President, Kristine Ebrey, called the meeting to order at 9:09AM EST, Nov. 11, 2023.

1) Call to Order and Roll Call - 9:09AM

Officers (all present)
Kristine Ebrey, President (Pres)
Emily Davis, Administrative Vice-President (AVP)
Scott Engel, Executive Vice-President (EVP)
Maureen Handler, Operations Vice-President (OVP)
David Oase, Secretary-Treasurer (S-T)

Directors (all present)
David Brumbaugh
Travis Camp
Stephen Gladieux
Pete Johnson
Jean Krejca
Miki Manning
Carol Tiderman
Benjamin Tobin
Sharon Weaver
Dennis Melko
Nina Martin
Max Kenngott

2) Minutes to approve -

May 10, 2023 (Special)
Manning: moves
Handler: seconds

Voice Vote: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL

June 9, 2023 (Special)

Tiderman: moves
Camp: seconds

Voice Vote: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL

June 26/30, 2023

Martin: moves

Tiderman: seconds

Voice Vote: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL

3) Officer & Committee Reports:

a. President (PRES) – Kristine Ebrey
   • no additions to report

b. Executive Vice President (EVP) – Scott Engel
   • no additions to report
   • Journal of Cave and Karst Studies postponed to December

c. Administrative Vice President (AVP) – Emily P. Davis
   • small technical adjustment to report
   • update to biological response committee – adding Matt Niemiller

d. Operations Vice President (OVP) – Maureen Handler
   • no additions

e. Secretary-Treasurer (S-T) – David Oase
   • Avid onboarding for bill pay is being implemented
f. Chair of Directorate (COD) – Pete Johnson

- NSF status – reporting current as of Sep. 30
- Updated contracts are up for NSF approval

4) Comments from the Membership

- Discussion of NSF Endowment Fund

5) Convention 2025 Presentation – Mike Warner & Emily Davis

- Group effort with Ken Moore and others
- Budget: Hard number on facilities; general numbers for other items
- SUNY College – all setup in adjacent buildings; banquet on campus ~1 mile away

6) Convention 2026 Presentation

- Corydon, Indiana – put on by Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky cavers

7) New Business: Motions

CONSENT AGENDA

7.1 Tiderman moves to rescind

15-959 Small Business Administration Loan 07-25-20:25, 26
The Board of Governors accept a loan of $149,900 from the Small Business Administration (SBA) and directs the Secretary-Treasurer (S-T) to execute a loan agreement. The Board of Governors adopts the document “National Speleological Society - Loan Use and Repayment Plan” (Appendix BK). This document gives guidance for use of the $149,900 loan received from the SBA and directs the S-T to execute and manage the loan agreement.

7.2 Tiderman moves to rescind
46-214 Cave Files Policy 3-20-82, 8-22-70

The NSS Cave Files Policy is established. (See Appendix N)

7.3 Tiderman moves to rescind


Definitions and Policies are defined for various Society field activities in Appendix P to the Acts.

7.4 Tiderman moves to rescind

60-462 Expedition Sponsorship Guidelines 11-08-86

Guidelines are established for Society sponsorship of speleological expeditions. (See Appendix M)

7.5 Tiderman moves to rescind

66-859 NSS and CavingNews.com MOU 03-31-12:19

The Memorandum of Understanding between the NSS and CavingNews.com, Appendix BA, is approved.

7.6 Tiderman moves to rescind

68-440 Publications Lending Library 03-23-85

Policies and procedures for the Publications Lending Library have been established. (See Appendix K)

7.7 Tiderman moves to rescind

80-467 NSS Print Publication Advertising Policy 07-30-18:33, 11-09-91, 11-08-86, 10-20-84
NSS print publications may accept advertisements that comply with the NSS Advertising Policy. (See Appendix V)

7.8 Tiderman moves to rescind

83-457 Speleo Digest Sales 06-27-86, 03-15-86

The Speleo Digest series will not be advertised outside the caving community.

7.9 Tiderman moves to rescind

83-807 NSS Publication and Copyright Policy 03-15-08:44

The Copyright Policy (Act 83-781) is rescinded and the NSS Publication and Copyright Policy is adopted. Appendix AS is amended.

7.10 Tiderman moves to rescind

88-480 Research Guidelines 10-29-88

Guidelines for research on Society owned property are adopted. (See Appendix AE)

Ebrey: moves to accept

Gladieux: second

Ebrey: calls for voice vote

Voice Vote: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL

MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

7.11 Approval of the Master Participating Agreement between the NSS and USDA, Forest Service.

The MPA has been sent to the BOG for approval. This is technically a draft until approved, so it is not published yet.
Ebrey: moves to accept

Martin: seconds

Ebrey: calls for voice vote

Voice Vote: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL

Ebrey Calls for 10 Min. Recess - 10:30AM EST

8) Closed Session for the BOG Opens - 10:44AM EST

Closed Session for the BOG Ends - 2:55PM EST

Closed Session of the Directorate - 3:05PM EST

Closed Session of the Directorate Ends - 5:33PM EST

Closed Session of the BOG Opens - 5:34PM EST

Open Session Opens – 5:35PM EST

9) Closed Sessions Report to the Membership

- Investigating Explorer’s Club Sponsorship
- Kristine Ebrey re-elected as President
- David Oase re-elected as S/T

10) Adjournment

Martin: motion

Camp: second

Voice Vote: UNANIMOUS APPROVAL

Ebrey declares the meeting adjourned at 5:50PM EST