

Kentucky Speleological Survey



July 10, 2008

Meeting Notices

July Meeting

Please plan to attend the July 20, 2008 KSS meeting. The meeting is at Great Salt Peter Cave Preserve at 10 AM (Sunday) in the shelter. The meeting is in conjunction with Karst-O-Rama, which starts July 18th. Please visit the Karst-O-Rama WEB site for more information.

<http://www.karstorama.com/>

Cost to attend Karst-O-Rama is \$28. Preregistration is closed but you may download a registration form from the KOR WEB site. No cost to attend the KSS meeting only.

October Meeting

The fall KSS meeting will be at the CRF Facility at Hamilton Valley near Mammoth Cave National Park, KY, on Saturday October 25, 2008, 10 am local time. After lunch at the hotel there will be an area surface karst tour. Please plan to attend.

April Minutes

Kentucky Speleological Survey Meeting

By Shari Forsythe

April 26, 2008

Kentucky Geologic Survey Mines and Minerals Building
Lexington, Kentucky

The meeting was called to order at 10 am by the President, Bill Walden. There were seven members present, including Lou Simpson. The secretary was not there so Shari Forsythe volunteered to record the minutes. Both members-at-large were present- John Cassidy and Don Conover.

The old minutes were read and approved.

Jim Currens gave a detailed treasurer's report. At the end of March the KSS had a balance of \$1,756.21. A small error was pointed out in the reconciliation with the bank statement. Jim has been working on our tax-exempt status. Instead of being a "private foundation," the KSS will be a "public charity." We are exempt from income tax. We now have temporary exempt status and expect to receive permanent status soon. We have info on reporting new hires and reporting and filing employee wages. (This is not a problem with the KSS as we are a volunteer group).

Preston Forsythe suggested that donations please be given to Bill Walden for the flowers for Lee Florea's father's funeral.

Jim said that Randy Paylor is still having some issues with the database. The external hard drive needs a new box. Vista is problematic. We have a copy of XP that we should probably install. Randy received a free upgrade to the database software, which he is plugging away with hoping to have it online in the future.

At the end of the month there will be a state speleological survey meeting ~~soon~~ at Bristol, TN (?). Jim and Randy may go.

New Business: Jim handed out a draft of changes to the bylaws concerning fees for a data request. There was some discussion about fees for a data request. Should this be refunded if the request is denied-and, people thought we should return the fee. This was the only recommended change. We will vote on this at the next meeting. Other discussion was about discount rates for multiple year membership payments and organizational membership rates.

Hilary Lambert filed a data request in February for biological data on aquatic troglobites in Barren

County. This information will be used in protecting karst areas in the Mammoth Cave area.

Bill Walden talked about a KSS newsletter. He is shooting for four times a year. This should help attendance. The on line copy will have color photos. Lou said he likes a print version even if photos were in black and white. Issues would contain items as articles, agendas, minutes, bios on people who have submitted data, and projects (who is doing what and where). Maybe we can at least start with two issues a year, including an annual report. [Please submit material for publication to Bill!]

A short discussion was conducted on what we would do if we ever lost our current office space. This is not a short-term worry.

The next meeting will be at Karst-O-Rama, July 20, 10 am. The fall meeting will be October 25, 10 am, at the Cave Research Foundation facility at Hamilton Valley.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40.

Paper Caving Sessions

Tentatively scheduled for 10 AM Saturday, August 23rd at the Mining and Minerals Resources Building 500 Rose St., Lexington, KY 40506-0107. Contact Jim Currens for information.

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About this newsletter

I would like to publish 3 short newsletters before each KSS meeting and one full newsletter each year so that KSS members receive the newsletter a week or two before each meeting. Please submit suggestions, articles, photos, cave maps, and any relevant information to Bill Walden. I need member support to produce a newsletter.

If there are any errors in the members list above, please send corrections to Jim Currens.

At the July meeting we will vote on proposed bylaw revisions. Please visit the KSS WEB site to read the proposed revisions. <http://www.ksscaves.org/> [Proposed Revisions to Bylaws](#)

Hope to see you at the July meeting.

Thank you,
Bill Walden

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