

**72nd SCCi Board Meeting
June 14, 2008
John T. Dolberry Tumbling Rock Preserve
Scottsboro, AL**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The 72nd meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Cave Conservancy, Inc. (SCCi) was held on June 14, 2008 at the John T. Dolberry Tumbling Rock Preserve in Scottsboro, AL. These minutes, when accompanied by the corrections or additions approved by the Board, constitute the official record of the meeting.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Brian Krebs called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. Central Time.

Present at roll call were: Brian Krebs (Chair), Buddy Lane (Treasurer), Ron Miller (Secretary), Kris Green, Roger Haley, Mark Joop, Bill Overton, Bill Putnam, and Bill Stringfellow. Also present: ex-officio member, Jay Clark, general counsel.

Quorum: Present

Absent: John Hickman

Guests:

See Attachment A for Agenda.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING

(M) Stringfellow moved that the minutes of the February 9, 2008 open portion of the meeting be approved with the addition of the Tumbling Rock property management report. Overton seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

3. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

Secretary Miller reported that during the closed session the board authorized the purchase of a cave in Alabama. Details will be announced at the annual meeting. The board also authorized the expenditure of up to \$2,500 to re-survey the boundaries of the Frenchman Knob parcel.

4. OFFICER'S REPORTS

Chair: Brian Krebs

Appointments

None

Correspondence/Permits

During the last quarter I worked with the NCRC exercising our agreement to allow the use of the SCCi preserves.

I had email correspondence with the TNC regarding Bigroom Cave. The property is for sale. I asked Corey with the TNC if there was any interest in the TNC partnering on the purchase of the property. Corey stated that the budget for this year was gone but if we wanted to look into further help with the purchase in 2009 that we could talk about it at a later date.

I spoke with the Tilly Family about the Fox Mt. issue and have achieved no results as of this report.

Meetings

I had a good meeting with our consultant with regard to the Wolf River quarry issue. Very little progress has been made since that meeting with regard to this issue.

Other information

This quarter again I was able to get some equipment donated for the day to work on the fencing project at Snail Shell. This equipment was donated by Tennessee Contractor Supply in Nashville.

Secretary: Ron Miller

Actions taken between meetings

There have been seven actions since the February 2008 meeting:

- 1) Board motion to temporarily close Lobelia Saltpeter Cave.

On February 11, 2008, Bill Stringfellow moved that "Lobelia Saltpeter Cave Preserve in West Virginia be closed to all visitation, with the exception of approved researchers, until further notice." Bill Overton seconded the same day. Chair Brian Krebs issued a call for votes on March 10, 2008.

Ayes: Krebs, Lane, Putnam, Stringfellow
Nays: Green, Haley, Hickman, Joop, Overton
Abstentions: None
Not heard from: None

The motion failed on March 14, 2008.

- 2) Board motion to renew Sinking Cove lease.

On March 18, 2008, Buddy Lane moved "to continue the Sinking Cove lease for four additional years (2012), for a total one-time cost of \$13,500.00." Mark Joop seconded the same day. Chair Brian Krebs issued a call for votes on March 23, 2008.

Ayes: Green, Haley, Hickman, Krebs, Lane, Overton, Putnam, Stringfellow
Nays: None
Abstentions: Joop
Not heard from: None

The motion passed on March 23, 2008.

- 3) Board motion to purchase an advertisement in the NSS Members Manual.

On March 19, 2008, Buddy Lane moved that SCCi purchase a full page, color, back cover ad on the NSS Members Manual, at a cost of \$600.00. Roger Haley seconded the same day. Chair Brian Krebs issued a call for votes on March 20, 2008.

Ayes: Green, Haley, Hickman, Joop, Krebs, Lane, Overton, Putnam, Stringfellow

Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Not heard from: None

The motion passed on March 20, 2008.

4) Board motion to implement new Sinking Cove management plan.

On March 27, 2008, Buddy Lane moved that the "1 April 2008 version of the Sinking Cove management plan be implemented." (see Attachment B for the management plan). Brian Krebs seconded the same day. Chair Brian Krebs issued a call for votes on March 27, 2008.

Ayes: Green, Haley, Hickman, Joop, Krebs, Lane, Overton, Putnam, Stringfellow
Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Not heard from: None

The motion passed on March 27, 2008.

5) Board motion to fund cookout at Tumbling Rock with 2008 annual meeting.

On April 8, 2008, Bill Stringfellow moved that the SCCi allocate \$500 to cover the costs of a cookout to be held in conjunction with the annual members meeting on June 14th at the Tumbling Rock Cave Preserve. Bill Putnam seconded the same day. Chair Brian Krebs issued a call for votes on April 16, 2008.

Ayes: Green, Haley, Hickman, Krebs, Lane, Overton, Putnam, Stringfellow
Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Not heard from: Joop

The motion passed on April 17, 2008.

6) Board straw poll to hold June 2008 quarterly meetings at Tumbling Rock.

On April 17, 2008, chair Brian Krebs issued a straw poll, requesting that directors respond with a "yes" or "no" regarding the question of whether SCCi should hold the June 14, 2008 open and closed business meetings at Tumbling Rock Cave Preserve.

Yes: Green, Haley, Hickman, Joop, Lane, Overton, Putnam, Stringfellow
No: Krebs
Abstentions: None
Not heard from: None

The straw poll received "yes" responses from a majority of the directors on April 18, 2008.

7) Executive committee motion to authorize purchase of a new SCCi banner.

On May 16, 2008, chair Brian Krebs moved to authorize Bill Overton to spend \$174.00 on a new banner for the booth to be used at events, to be purchased at APlus digital in Nashville.

Ayes: Krebs, Lane, Miller
Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Not heard from: None

The motion passed on May 17, 2008.

Other.

- Reviewed and emailed February 2008 open minutes for approval; printed draft copies for distribution at June 2008 meeting.
- Prepared quarterly reports for June 2008 meeting.
- Prepared annual report for June 2008 meeting.
- Prepared bio for Bill Birdsall for inclusion on the JV Award Page of the web site.

Treasurer: Buddy Lane

Treasurer's report is included as Attachment C.

(M) Green moved that the board approve the officers' reports. Overton seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

5. COMMITTEE AND PROJECT REPORTS

Acquisitions: Bill Putnam.

Sinking Cove Lease Renewal

We renewed the Sinking Cove lease on March 27, 2008, for four years at a discounted price of \$13,500. By doing so, we saved \$4,500. Buddy and I have been working to solicit targeted donations to support the lease cost.

Active Wear: Brian Krebs, Chair

No report submitted.

Booth and Maps: Kris Green

Booth

Our large booth is in good shape for the NSS convention. Buddy reports that one of the lighting fixtures has a cracked lens that needs replacement. He said he'll contact Kenneth Huffines for the replacement. There's been discussion about getting newer folding tables as the existing ones (10+ years old) are beginning to fail. I'll get Brian to place folding tables on the agenda.

I really have little knowledge regarding the "mini-booth" and its contents, other than it was conceived of and developed by Roger Haley and Bill Overton. It's been used at the 2008 Kentucky Speleofest and the 2008 SERA. I understand some minor damage occurred to the pop-up at the SERA.

Maps

The maps created in AutoCAD were electronically updated 2/14/08. They are posted on the SCCi website under each respective preserve. Roger has provided software to update those maps created in Adobe Illustrator. I'm struggling with the software but expect to have all the maps (except Wolf River) electronically updated before the 2008 NSS Convention. Printing and laminating fresh versions is estimated to cost \$650. I recommend that we forgo this expense for the convention. The Wolf River map is still being digitized. Once that's completed, the donor names have to be added. I anticipate having Wolf River up to date by the 2008 TAG Fall Cave-In.

Elections Committee: Kris Green

The Committee is poised to conduct the 2008 election per the calendar established at the February BOD meeting. Ron Miller has agreed to serve on the committee. A draft ballot has been prepared and awaits the platforms of the candidates. The Teller of the Elections, Larry Eddleman, CPA, will be confirmed prior to final ballot preparation.

To meet the election calendar, the membership list (consisting of the members of record and in good standing as of the end of the June 14, 2008 annual meeting need to be available to Kick-Off no later than August 10, 2008. Treasurer Buddy Lane compiles the mailing list and transmits it to Kick-Off. As a reminder, nominations for the expiring three director terms open at the end of the annual meeting. Nominations close July 15, which is 30 days after the conclusion of the annual meeting. The candidates' written platforms must be received by the committee chair no later than 11:00 pm Monday July 15. The committee chair expects the 2008 election to run smoothly.

Fall Creek Falls Liaison: Buddy Lane.

No report submitted.

Fundraising and Marketing: Roger Haley

With the efforts of Bill Overton and Jody Bailey, the Mini Booth is a reality. It was used at Speleofest and SERA / VAR, and consists of the following items:

- Three good durable folding plastic tables. These are variable-height tables which can be used in a lot of different configurations.
- XP laptop with case.
- Folding projector screen (same one we had at TAG).
- 800 x 600 computer projector.
- LCD monitors, two of which have built-in speakers.
- The Light-Bright Display we had at TAG, with the software for it loaded on the laptop so it can be changed "on the fly" at events. It would be nice to have a second one of these.
- Two folding-director chairs with the SCCi logo printed on the back.
- Signage and displays. This includes both "static" and IT based media. Bill O. is working toward the production of an initial piece for this, and PowerPoint can be utilized with the laptop to produce "on the fly" unique communication for each event.
- Hand out cards.
- Megaphone.

What we still need:

- Easy to set up and use compact lighting power cords and outlets.
- Clamps and bungies.
- Some compact system for packing such as plastic tubs.
- Sound system.

Other ideas?

Marketing and Fundraising

- a) Previously successful methods are becoming less effective
- b) More publicity
 - i) Run an ad in every regional event guidebook this year (Haley, Putnam, Krebs)
 - ii) Hand out cards at events, meetings, trips. Cards will be two-sided, for general distribution, and will have the web site and contact information
 - (1) Logo and other information on one side

- (2) Valhalla image ad on the second side
 - (3) info@scci.org and web site URL on both sides
 - (4) Make contacts page most prominent link on main page
 - (5) Info@scci.org should go to all directors
 - (6) Quantity approximately 5K depending upon price break
 - (7) Send photos to Joop—he will design card
- c) Need to consider new methods of fundraising and sources of funding
- i) CALL-A-THON with “hostage” (Haley)
 - ii) Marion-in-the-Pit campaign via TAG Net
 - iii) Mass mailing to SCCi members and/or Southeastern region of the NSS membership (Krebs, Lane, Putnam)
 - (1) Valhalla Society
 - (2) Membership drive
 - (3) End of year donation
 - iv) Web based donations and fundraising initiatives (email campaign?) (Krebs, Stringfellow)
- d) Which events should we go to for marketing/fundraising in 2008?
- i) TAG—full booth (All)
 - ii) SERA/VAR—full booth (All)
 - iii) Convention (Florida)—indoor booth (Stringfellow)
 - iv) OTR—mini-booth (Joop)
 - v) Karst-O-Rama—mini-booth (Haley)
 - vi) Speleofest—mini-booth, FKP open house, beer (Putnam, Overton, Joop)
 - vii) Florida Cave Cavort—mini-booth (Stringfellow)
- e) 2009 events
- i) Convention and International Congress
 - ii) TAG
 - iii) SERA
 - iv) Speleofest
 - v) Karst-O-Rama

We need to take a LONG HARD look at how we fundraise! With the decreasing attendance at caver events we can no longer rely on good fundraising. We must shift our fund raising focus to the following:

- Increase in sustaining members.
- A website that supports “e-fundraising” THIS NEEDS TO BE SOLVED!
- Once the above is accomplished, we can advertise outside of the caving community.
- Valhalla program promotion.
- Grants.
- Others?

A big thanks to Sabrina and Ron for their efforts on producing a “professional” ad that will be in the NSS Members Manual.

Fundraising Committees

Limrock Fundraising Committee – Carol Hawkins, Chair.

No report submitted.

Snail Shell Cave Fundraising Committee—Carol Cady Lavender, Chair

No report submitted.

Valhalla Fundraising Committee—Brian Krebs, Chair

During the past quarter there were no sales of the Valhalla preserve pieces. It is my recommendation that this program be terminated and the remaining t-shirts be sold off at \$10.00 each.

Wolf River Cave Fundraising Committee—Mark Joop, Chair

The Wolf River Fund has not received any donations this quarter.

Grant Writing Committee: Mark Joop

The Grant Writing Committee is in the process of writing a grant proposal to the World Wildlife Fund for monies to help cover the expenses of a long-term stream quality sampling project in Wolf River Cave. We missed the April 22, 2008 deadline due to not having all the bid proposals (e.g., lab costs), but we intend to get the grant proposal in by the October deadline.

Newsletter: Ron Miller

Louis Towles has agreed to assist me in preparing an electronic newsletter. We may begin by working with Brian Krebs to create a simple newsletter using quarterly meeting minutes.

Web Site: Bill Stringfellow

Updates to the SCCi website continue on an as needed basis by members of the website committee. Ron Miller has been very helpful in pointing out errors on the web pages. These are corrected as soon as possible.

I have begun work, at Bill Putnam's suggestion, to replace the current mail links with a mail form so actual email addresses on the website can be removed. This will prevent the addresses from being harvested for nefarious purposes. It may also help eliminate some of the spam people receive through the website.

Sustaining Contributor Program: Bill Stringfellow

Current Status	Currently working to compile the list of Sustaining Contributors who are owed premiums. They are owed a Polo Shirt, Fleece Vest, or the next new item. I have a sample of a possible new premium to show at the meeting. The majority of the donors owed premiums will get this new item.
Recent Activities	Since the last meeting I mailed out 11 T-shirts to Sustaining Members. I also mailed out 37 letters to Sustaining Contributors whose donations stopped processing. A file of unprocessed transactions from TAG was recently discovered. Most of the transactions have been processed and the remainder will be processed by the end of the month.
Concerns	There continue to be a number of donors who cards are lost or stolen each month. This creates additional paperwork to notify them and to get new card information but only about 15% actually send new card information. People continue to sign up as Sustaining Contributors each month but the number of new members is offset by the number of donors that drop out. Also, there is one donor whose donations will not automatically process each month. They will go through if manually entered but doing that is not a good long term solution. With the change of credit card processors perhaps the reason for this problem can be tracked down.

Southeastern Cave Conservancy Credit Card Donations Monthly Summary April 2008				
Summary	Amounts	Donations	#	Average
Sustaining on 10th	\$ 976.67	67		\$ 14.58
Sustaining on 20th	\$ 1,894.50	101		\$ 18.76
Sustaining on 29th	\$ 2,427.00	115		\$ 21.10
Sustaining Quarterly	\$ 1,098.00	36		\$ 30.29
Donations	\$ 10.00	1		\$ 10.00
Other Sustainers	\$ 115.00	11		\$ 10.45
Total Sustaining	\$ 6,521.17	321		\$ 19.70
Dues	\$ 45.00	3		
Other				
Monthly Total	\$ 6,566.17			

Southeastern Cave Conservancy Sustaining Contribution Recap Fiscal Yearly Summary (through April 2008)		
Fiscal Year	Total Contributions	Average # Monthly Contributors
2008	\$ 69,081.82	278
2007	\$ 62,436.00	281
2006	\$ 57,013.50	266
2005	\$ 56,054.00	261
2004	\$ 55,624.30	268
2003	\$ 51,987.46	248
2002	\$ 43,984.13	210
2001	\$ 42,721.29	203
2000	\$ 42,561.78	200
1999	\$ 38,678.93	183
1998*	\$ 11,067.47	150

* partial year

Projected credit card Sustaining income for FY 08 is: **\$ 69,081.82**

Stewardship Coordinator: Bill Overton

Speleofest Report - Bill Overton

The folks sponsoring the event were thrilled to have the Conservancy there; we were asked to return next year. I placed an ad in the guidebook that I will bring to the board meeting; we have the full inside cover in color and looked good to anyone who reads the book. I usually don't read the guidebook until after the event is over so anyone looking can not miss us.

We arrived Friday night late and set up the tent and banners before going to bed at 3:00 AM, woke at 7:00 AM to the chatter of people at the "munchie stand" and the smell of coffee and went to work. Mark hung with me all weekend except to leave for food and an occasional break. Diane (property manager) helped all weekend and was at the booth unless she was leading a trip. My wife was exposed to her first cave event and did great, with less sleep than she would have preferred and more attention than she wanted; she was a champ and hung with me the entire time. We had a good location between the vendor's row and the pavilion called "Cave Central", which was the central location for all the cave trips and door prizes, announcement, and the banquet dinner. We were visible by anyone walking or driving to and from the area. At night the fire backlit the booth and the signs were the only thing visible from the vendor area. We had people at the booth until 2:30 AM Friday night, 3:00 AM Saturday night and until we closed the booth on Sunday evening. People loved the pit and cave and were very interested in helping with it in some way.

The patrons going to Speleofest were from primarily northern states: Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Kentucky. Lots had never heard of us but were very impressed by our list of caves on one of the new banners we made. I could have sold the directors chairs for \$150.00 each, and almost did. We sold several tee shirts for Frenchman Knob and the property managers led several trips to the preserve. I have not totaled the sales but we did sign up some new members and one sustainer for \$30.00 per month. Our booth was never full like at TAG, but there were always people in the booth. We handed out lots of pamphlets and answered even more questions. I spoke to the people with ACCA and they commented on how professional our booth looked and how well we were received.

We had a computer program with over 350 slides running all day and night for folks to stop and look at, and it got lots of attention. I am still in need of more pictures but the slide show includes many of our preserves and is very impressive to sit and watch. That, with the new banner listing our caves and preserves, makes for an attention getter and a great way to start off a conversation about our Conservancy and why someone should join us. Buddy provided a 22 inch screen monitor for the weekend and most were amazed by the quality of the pictures, display and content of the show. With low lighting and no other competition, we had the market cornered and delivered a powerful message, and the people there were very receptive to the conservation and helping message.

We gave several shirts for the door prizes and some one-year membership certificates as well. They gave prizes both Saturday and Sunday nights, and both nights the winners came to the booth directly after the drawings to fill out the forms.

We did not make a lot of money but we did make a strong first impression. I think we met most of the 300 patrons. I gave away almost 10 gallons of beer, was invited to a wine tasting at a campsite late Saturday and was on a first name basis with everyone by the end of the event.

Mini Booth - Roger Haley, Chair; report by Bill Overton

I offered to assist Roger in the completion of his designed mini-booth in February. Since that time the booth has been completed and has been used at two events. The booth will fit into a small truck or SUV and includes:

- One 10x10-foot tent, with four side walls;
- Two six-foot folding tables;
- Two 36x84-inch SCCi logo banners;
- One 30x72-inch vertical promotional display of our properties, preserves and caves;
- One laptop computer with a wide screen monitor for running a looping slideshow of our preserves and caves; and

- Two 30-inch directors chairs with the SCCi logo embroidered across the back.

I want to thank Roger Haley for his vision and work on this project and hope we will get years of use out of the new mini-booth.

Promotional DVD - Bill Overton

I have started working on three different versions of a promotional DVD for distribution to different venues: a long version for display at events such as SERA, Speleofest, Karst-O-Rama, and the TAG Fall Cave In; a shorter one for use in talks about the Conservancy to interested groups, outdoor clubs and general educational use; and a short version for use in Grotto programs. Each version will use similar layouts but will focus on different goals, promotion, education, and entertainment; all will offer information on how to join or make a donation at the conclusion of the program. Currently I have a working version using PowerPoint that runs in a loop for approximately 30 minutes but the final product will offer both computer and DVD capabilities.

I am still collecting photographs with permission to use them but hope to have enough for a completed version by mid-fall. Anyone wanting to offer photos can snail mail CDs of them to me directly or email them in smaller lots - preferably fewer than 2 megabytes (MB) per email.

Research Requests

There have been three research permit requests this quarter. All were recommended to be approved.

Fricks Cave

In April, Craig Manning with the Centers for Disease Control out of Atlanta wanted to do experimental video work on bat flight in the states before going to Africa for research work. The request was approved and E. T. Davis was appointed the representative for the Conservancy. I have not received a copy of the study at this time.

Frenchman Knob Cave

Jim Kennedy with Bat Conservation International went to Frenchman Knob Cave in Kentucky to begin studies on the bats there. The passage they were trying to reach was flooded so the study was not completed. While no permit was required for this study, we are tracking the research until such time as a permit is required.

John T. Dolberry Preserve aka Tumbling Rock Cave

This request was a little out of my jurisdiction as Stewardship Chair and while I recommended the request be granted I did not issue a permit, since Tumbling Rock Cave is under the management of Tumbling Rock, Inc. and therefore is not subject to the Conservancy's policies and procedures. I did request that the policies and regulations adopted by us be observed for the protection of the cave and preserve, and was assured my request would be honored.

Frenchman Knob Cave Preserve – Bill Overton

I delivered a new kiosk to the management team at Frenchman Knob Cave and they will install it soon. I took two new master combination locks for the gate and left information to be placed on the new kiosk. The committee is happy to have something to work on and is very active on site with lots of projects. I spoke with Diane about fund raising for the property and she has offered to be the chairman for that. We discussed the possibility of a boundary marker program similar to what Roger did for Limrock and she is willing to do it. We also discussed the possibility of doing another adopt-a-bat program like with Fricks Cave. She may be moving further away but still wants to do this stuff and I think these are programs that would work with minimal expense and high returns and could both be done with her living away from the preserve.

Snail Shell Cave Preserve

The fence along the road frontage is completed but the gate still needs to be worked on. This project was a very difficult one due to the poor soil conditions or lack of soil. The majority of fence posts had to be drilled into rock(s) just under or exposed to the surface. I worked several weekends with the property manager and other volunteers and can attest to the amount of hard work and dedication that went into the fence. The earth and rock berm along the road has been reconstructed; between the two deterrents, our property should be safer for a long time. Two Central Basin Grotto members have volunteered to assist Bob in the design and construction of the road gate, and we should have a design in the near future.

Bob obtained a physical address for our property to aid in future problems at the preserve. The address is 4811 Snail Shell Cave Road. First Responders and law-enforcement officials will now be able to locate the entrance much more easily; hopefully this will allow for assistance in monitoring the property better.

Property Management Reports: Bill Overton

Anderson Cave Preserve: Joel McGuire

Anderson cave is a Gray Bat maternity cave open for visitation from October-March.

HOBO data loggers were installed in both entrances to monitor unauthorized visitation. One of the two data loggers failed in the Polecat entrance. The data logger in the Anderson entrance was difficult to place in an area that monitored all cave traffic because the cave entrance splits into several directions less than 100' into the entrance, but did record data (*contact Bill Overton for attachment*).

The SCCi and the BWWB funded a bat-friendly fencing project at both the Anderson and Polecat entrances, which was completed the first week in April 2008.

Signs and combination locks were installed at both entrances - see Attachment #1 - photos #11 Polecat entrance #12 Anderson entrance (*contact Bill Overton for attachment*).

A kiosk was installed outside the cave by Tyler Clark for his Eagle Scout project with information about the Gray Bats, SCCi, and the NSS, along with contact information for visitation. I sent both data-loggers off for repair and calibration, and will be installing them in the cave this week. This will give us valuable information about illegal visitation. I will leave them in the cave until it re-opens in October, remove them, download the data, and if there is another property or two that the SCCi would like to install them in, I will send them to the property manager.

Fern Cave Preserve: Steve Pitts

This report covers all of Fern Cave, including the Surprise Pit area, Johnston Entrance area and the Morgue section of Fern Cave. Visitation frequency has remained steady but low. About half of the activity in the cave system is related to the Fern Cave resurvey project. We recently (early April) did a basic inventory of the typical bat roosting areas in the Morgue section, looking for possible signs of WNS. None were noted. There were very large numbers of bats in the North Morgue areas. We also recently found a large number of bats roosting in the Guano Rooms area of the West Passage. Access is still good; the road is in fair to decent condition.

Fox Mountain Cave Preserve: Jim Wilbanks, Chair; Jerry Wallace, Marty Abercrombie

Fox Mountain is seeing less and less visitation. The loss of Hurricane Cave has put a real damper on use. Sue's Market is still unoccupied.

Frenchman Knob Cave Preserve: Steve Miller, Chair; Ted Burke, Diane Gillespie, Pat Kambesis

During this reporting period, a few things have transpired worth reporting. The cave was opened for visitation at the end of the closure period for bat hibernation on May 1st. Visitation interest has been moderate. Two groups asked to visit the cave on the first open weekend. The second group was told that the first group had already secured a permit. The first group later changed their mind and the second group had already made plans. So the cave was not visited until Speleofest on Memorial Day weekend. During Speleofest, Frenchman Knob Management Committee members led trips daily on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Approximately 34 people visited the cave during Speleofest.

On the Tuesday after Speleofest, Jim Kennedy and Mike Baker from Bat Conversation International (BCI) were led on a trip by Dianne Gillespie and myself. The status of Frenchman Knob Cave as a hibernaculum for the endangered Indiana Bat has not been updated for nearly 2 decades. Jim was there to assess the use of the cave by endangered bats. Data was collected at several sites in the cave. Data loggers were left in the cave to collect annual temperature and light data. Several sizeable roost sites were noted. A number of common bat species were spotted in the cave. Some bat bones were collected for identification. Unfortunately, access to the known highest bat activity area was blocked by high water. More visits will be needed by BCI.

The cave is a cold trap. Air temperature was in the low 40s F (8C). Common cave temperatures in this area are typically 55 degrees F. The deep entrance pit and limited airflow keep the cave cold in the summer and colder in the winter. An incident occurred while Mike was climbing out. He was not very experienced vertically and had to be helped over the lip.

The local electrical utility company came through and cut down trees and brush in March. This clearing of trees opened up access to the property to wheeled vehicles along the road frontage. Previously a fence that ended at a dense stand of cedars served as a barrier. The clearing crew cut down all these cedars on their right of way to allow themselves access to the property for trimming elsewhere. Another 200' of fence is now needed to limit access to the property.

The kiosk has been installed on the property. We have SCCi locks for the gate but have not installed one yet. The property boundaries have all been walked. Selling boundary marker signs as a fund raiser is under consideration. The grass has been mowed, which helps keep the ticks at bay. The USF&W Service sent us an official sign to be posted at the cave entrance denoting this cave is an endangered species habitat and is closed Sept-April. Approval to install fasteners to the rock for this sign was secured, but the sign has not yet been installed.

In summary, the property is in good shape and the cave is open for visitation.

Fricks Cave Preserve: Buddy Lane, Chair; Diane Cousineau, E.T. Davis, Bill Putnam

Since my last report in February 2008 the following changes have occurred.

- The new gazebo is complete and awaits paint and additional lighting. Diane Cousineau is heading up the project.
- A logging operation has started on our southern boundary.
- We had a request to count bats from the CDC; I haven't been informed by our Stewardship Chair as to the status of this request.

The Fricks Cave Open House was held on the 2nd of February 2008; we had over 120 members and guests in attendance. Dinner was served to all that were still present after 4:30 PM, cooking 110 hamburgers and 30 hot dogs. A great day was had by all in attendance.

DCG and SERA had camping open at the Fricks Preserve, after the SERA winter business meeting; this

event was held from the 22nd through the 24th of February 2008. A Port-O-Potty was stationed on the preserve for both the open house and SERA. Jane Morgan and ET Davis were in charge of the logistics.

I have visited the preserve once since my last report.

Glove Pit Preserve: Jim Hall, Chair; Roger Haley

I visited the property three weeks ago and all seemed well. The people building the house next door have not moved in yet. Don't know if they worked out their septic problem.

Gourdneck Cave Preserve: Marty Abercrombie

Gourdneck receives regular visitation; the water lines are in working order.

Hardins Cave Preserve: Bill Overton, Chair, Nashville Grotto Cave Management Committee

On the last clean-up trip to the cave, approximately 600 feet of graffiti was removed. Usage has been high with several recent trips by Metro Parks. Regular scheduled week night trips by the Nashville Grotto have resulted in the removal of trash and debris from most of the Junkyard entrance and it is now looking like it did 30 years ago.

Hollow Ridge Cave Preserve: Allen Mosler

There were 12 trips to Hollow Ridge. Five of the trips were to change batteries and download data for the research going on in the cave. The total number of people going into the cave was 47. The large number was because of the local cave get together. I lead 3 trips. The cave is still very muddy after the flooding that took place a few months ago.

Holly Creek Cave Preserve: Shane Stacy

Nothing new to report.

Horse Skull / Jack's Hole Preserve: Andy Zellner

I am attaching photos of some (all?) of the recent spray paint graffiti that showed up in Horseskull Cave (*contact Bill Overton for attachments*). Judging by the names written on the walls, this was done by at least one of the same individuals who left their names in 2006. The green paint is from 2006 while the white is from 2008. Ironically, the 2008 graffiti was first noticed by cavers on Saturday April 26th, while the date written on the wall is April 28th. I guess they didn't know what day it was. There is also white spray paint on a few trees along the trail to the cave, which was not photographed. These photos were taken on May 10th. No other damage to the cave was noted, nor was there any noticeable trash left there.

Please note that Horseskull Cave is full of what we call "historical graffiti", with hundreds of names dating back to the early 1800s. It really has been a local party cave for a long, long time. So we once again must tread that fine, somewhat hypocritical line, deciding what is okay to leave on the walls and what is not. To my knowledge, no one has made any effort to photo document all of it, though Marion Smith did copy down all the Civil War era dates he could find. I would STRONGLY suggest that if/when a cleanup operation happens to remove the spray paint, that it be done by cavers and not by the kids who originally left it, lest they do more harm than good. It is my opinion that the perpetrators are not entering the preserve through the easement leading to the paved road. This route is actually very hard to follow these days as it takes you through a large beaver swamp. They likely came up the 4-wheeler trails along the power line, judging by the location of the spray painted trees.

Please let me know if there's any other information you need. While I certainly feel that someone needs to talk to these kids, I would prefer that some other board member handle the process. I think they are curious cavers just like us, and they just need a little guidance as opposed to prosecution.

I suppose that's all the news I have at this time.

Howards Waterfall Cave Preserve: David Bain

The cave has had several schools visit since the last report. No problems to report, all is fine.

Jennings Cave Preserve: Mike Gordon, Manager, Anna (Kitty) Markley, Co-manager

We have joined the Adopt-A-Road Program in Marion County Florida in order to protect the Jennings Cave Preserve. I would like to know how best to report this to the SCCi. Should we send copies of the paperwork to a physical address, or can I scan it and include it in the quarterly report?

The Adopt-A-road Program in Marion Co. Florida is going to help us keep the area surrounding the Jennings Preserve free of garbage so it doesn't end up in the entrance pit. (The surrounding properties are uninhabited and known as a local dumping ground.) We have found that most of the locals (kids, really) who cave or hang out at the entrance will do very little damage or "trashing" if they have no ammunition, or trash already lying around, to use.

Adopt-A-Road in Florida is where an individual, community, or organization enters a cooperative agreement with the County where the trash on an 'adopted' road is collected at least quarterly, and picked up in bulk by the County. So it benefits the preserve by keeping it very clean. I just went by today – so far so good!

Aside from the Adopt-A-Road program we have nothing new to report. We are continuing to do Scout trips and the like and the property still looks very good. During our last clean-up we blocked off a "locally built" parking area near the preserve and Dan Brinton (listed as a co-manager) did an unofficial survey and marked the boundaries with those Preserve Boundary signs you supplied us with.

John T. Dolberry Preserve aka Tumbling Rock: Jay Clark, Chair

Tumbling Rock, Inc. was formed the last day in 2007 to manage Tumbling Rock Cave on behalf of the Conservancy. We have had a very successful year thus far. We have seen a large number of Scout groups and have had visitors on a regular basis throughout the weekends. We have replaced the old locks on the gates with combination locks and the combinations are being made available to Conservancy members to access the Cave. I have been there every Saturday this year except for one when I was at the NSS Board Meeting. We have taken in approximately \$3,500 by way of "donations." Other donations have been sent directly to the SCCi. I know we have gotten one donation for \$500 from the Sewanee Mountain Grotto and we have had several contributions being made in honor of Paul Meyer and Sabrina Simon's wedding.

We have a campground available behind the old Precise house. It is available for use by groups only and is not available for the general public on a regular basis. Huntsville Grotto had a joint meeting with DUG there which was quite successful.

The electricity is on in the house although the water is not presently working because of problems with the pump. We have a portable toilet that has been installed and is being processed on a weekly basis. We have a contract with the owners to cut the grass on a periodic basis.

Inside the Cave there have been no problems. There is no evidence of any vandalism since the time we have taken it over. We continue to work toward getting a conservation easement for the property that runs over the top of the cave but without any success. I am very cautiously optimistic that in the future we will be able to get full ownership of the preserve property.

I have printed up T-shirts, which have been selling well. We have another batch of the mugs that we used

at TAG and I sold a few of those. Nathan Williams, who is on our Board, is doing a poster that we hope to have available by the Annual Meeting; it is very classy and we expect to be one of our primary fund raisers.

Kennamer Cave Preserve: Bill Torode

Some cavers got lost in Kennamer Cave and could not find the lower entrances. They had a call out time set too soon. They had to come back up through the cave and down the mountain. They met the Woodville fire department who was coming to rescue them. This just happened a week or two ago. I have heard that someone has painted a yellow trail to the cave entrances, but I have not been up to look at it; this was months before the rescue. I hope to hear more at our grotto meeting tonight. I plan on being at TR on the 14th of June.

Limrock Cave Preserve: Tommy Royston

I plan on doing several clean up trips this summer to remove the graffiti in the entrance area.

Other than that nothing new to report.

Lobelia Saltpeter Cave Preserve: Dave and Sandy Cowan

No report submitted.

Neversink Cave Preserve: Jim Hall

I visited Neversink in May and the plastic on the kiosk was broken again. There were also several pieces of the water pipe in the bottom of the pit. I asked some cavers at the pit to please bring up the pipe and leave it in the parking lot. Several days later I replaced the information on the kiosk but did not put new plastic over the information.

Whoever breaks the plastic never bothers the information; they just like to break the \$24 plastic. The water pipe has been broken and out of service for several months.

Rattling Cave Preserve: Curtis Ellison

Everything is quiet at this time. Nothing has changed and nothing to report.

Sinking Cove Cave Preserve: Buddy Lane, Chair; Bill Putnam

Since my last report in February 2008 the following changes have occurred. The preserve closed for visitation on the 22nd of March 2008, for the turkey season.

A total of six permits have been issued during the fourth quarter of FY 2008. I have visited the preserve one time during this period. A trailer is now in the camp area from hunting season. I trust it will be removed after turkey season; this was the case last year.

Our lease was renewed with DSO on the 23rd of March 2008. We have renewed for a four year term; our new lease will expire on the 30th of April 2012.

On the 27th of March 2008, the Board of Directors passed a motion revising the Sinking Cove Management plan to reflect the current sanitation policy. The caves are in good condition, and the camp area is in great condition with the new sanitation policy implemented. All visitors seem to be complying and most appreciate the change.

Snail Shell Cave Preserve: Bob Biddix

Visitation has picked up to a regular schedule for the spring months. The fence project has been completed around a portion of the Preserve property road frontage. All that remains is fixing the gate that

was smashed (ref. August 2007 quarterly report) as it is still in use.

The Snail Shell Cave Preserve now has an address. It is 4811 Snail Shell Cave Road. Since there is not a structure on the property, the gate itself is listed within the 911 system as the proper address.

South Pittsburg Pit Preserve: David Crisp; report by Carl Lehmann

I went to the property last weekend. I walked in from the park "up the trail" and along the roads. I found the property in good order. Someone has cut the fallen limbs off the road and trails (I am grateful to whoever has done this). In short all looks well around the pit.

On another note: Carl called about the NSS report of a rescue in the pit. This surprised both of us. My question is: should we be contacted when a rescue occurs or at least after the fact? This was the main reason I checked the property. I was afraid some damage may have occurred. Luckily none did. Thanks for all you do.

In May David walked the property lines and trail, all is well. Pit looks good.

Swirl Canyon Cave Preserve: Bill Overton, Chair, Nashville Grotto Cave Management Committee

On the last trip made to the cave, we trimmed the grass and removed some fallen limbs from the path to the cave. Parking is still in the hay field but the cave is clean and free from trash. There have been no recent attempts to breach the gate.

Valhalla Cave Preserve: Buddy Lane, Chair; Bill Putnam

Since my last report in February 2008, the following changes have occurred.

The caves are in great shape and do not require any work. We have had moderate visitation during our fourth quarter of FY2008, for a total of 13 groups. I have visited the preserve 15 times since my last report.

Turkey hunting ceased on the 30th of April. We had a good relationship with the hunters during both deer and turkey season. The roads are in fair to poor condition with access available to the preserve. The landslide on our property at the steep grade leading up to the "sinkhole plain" is stable and I'm still able to drive over it.

William R Halliday Karst Preserve also known as Logsdon: Bill Overton, Chair, Nashville Grotto Cave Management Committee; report by John Hoffelt

Chrys Hulbert and I attempted a clean-up at Logsdon on Labor Day weekend May 23, 24, 25, but the weed eater broke after about 1/8 done. Someone dumped yard waste over the edge; no big deal, but some trash was included. Also, some of the fire place rocks were out of order; we fixed them.

Wolf River Cave Preserve: Kristen Bobo

The cave opened for the season on May 15 and has received light visitation since. Reports of a beaver taking up residence in the cave have been unsubstantiated.

No problems to report.

6. OLD BUSINESS

Scientific research approvals.

(Overton)

Director Elections (Green)

Marketing/fundraising/webpage (Haley)

Chair Krebs appointed Jennifer Pinkley as Chair of the Marketing and Communications Committee. Jennifer accepted the appointment. She will select a committee, and will report back to the Chair.

(A) Haley will put together, with Dave Hughes, a one-page letter soliciting Valhalla Society donations, to be included in the elections mailing. Needs to be ready by August 1.

Membership classifications (Krebs)

Chair Krebs proposed the creation of four classes of membership (see Attachment D). No action was taken.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Officer Elections (Krebs)

Programs and termination. (Green)

(M) Green moved to terminate the fundraising plot T-shirt program for all properties that have been paid in full. Lane seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

(A) Lane will give Chair Krebs an accounting of all properties that have balances outstanding.

Paid Support Staff (Krebs)

(M) Putnam moved that the Chair be authorized to hire an administrative assistant on a contractor basis to serve the administrative needs of the SCCi. The position is authorized up to a total of 20 hours per week at a maximum rate of \$15 per hour. Overton seconded.

Ayes: Green, Haley, Hickman, Joop, Krebs, Lane, Overton, Putnam, Stringfellow

Nays: Stringfellow

Abstentions: None

Not heard from: None

The motion passed.

Bank Motion FDIC (Stringfellow)

(M) Stringfellow Moved: "The Treasurer shall assure and certify that at no time shall more than \$90,000 of SCCi assets be on deposit or held by any single banking corporation or investment company. Further, other than donated securities or bonds, no SCCi assets shall be on deposit with any institution that is not federally insured." Putnam seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Eliminate Big Bat and Blowhole Funds (Lane)

(M) Lane moved that the SCCi eliminate the Big Bat and Blowhole Funds and transfer the assets to the Frenchman Knob fund. The motion passed unanimously.

Budget for FY2009 (Lane)

(M) Bill Overton moved that the FY2009 budget as submitted by Treasurer Lane (see attachment) be approved. Lane seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Graffiti issues on SCCi properties

Cave-Law signs are available at a cost of \$21 each.

(M) Putnam moved that the Board express their appreciation to the Board of Directors of Tumbling Rock, Inc. for their work in hosting the June 2008 SCCi meetings at the John T. Dolberry Tumbling Rock Preserve. Lane seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

8. ADJOURNMENT

(M) Putnam moved the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m. Central time.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment A. Agenda
- Attachment B. Sinking Cove Cave Preserve Management Plan
- Attachment C. Treasurer's Report
- Attachment D. Membership Proposal
- Attachment E. Paid Support Staff Proposal

Attachment A. Agenda



Board of Directors Meeting
Jackson County, AL
(Open Session)

June 14, 2008

1. Call to order.
2. Report out actions from closed meeting.
3. Officers Reports.
4. Committee Reports.
5. Old Business.
 - A. Scientific research approvals (Overton)
 - B. Director Elections (Green)
 - C. Marketing/fundraising/webpage (Haley)
 - D. Regular member price (Krebs)
6. New Business.
 - A. Officer Elections (Krebs)
 - B. Programs and termination. (Green)
 - C. Paid Support Staff (Krebs)
 - D. Bank Motion FDIC (Stringfellow)
7. Move to Adjourn. (Krebs)

Southeastern Cave Conservancy, Inc.
Sinking Cove Cave Preserve
Management Plan

1 April 2008

The following plan has been adopted by the Board of Directors of the Southeastern Cave Conservancy, Inc. to define the management of caves in the Carter Mountain Compartment Four preserve, including Sinking Cove Cave, Custard Hollow Cave, and other caves on the property, as well as the Sinking Cove Campground. The intent of this plan is to protect the property and to preserve the good relationship that the SCCi has established with the landowners, lease holders, and other users of the preserve. Please observe the rules and encourage others to do the same so that all may enjoy this unique and beautiful natural site. Contact the SCCi Sinking Cove Preserve managers at sinkingcove@scci.org to request a visitor's permit, if you have questions, or to request special arrangements.

Area Management

1. Deep South Outdoors (DSO) will provide the Southeastern Cave Conservancy Inc. (SCCi) with keys or other access arrangements for gates located on roads leading to the caves and campground.
2. Gate access will be made available to SCCi members only through the [Sinking Cove Property Management Committee](#). SCCi is responsible for installation, maintenance, and operation of the SCCi lock on the road access gate.
3. SCCi will manage access, visitation, and usage of the caves and campground by cavers according to the Access Policy defined below.
4. The [Sinking Cove Property Management Committee](#) will be the contact for all questions or issues related to access to and management of caves on the property.
5. This plan may be revised or amended by mutual consent of Deep South Outdoors and the Southeastern Cave Conservancy.

Access Policy

1. Access to the preserve by SCCi members and guests is limited to the dates and periods determined and announced by SCCi and Deep South Outdoors. During those periods, access for caving and camping is allowed as defined by the following paragraphs.
2. At least one member of any group caving or camping on the property under the terms of the SCCi lease must be a current member of the Southeastern Cave Conservancy. All cavers visiting the property are strongly encouraged to join SCCi to help with the cost of the lease. SCCi members are encouraged to place an SCCi logo sticker on their vehicle to help identify authorized vehicles. The stickers can be obtained from the SCCi Treasurer and are free for SCCi members.
3. An SCCi permit is required for access to the caves and property. Permits may be obtained by emailing the SCCi Sinking Cove property managers at sinkingcove@scci.org. When requesting a permit, you must provide the name of an SCCi member who will accompany and be responsible for the group, along with the date and duration of the visit, parking or camping area to be used, and caves to be visited. The permit will be issued in this person's name, and he or she will be responsible for ensuring that all members of the group abide by the terms of the permit and this management plan. Visitors may be asked to show their permit while on the preserve.
4. Please use only the established and designated roads, parking areas, and trails to reach the caves. Vehicle access is limited to the Sinking Cove Campground, the Custard Hollow Cave parking area, and the roads used to reach them. Ridgewalking is permitted only during designated and announced ridgewalk weekends. Certain areas of the preserve are wildlife sanctuaries and are off

limits to all human travel or disturbance at all times. Please remember that we are guests and that the principal use of the preserve is for wildlife management.

5. To minimize impact on the cave, the property, and the wildlife, the Conservancy prefers that groups visiting the property be no larger than 16 people. Arrangements for group camping or caving involving more than 16 people must be made in advance by contacting the SCCi Sinking Cove property managers at least two weeks before the desired date.
6. Camping on the property is limited to the Sinking Cove Campground and other designated campgrounds. Campfires are allowed in existing fire rings. Please do not create new fire rings or sites.
7. All users are expected to help keep the campground and property clean. No trash or garbage may be left at the campground or on the property. Please pack out any garbage that you find.
8. All Human Waste must be packed out! Use toilet paper sparingly and pack it out. Otherwise, burn in a very hot campfire, not with matches or lighter, Tampons, etc. should also be packed out or "hot" burned. No paper is to be disposed of on the ground!
9. Urination: Not in or near the creek; urination on land exposed to the elements, rocks or sandy soil is OK, at least 150 feet away from any water.
10. To avoid parking and over-use problems during caving conventions and special events, access to the property during those events may be limited to trips organized through the event staff and SCCi.
11. Please keep noise to a minimum to avoid disturbing wildlife or other visitors. Fireworks and other explosives or noisemaking devices are prohibited.
12. Use of the caves for any type of commercial activity or purpose, including guided or commercial caving or other similar activity, is not allowed.
13. Unauthorized visitors or vandals encountered on the preserve should be reported to the SCCi property managers or the DSO staff.
14. Hunting is allowed only for persons holding a hunting permit from Deep South Outdoors. Discharging firearms of any type outside of hunting season is prohibited.
15. Collection or removal of cultural or other artifacts is not allowed. Please report any artifacts or artifact sites to SCCi or DSO for proper archaeological study and preservation.
16. Collection or removal of wildlife, plants, minerals, or other items found on the property or in the caves, including scientific specimens, is not allowed without permission from SCCi and Deep South Outdoors.
17. Modification of the caves or property, including the placement of bolts or other artificial anchors, is prohibited without permission from SCCi and Deep South Outdoors.

Attachment C. Treasurer's Report



30 April 2008
SCCi Treasurer's Annual Report
FY 2008 – 12 Months Year End

During the period from 1 May 2007 through 30 April 2008 we received gifts, grants, and interest income totaling \$119,140.81.

The following highlights took place during FY2008:

As of April 30, 2008, SCCi donor and member support includes 430 sustaining and 361 regular members, for a total membership of 791.

In May of 2007 the SCCi attended SERA and raised a total of \$2,875.00 at the event.

On the 12th of June 2007, a check in the amount of \$20,274.96 was paid to closing attorneys Ford, Klapheke & Meyer for the down payment and closing costs for Frenchman Knob Cave Preserve. Title research cost an additional \$1,200.00. The total purchase amount was \$45,000 with \$25,000 owner-financed for two years at a 7% interest rate.

On the 29th of June 2007, we received a grant in the amount of \$2,000.00 from the Birmingham Grotto for use at the Anderson Cave Preserve.

In October of 2007 the SCCi attended The TAG Fall Cave In and raised a total of \$28,178.83 at the event. This figure includes one year of support from new sustaining members.

On the 10th of October 2007, a check in the amount of \$5,018.10 was paid to Citizens Bank for the final payment on the Wolf River Cave Preserve. The mortgage on that preserve has been paid in full.

On the 23rd of October 2007, a check in the amount of \$1,028.21 was paid to the Estate of Kathleen Thomas for the final payment on the Fox Mountain Preserve Mitchell Tract Addition.

During the month of November 2007 we paid a total of \$4,680.87 in preserve property taxes.

On the 19th of December 2007, we received a grant in the amount of \$1,500.00 from the Dogwood City Grotto for the Frenchman Knob Preserve purchase.

The SCCi entered into a lease agreement with the Precise family, owners of Tumbling Rock Cave, effective on the 1st of January 2008. The SCCi also entered into a management agreement with Alabama not-for-profit corporation Tumbling Rock, Inc. effective on the 1st of January 2008, for the management of the SCCi John T Dolberry Tumbling Rock Cave Preserve.

On the 16th of January 2008, the SCCi contributed \$5,479.00 in funds for the fencing of Anderson Cave in Birmingham, Alabama. The Birmingham Grotto contributed \$2,000.00 to the SCCi to assist the project.

On the 31st of March 2008, a check in the amount of \$1,814.13 was paid to Peoples Independent Bank of Scottsboro for the final payment on the Lim Rock Cave Preserve. The mortgage on that preserve has been paid in full.

On the 1st of April 2008 the SCCi renewed our Sinking Cove Preserve lease with Deep South Outdoors, LLC. Terms are \$13,500.00 for a four year renewal through 2012.

Our monthly mortgage payments now total \$1,619.31, per month. The largest monthly payment is \$1,119.31, for Frenchman Knob.

As of the 30th of April 2008 we have \$37,989.20 in non-restricted funds and \$49,378.98 in restricted funds. The total of all restricted and unrestricted funds is \$87,368.18.

Our total liabilities are \$42,064.64; at the end of FY 2007 we were at \$49,869.35. The increase is due to the Frenchman Knob purchase. Total net assets are \$1,024,131.80, an increase of \$62,932.85 from FY 2007. Our liabilities and net assets total \$1,066,196.44.

Submitted by
Buddy Lane, Treasurer
30 April 2008

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Attachment A:

Monthly Mortgage Payments:

Frenchman Knob Pit	\$1,119.31
<u>South Pittsburg Pit</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>
Monthly Mortgage Payment	\$1,619.31

Restricted Fund Balances:

Operating Reserve Fund	\$5,000.00
Mortgage Payment Fund	\$4,857.93
Stewardship Fund	\$34,635.91
Blowhole Cave Fund	\$440.14
Big Bat Cave Fund	\$600.00
Huntsville Grotto JV Fund	\$3,845.00
Total Restricted Funds	\$40,662.23

Southeastern Cave Conservancy, Inc.

Statement of Activity

FY 2008 / 01 May 2007 Through 30 April 2008 - 12 Months - Year End

4/30/2008

<u>Revenue & Support</u>	FY 2008		FY 2007				
Memberships	4/30/2008	791	15.00	11,865.00	755	15.00	11,325.00
Support		119,052.75	107,187.75	119,033.53			107,708.53
Other Income - Bank & Dividend Interest			1,023.15				626.34
Non-Cash Contribution: Jennings Cave							
Non-Cash Contribution: Lobelia Saltpeter Cave							
Non-Cash Contribution: DXYN Stock							
Non-Cash Contribution: Hollow Ridge Cave							
Non-Cash Contribution: Fox Mountain-Brock Addition							
Gain or Loss on Investments			-935.09				1,427.68
Total Revenue & Support			119,140.81				121,087.55
 <u>Applications</u>							
Bank Charges			4,040.59				2,617.81
Equipment Purchases			180.78				1,567.57
Insurance			4,669.92				2,612.00
Interest Payments (Neversink)			0.00				0.00
Interest Payments (Fox Mountain Preserve)			77.59				385.14
Interest Payments (Frenchmans Knob)			1,105.26				
Interest Payments (Frick's Cave)			0.00				0.00
Interest Payments (Horse Skull Preserve)			0.00				0.00
Interest Payments (Kenamer Cave)			0.00				0.00
Interest Payments (Valhalla Preserve)			0.00				92.60
Interest Payments (Snail Shell Preserve)			0.00				458.48
Interest Payments (Wolf River Preserve)			176.99				562.85
Interest Payments (LimRock Cave Preserve)			322.64				778.71
Interest Payments (South Pittsburg Preserve)			2,219.36				2,509.10
Land Survey			0.00				0.00
Lease Payment			21,000.00				9,020.00
Legal Services and Closing Expenses			1,824.96				0.00
Accounting Expenses			0.00				0.00
Licenses, Fees and Dues			775.00				939.00
Meeting & Conferences			260.89				625.47
Property Expense - Maintenance			7,924.47				3,987.59
Office Expenses			1,233.74				942.63
Postage and Shipping			1,210.95				2,578.40
Printing & Mailing Supplies			1,045.59				1,852.47
Supplies / Misc			0.00				0.00
T-Shirts and Promotional Materials			3,458.36				5,584.48
Taxes			4,680.87				4,511.48
Total Applications			56,207.96				41,625.78
Revenue & Support Less Applications			62,932.85				79,461.77

Southeastern Cave Conservancy, Inc.

Statement of Financial Position

FY 2008 / 01 May 2007 Through 30 April 2008 - 12 Months - Year End

4/30/2008

	Checking	17,372.93		Checking	13,016.77
	Savings	55,270.31		Savings	48,474.02
	<u>Total</u>	<u>72,643.24</u>		<u>Total</u>	<u>61,490.79</u>
 <u>Assets</u>					
Liquid Assets:					
Brokerage Account		14,724.94			15,660.03
Cash (unrestricted)		23,264.26	37,989.20	Total Unrestricted	26,168.65
					41,828.68

Operating Reserve Fund	5,000.00		5,000.00
Mortgage Reserve Fund	4,857.93		6,324.24
Stewardship Fund	34,635.91		19,112.76
JV Award Fund	3,845.00		3,845.00
Blowhole Cave Fund	440.14		440.14
Big Bat Cave Fund	600.00	49,378.98 Total Restricted	600.00 35,322.14
PMI / Petzl Grant Balance	0.00	87,368.18 Total Funds	0.00 77,150.82
Inventory & Promotional Materials	21.58		21.58
Dawson Trust Account	0.00		0.00

Total Liquid Assets 87,389.76 77,172.40

Fixed Assets

Property:

Howard's Waterfall Cave	4,000.00	4,000.00
Glove Pit	7,200.00	7,200.00
Neversink Pit	44,374.50	44,374.50
Kenamer Cave	36,500.00	36,500.00
Frick's Cave	104,780.00	104,780.00
Fox Mountain Preserve	218,765.00	218,765.00
Horseskull Preserve	16,750.00	16,750.00
Jennings Cave	1,081.00	1,081.00
Lobelia Saltpeter Cave	52,000.00	52,000.00
Holly Creek Cave Preserve	11,000.00	11,000.00
Valhalla Preserve	100,000.00	100,000.00
Snail Shell Preserve	132,315.00	132,315.00
Wolf River Preserve	74,000.00	74,000.00
LimRock Cave Preserve	50,000.00	50,000.00
South Pittsburg Preserve	50,000.00	50,000.00
Hollow Ridge Preserve	26,500.00	26,500.00
Frenchman Knob Preserve	45,000.00	
	0.00	
Equipment & Supplies	4,541.18	4,630.40

Total Fixed Assets 978,806.68 933,895.90

Total Assets 1,066,196.44 1,011,068.30

Liabilities And Net Assets

Property Mortgages:

Neversink	0.00	
Kenamer Cave	0.00	
Frick's Cave	0.00	
Fox Mountain	0.00	4,281.66
Horse Skull Cave	0.00	
Valhalla Preserve	0.00	0.00
Snail Shell Preserve	0.00	0.00
Wolf River Preserve	0.00	6,163.88
LimRock Cave Preserve	0.00	9,770.76
South Pittsburg Preserve	26,033.21	29,653.05
Frenchman Knob Preserve	16,031.43	

Total Liabilities 42,064.64 49,869.35

Net Assets 1,024,131.80 961,198.95

Total Liabilities and Net Assets 1,066,196.44 1,011,068.30

Increase from year previous 62,932.85 79,461.77

Balance check 0.00 0.00

FY 2008 Statement
Submitted : 4/30/2008
By: Buddy Lane, Treasurer / BOD



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RE: New Membership rates

I propose the following for the new membership rates.

Regular member: \$60.00 or \$5.00 min per month,
Basically we will be eliminating the regular member and all members will become sustaining members.

Family member: \$10.00
The family membership will be given only to those that are children or wife of a full member. These members will have one vote per person, but will not receive any mailings of newsletters. They would continue to receive any post card correspondence.

Student Member: \$10.00
To qualify as a student you must be under the age of 21 and enrolled in an accredited educational facility and will need to show proof of such enrollment. Each student member would receive one vote and would receive any mailings from the conservancy.

Corporate Member: \$250.00
For the membership each corporate member will become a corporate sponsor of the SCCi. This company will receive a certificate showing their status as well as a place on the corporate sponsor banner that is displayed at all events that the SCCi attends. The corporation will receive one vote.

Institutional Member: \$350.00
This membership will be open to all accredited educational institutions. This membership will entitle the institution to the use of the SCCi preserves by the institution and its student members, i.e., each will need to join at \$10.00 per year. Each student that is enrolled with the member institution, will become a full member of the SCCi for an additional \$10.00 per year. Each of these student members will have one vote. All institutional members will have one vote. Each institutional member will receive all mailings from the SCCi.

Grotto Member: \$100.00 per year
This membership will be open to all grottos of the NSS. Each grotto will receive one vote. The grottos would receive any and all mailings from the Conservancy.



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RE: Paid Position

This position is being created to serve the administrative needs of the SCCi. The position reports directly to the Chair of the Conservancy and serves the Treasurer of the Conservancy as well. This position would be paid \$15.00 per hour with maximum work hours of 20 hours per week unless otherwise directed by the Chair of the Conservancy. This will be a 1099 subcontract position, so no work comp or unemployment taxes will be paid by the SCCi.

Administrative tasks to include:

- Member Services.
- Management of the member database.
- Data entry.
- Accounting data entry in a commercial accounting system.
- Fulfillment of member and non-member orders.
- Credit card processing of sustaining contributors' donations.
- Credit card processing of general donations.
- Processing of new memberships, including sending of membership cards.
- First line of answering member concerns and routing the concerns to the proper destination.
- General filing.
- General book keeping.

The candidate for this position will need to possess the following skills.

- Background in general to advanced bookkeeping.
- Organizational skills.
- Good language skills.
- Ability to self start.
- Able to type.
- Working knowledge of commercial accounting systems. Past experience preferred
- Ability to lift over 10 lb.

Have own transportation.

Overall good communication skills.

Ability to use email programs such as gmail and Microsoft Outlook.

Strong general knowledge of computers.

The overall goal for this position is to help the SCCi to take the next step into the future. One of the evolutions that I see for this position will be to create a phone number for the SCCi. I would also like to see an email address created called memberservices@scci.org; this email address would point to the person in this position. By making it a job of this person to answer and be the first line for our members, we will increase our service level. The overall goal would be to have a reply back to the concerned member within 24 hours if the concern was voiced Monday through Friday.