

CCH Annual Meeting Notes, April 2016

The Cave Conservancy of Hawaii held its annual meeting on February first. The big news since then is that the CCH has closed on a new property with passage and an entrance into the Kanohina Cave system. This new property integrates with several other nearby properties and improves the overall conservation effort in the Kanohina system. Right now we are still \$27K in debt. The sooner we can pay this one off, the sooner we will be able to start working on another acquisition. Checks or Money Orders payable to the Cave Conservancy of Hawai'i are most welcome.

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For those of you who were unable to attend our annual meeting here are the highlights:

CAVE CONSERVANCY OF HAWAI'I ANNUAL MEETING

February 1, 2016

Our annual meeting at 11:00 with all directors present, either in person or via cell phone.

Attending: Steve Lewis, Rachael Myron, Asa Aue, Don and Barb Coons, Tomislav Gracanin, Veda Hackell, Kenneth Ingham, Dianna Northup, Peter and Ann Bosted, Emily Davis, Mike Warner, Steve Smith, Jack Vose, Fred and Debbie Stone, John Wilson, Pat Zura, Daniel Chailloux, Arnoud Garlan, Rose Herrera, Ric Elhard, Phil and Geraldine Collett.

A few notes from the meeting this year:

Year end funds.....\$4,734.00

New loan for current property purchase...\$30,000.00

Director Elections:

Mike Warner reports two openings filled by election: Peter Bosted and Fred Stone. (3 yr term)

Motion to appoint Iolani Kauhane to the board by Tomislav, seconded by Steve Lewis and approved.

Current directors: Steve Smith, Steve Lewis, Tomislav Gracanin, Peter Bosted, Kenneth Ingham, Asa Aue, Fred Stone, Iolani Kauhane.

Elect officers for 2016:

Directors met in open meeting to appoint officers. Motion by Steve Lewis to appoint current officers for another year was seconded by Steve Smith and approved.

Don Coons president
Mike Warner V.P.
Barb Coons treasurer
Ric Elhard Sec.

Choose Proxy for KKVECA Annual Meeting:

Veda Hackell was appointed proxy vote for the KKVECA annual meeting.

Membership:

Emily Davis reports . \$400.00 in dues was collected at the meeting. Current members are 40, the organization has an average of 50-60 members. Membership is often up after NSS convention and the current Vulcanospeleo Symposium will probably add a few members and donations. \$3000.00 in donations from Symposium attendants.

OLD BUSINESS

Thanks to Iolani Kauhane for his excellent work in representing our organization before the Legacy Lands Committee in Honolulu. It was reported that Iolani felt that the presentation was well received but also he felt somewhat in the hot spot as he was unfamiliar with some of the history of the organization being only recently involved.

It was suggested that in the future it would be appropriate to include a longer standing member to field questions.

Books of Past Actions:

Ric reports that a book of past motions and actions of the organization is compiled and available. Also available is a file with cave and science reports as well hard file and digital documents mostly complete since the beginning of the org.

Compile a list of existing committees, define their projects, and review members and chair persons.

Current committees:

Peter Bosted reports that several routes are established in Kanohina System. Some of them will be used for the symposium.

Kenneth Ingham reports that no review has been made for kiosk verbage review.

Don reports continuing efforts for invasive species eradication.

Ole's puka ...this cave has been good for the last year with little or no trash reported.

Purchase of Sea Reef Cave:

Sea Reef cave was purchased in 2015 facilitated by the Bosteds. This was a 5000.00 purchase. A cleanup of this cave was undertaken by several of the CCH members. Over 700 tires were deposited at the dump. This is part of an effort to not only clean the cave but to help in the suppression of Dengue fever outbreak on the big island. Sea Reef is at the 4000 foot elevation in HOVE.

Update on safe deposit box:

It is generally agreed that the documents in the safe deposit box should be copied or scanned to have back-up copies. Ann Bosted was appointed as committee chair for this project. The safe deposit box contains all original deeds for CCH properties. New deeds need to be added to the box.

Discussion regarding fees on CCH properties ie; road , association and tax fees.

Combining lots is an option although survey and documentation fees might be prohibitive.

Paying one fee for Hove road dues might be a possibility. As CCH acquires more property fees and dues will become a larger proportion of annual expenses.

Management Plan for the Kanohina System:

The current management plan(2002) for Kanohina Caves was initiated early in the organization of CCH. It has a general scope for cave management. As the CCH acquires more caves it will be important to have cave specific plans and stewards for individual caves some of which are not directly connected to the main Kanohina System. This project is a task that needs input from all directors and all directors are encouraged to draft plans to submit to the board for review and implementation. John Wilson agreed to review and suggest additions or changes to the current plan.

Ad Hoc for caves:

Texbook Tunnell/Sea Reef Cave... Tomislav
Vose entrance...Ric, Rose And J Wilson.
Other properties...Keone's Rancho lots. Ole's Puka

18 Annual NSS Roundtable at Convention 2016:

John Wilson agreed to represent CCH at NSS Convention roundtable.

Open Lands project currently underway by the County of Hawai`i:

Fred Stone reports positive feed-back from the County regarding a potential for CCH to become involved in management of caves on a parcel currently being purchased by the County. This parcel is connected to parcels owned by CCH and has caves directly related to the Kanohina System. Fred suggests that documentation continues regarding these resources continue. As well potential management programs be discussed and generated so that when the time is appropriate we can petition the county to become involved in steward ship of the cave resources. There are limited funds for specific spending for properties acquired by the County for Open Land Purchase.