Murcar for VP – Accepted – Approved – Unanimous
Treasurer – nomination for Bert Wilcher – Accepted – Approved – Unanimous
Appointment of Training Director – Larry Green - Accepted – Approved – Unanimous
Appointment of General Manager – Sean Denney – Accepted – Approved – Unanimous

President's Report – Jeff Bauer – present – Thanks to Cave Excursions East for providing snacks for the bod meeting. Congratulations to Dan Patterson and his wife – newly born son, Donovan Patterson. Congratulations to Wayne & Janet Kinard – newly married (today). Thanks to Richard Dreher for all the work he has done as Treasurer for the NACD, good job. Another thank you to Bert Wilcher for taking on this position. Richard Dreher will be removed from NACD BOA accounts.
Reminder of the NACD Facebook account. Everything running good and things are positive for the NACD.

Discussion of the Euro website – everything clarified.

Vice-President's Report – Rick Murcar – Everything running smoothly. Nothing new to report.

Treasurer's Report – Bert Wilcher – report submitted, attached. Report generated by Richard Dreher. Financial status remains healthy. BOA General Fund - \$11,260.07, Sust. Cave Contributor Fund - \$14,829.56, Cert Deposit from Judy Bauer - \$10,636.94, Primerica Financial Account - \$29,914.00, Procter and Gamble - \$3,360.00, Total assets not including inventory - \$70,000.57.
Bert Wilcher will look into transfer of the Judy Bauer CD to another account.

Training Director's Report – Larry Green

Certification totals for 4th Quarter, 2008:

Total 166. Full – 49, Apprentice –15, Intro to Cave – 19, Double Cylinder/Intro to Cave – 10, Cavern – 51, Specialties -22.

NACD US IEC dates: Nov 10/11 – Cavern / Intro to Cave ----- Nov 12/13 – Full Cave

NACD Mexico IEC dates: August 3rd/4th - Cavern / Intro to Cave -----August 5th/6th – Full Cave

August 7th – Mexico Membership/Candidate Graduation Party

NACD 2nd Annual Rebreather Summit – November 16, 2008 at Camp Kalaqua where the NACD held their 1st Seminar 40 years ago.

Thanks to Jeff Bauer for his work on the NACD Workbook revisions. We have given the workbook a new look for 2009. The workbook is continuing to evolve.

NACD New Instructors from workshop –

Cavern / Intro - Don Syme, Jacksonville

Full Cave – Robert Klein, Poland and Andrey Chistyakov – Russia

Proud to present Johnny Richards the 2008 Instructor of the Year Award at the annual seminar.

Operations Manager – Debra Green – Busy quarter. Everything running smooth.

Halloween Costume Contest - Thanks to Scott Butsch and Corby for cranking out some great music for the party. We saw a lot of funny, scary costumes, thank to everyone who participated.

We closed 888-565-NACD account.

2009 41st Annual World Seminar – scheduled Nov 21, 2009 at Clarion Hotel, Gainesville FL.

Cave Bear traveling schedule reviewed.

General Manager – Sean Denney – The third journal archive is in the process of being scanned. The redesign of the nacd catalog is coming along.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee Coordinator – Tracy Grubbs

Accident Advisory – J. Bozanic – nothing new to report.

Conservation – Jason Ottinger – report submitted.

As of the end of December 2008, there are over 100 approved divers and Wakulla Springs park has had approximately 130 dive reservations made between April 2007 and December 2008. Conditions at Emerald have not favorable to diving since Tropical Storm Fay wreaked havoc on Tallahassee back in September 2008. There have been no dive reservations since the storm.

Camp Indian Springs also experienced the effects of T.S. Fay. Guided diving there was delayed until the first of November 2008 due to the zero visibility in the systems. As of just recently visibility reports have been 20 to 30 feet in the basin to the first 500ft. after which visibility improves to 40 to 50 ft in either system T.S. Fay also managed to blow our NACD Stop Sign away with the excessive reverse flow in the systems during that time. Arrangements will need to be made within the next couple of months to get the sign replaced with the new sign in a concrete base to be placed in the cavern by a team of qualified divers.

The NACD is still in search for a NACD cave site. According to Debra Green, our Operations Manager, I am happy to report that we have currently raised through the Sustaining Cave Program an approximate total of \$15,000 toward purchasing a cave site. I hope to continue this great progress and again a big thank you to all those who have contributed.

Equipment & Technology – Marius Clore – report submitted. Prescription mask article in the works.

Exploration & Survey – Alex Warren – absent, report submitted. There is very little to report. Last fiscal year we had no one apply for funds. Discussion of 501C3 and not for profit organizations.

Journal - Jeff Bauer – Always welcome new articles and pictures for the journal. Deadline: February 15, 2009 for journal submissions for the 1st Q, 2009 issue.

Membership & Nominating – Rick Murcar – Membership total is 1011.

Public Relations – Craig Walters – Planning of the newest NACD event – Spring into Safe Cave Diving Day. The Halloween Event was a success.

Publications – Debra Green - NACD Store running smoothly. New items – Articles and Opinions Book - \$43.00 retail. Re-do of the NACD Store at Cave East, thanks to Elisha Gibson for her work with the new look.

Safety Officer – R. Dreher III – 3,000’ of line and 2 stop signs given to NACD safety officer “Skip” Kendrick for installation in TN. 40 Fathom stop sign project in the works also. New dive regulations at Ginnie Springs, not scootering past Hinkel, etc. 2 divers perished at Waynes World, very unfortunate accident.

Science – Donald Kendrick – Jackie and Joel Clark have taken over Water Quality Testing, which involves maintaining the supplies in the test kit, conducting regular water quality tests on selected Florida Springs/Caves, and conducting Training Workshops in Water Quality Testing for the NACD.

I have contacted the American Association for Underwater Science (AAUS) and am in progress of becoming a member as a first step in the process of forming an association between the NACD and the AAUS (perhaps the NACD can become an organizational member). As part of this effort, I plan to attend the upcoming AAUS conference and present a paper on the NACD's efforts and plans for Water Quality Testing. The conference is March 13 and 14, 2009.

Other Science Committee activities include a continuation of projects from the last report: Documenting cave life in Cannonball Cave, Missouri, completing the report of the survey on attitudes regarding solo diving, completing a report on a survey of personality traits of cave divers, assessment of the distribution of the Southern Cavefish, consultations with local biologists and geologists concerning fossilized remains of Woolly Mammoths and Mastodons discovered in a local (TN) submerged cave (and other potentially new living species and bacteria).

I would also like to conduct Training Workshops (perhaps in conjunction with established NACD workshops/meetings/socials) on how to collect scientific data from the cave environment - especially accurate critter counts. I am in discussions with several cave biologists (dry and submerged cavers) on the best protocols. My vision is that NACD member volunteers would be trained in teams of two or more, and then these volunteers would conduct regular critter counts at selected sites. With several trained teams of divers, the biological data collected could become quite impressive, making the NACD one of the top contributors to knowledge of cave biology.

Webmaster – Shirley Kasser –

All is well in the digital world of the NACD website.

Site Statistics as of 01/09/09

Summary by Month										
Month	Daily Avg				Monthly Totals					
	Hits	Files	Pages	Visits	Sites	KBytes	Visits	Pages	Files	Hits
Jan 2009	5589	4464	596	195	1306	975894	1757	5371	40177	50303
Dec 2008	5035	3988	572	201	3376	3471109	6238	17741	123651	156091
Nov 2008	7495	5814	758	268	4465	5098282	8048	22756	174442	224874
Oct 2008	5501	4325	689	226	3988	3813770	7015	21367	134078	170540

Additional statistics are available, ad nauseam, so feel free to contact me for me information. Suggestions, requests, and content are welcome and appreciated. On second thought: suggestions, requests, and content are requested! This is your website and sharing your thoughts on how to make it better is the best way to help it improve.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Tank to Bank Program – Scrap aluminum cylinders \$20 per cylinder, the intent is to get the old cylinders out of the community, safety concerns. Thanks to Tracy Grubbs for creating the flyer and implementing this program with the NACD.

NEW BUSINESS:

Man of the Sea Museum – Under new management. NACD will have a section in the museum. Green and Bauer attended Dec 23, 2009 and met with management for discussion.

The next quarterly meeting of the NACD BOD will be on Saturday, April 11, 2009, at Ginnie Springs Outdoors, 6 PM.

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