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**Next Board Meeting**  
**Sunday, March 22, 10:00 a.m.**  
**Offices of Seymour Pollack Opticians**  
**769 Lafayette Ave, Hawthorne NJ**

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The NCC programs are focused mainly on the preservation of caves and karst. Outreach includes education in schools and local communities, establishment of park spaces on karstlands, and educational messages about the significance of groundwater pollution on this sensitive underground ecosystem.

NCC members assist in the exploration, survey, and protection of these natural resources, and manage them so you can explore them yourself.



**NORTHEASTERN CAVE CONSERVANCY, INC.**

**December Minutes - Summary**

December 7, 2014 Board meeting held at Speleobooks, Schoharie, NY

In Attendance

Officers: B. Addis, V. Kappler, B. Folsom, C. Hay

Trustees: M. Chu, T. Engel, P. Youngbaer, M. Berger, P. Woodell, M. Ingalls, A. Traino, K. Dumont, T. Rider

Nominating Committee Officers Elections for 2015:

Officers Search—No new candidates have been put forward. Existing Officers Slate is nominated.

President - Robert Addis

Vice President - Vince Kappler

Secretary -- Christa Hay

Meeting of the Trustees to elect Officers. A. Traino presided over the elections as Chairman of the Trustees. The officers and guests were asked to leave for private conversation of the board.

The Trustees welcome the EC back. Officers are seated.

We hit our highest membership level to date. Our current membership stands as follows, compared to the baseline of April 22, 2012:

April 22, 2012	November 27, 2014
Life: 18	Life: 34
Family Life: 0	Family Life: 6
Benefactor: 10	Benefactor: 12
Regular: 88	Regular: 100
Family: 16	Family: 15
Student: 0	Student: 0
Institutional: 3	Institutional: 5
<b>TOTAL: 135</b>	<b>TOTAL: 172</b>

Volunteer Value data has been slow coming in this quarter, but we have increased our year-to-date totals to 1,046 hours of volunteer work and 14,993 miles traveling to and from projects. The benefit to the NCC stands at \$42,807.00. Hours were donated to the Bensons dedication while the Knox Preserve, Office, and ad hoc Risk Committees submitted reports of their activities.

Nominating Committee - Trustees up for reelection in 2015 will be Thom Engel, Alan Traino, and Peter Youngbaer. Please let Bob Simmons know, at your earliest convenience, if you intend to run for another three-year term. We are always looking for suggestions for new Board and Officer Candidates, as well as suggestions for filling for vacant committee chairs.

Barn Dance - Thank you to all of the long-time supporters of the Barn Dance. It is hard to believe that we just completed our sixth barn dance. Special thanks to Amy and Russ. The profit from the 2014 Barn Dance was \$1,113.00.

August 24, 2014 minutes were accepted.

2015 budget was passed unanimously.

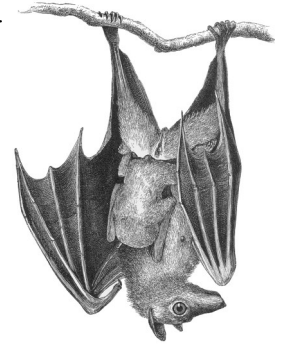
NCC will sponsor the Northeast Bat Working Group meeting in January at the \$200 Bronze Level.

All NCC management plans will be amended to include the risk assumption statement.

The next NCC Board meeting will be March 22, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in Hawthorne, NJ.

Thanks to Emily Davis and Mike Warner for hosting the meeting.

Meeting adjourned.



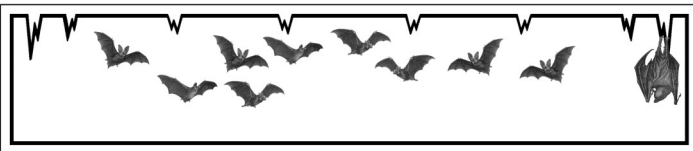
**VOLUNTEER VALUE COMMITTEE**

— Vince Kappler —

The accompanying chart shows that we are reasonably consistent in the hours members contribute to the NCC, with the increases in yearly totals typically occurring when we acquire a new preserve or launch a new initiative. Many thanks to all who have supported the NCC Mission over the years, and who have reported their personal contributions to the preservation of karst in the Northeast.

**VOLUNTEER VALUE STATISTICS**

Year	Hours	Miles	Dollar Value
2006	1389.5	20,862	\$29,955.00
2007	1571.5	14,607	\$35,542.00
2008	1680.5	14,143	\$36,926.00
2009	1440.5	10,442	\$39,564.00
2010	1234.0	10,949	\$42,211.00
2011	1546.0	14,118	\$54,684.00
2012	1483.5	13,951	\$51,605.00
2013	1916.5	20,522	\$70,268.00
2014	1124.0	17,106	\$46,962.00
			<b>\$377,762.00</b>
			<b>TOTAL</b>



**NOMINATING COMMITTEE SEEKS BOARD CANDIDATES**

The Nominating Committee is continuously soliciting nominations for candidates for the NCC Board of Directors. Each spring, three of the nine board seats come up for election to be seated at the June meeting. If you would like to be considered for candidacy, know of someone who would make a good candidate, or are simply curious about the process, please contact Bob Simmons, Nominating Committee Chair, at [rwsimmons1@gmail.com](mailto:rwsimmons1@gmail.com) or call 860-620-2055. You can also speak to any NCC board member or officer with no obligations.

**NCC VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE**

Cavers can get involved with many volunteer opportunities offered by the NCC. These include work on various committees or assisting with one of the cave-preserve management teams. Volunteers contribute to the maintenance and preservation of unique underground environments and help to support various NCC educational and outreach activities. To learn more about volunteer opportunities, please contact Vince Kappler at [vicepresident@necaveconservancy.org](mailto:vicepresident@necaveconservancy.org). You can also speak to any NCC board member or officer. Don't pass up the chance to give something back to the caves that are so important to us all.

**CURRENTLY OPEN COMMITTEE CHAIR POSITION:**

**Fundraising Committee Chair** - The Fundraising Committee Chair coordinates all fundraising activities for the NCC. The committee may be authorized by the board to research and apply for grants to generate funds for specific projects, including cave acquisitions.