



## Minutes of the Kansas City Area Grotto September 2021 Business Meeting Tuesday, September 21, 2021 – 6:30 to 8:00 P.M.

Meeting held at the pavilion outside of the Anita B. Gorman Conservation Discovery Center, a Missouri Department of Conservation facility at 4750 Troost, Kansas City.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Seth Colson. The following members and guests were present. Seth Colston, Jim Cooley, Julie Cottrell, David Foran, Bill Gee, Kristen Godfrey, Matthew M. Hernandez, Rae Hill, Jeff Page, Joe and Terri Wynne, and Hou Zhong,

### Officer Reports:

**President:** Seth Colston's talked about the upcoming fall MVOR, which is being held in honor of deceased former KCAG president, Pic Walenta. **See below for details.**

**Vice President:** Jim Cooley had no updates during this meeting

**Treasurer:** Bill Gee stated that the ending balance for the month of August is \$2,676.34. Expenses were as follows: A \$10 bank fee.

**Secretary:** Matthew M. Hernandez is officially the secretary. Matthew M. Hernandez had no updates during this meeting.

**Quartermaster:** No updates. As always, Seth can be contacted about any equipment.

**Presentations:** Please contact Seth Colston at [swcy92@gmail.com](mailto:swcy92@gmail.com) if you are interested in giving a meeting presentation or have a topic idea. For online meetings, presentations should be in the half hour range rather than an hour long.

**The Guano:** No updates. Anyone interested in contributing a submission to the publication is encouraged to contact Julie Cottrell ([origami\\_fold@yahoo.com](mailto:origami_fold@yahoo.com)) or Seth Colston ([swcy92@gmail.com](mailto:swcy92@gmail.com)).

**MeetUp:** There have been few events on MeetUp since there have been no recent open-invitation novice trips, but Seth ([swcy92@gmail.com](mailto:swcy92@gmail.com)) can still be contacted for any trips to add to the MeetUp schedule.

**MVOR:** The upcoming Fall MVOR will be hosted from October 22<sup>nd</sup> through 24<sup>th</sup> by Kirstin Alvey-Mudd of Missouri Bat Census, is to be held in McDonald County, in far southwest Missouri. Information is at [Fall 2021 MVOR Flyer](#).

**White Nose Syndrome:** See <https://caves.org/WNS/> for the most current map of the spread of WNS.

**International Year of Caves and Karst (2021):** Contact Seth Colston if you have ideas for presentations or want to lead a trip in 2021.

### Organization Updates:

**Carroll Cave Conservancy:** Jeff page discussed the future of Carroll Cave, specifically the possibility of transferring the ownership of the cave to the Missouri Cave and Karst Conservancy (MCKC). Jeff also mentioned they are raising money to help fund Pic's memorial campground.

### Project Updates:

**Hickory County:** No updates were discussed. Gary Johnson was not present.

**Stark Caverns Survey Project:** Bill Gee talked about the survey trip that was conducted on August 21<sup>st</sup>, the focus was on the grand canyon portion of the cave. Another tough/tight survey trip will be on November 20<sup>th</sup>. Contact Bill Gee [bgee@campercaver.net](mailto:bgee@campercaver.net).

**Cloud 9 Ranch:** No updates were discussed.

**Devil's Icebox:** Kristen Godfrey discussed their past trip, they focused on the smaller nooks and cranny passages located in the cave. Notably they found a new species of Isopods which has yet to be named. They also counted three Pink Planarians, which are a type of flatworm.

**Geronimo Cave:** No updates were discussed.

### **Trip Reports and Other News:**

**Intro to Caving:** Kristen Godfrey is going to start doing a monthly Intro to Caving presentation through MeetUp, tentatively this will be hosted on the second Monday of every month. The past presentation had an attendance of 15 people.

**Robber's Cave:** Krista Bartel, Seth Colston, Bill Gee, and Kristen Godfrey completed a two-day survey trip which gained them 497 feet of survey. They stated that this was a tough cave to survey. Jim Cooley is drawing up the map.

**NSS Fellows Award:** Bill Gee received an NSS Fellows Award during the NSS convention this year. His presentation for the NSS convention can be found on YouTube.

**New Business:** No new business.

**Unfinished Business:** No unfinished business and the meeting was adjourned. Participants then had pizza at Minsky's Pizza at 51<sup>st</sup> and Main.

## **Upcoming Trips and Events**

COVID-19 update: Check with the trip leader before you set out to attend any of these events. Many of the "stay at home" restrictions have been lifted. Restrictions or not, please make your own decision regarding your health. The caves are not going anywhere.

2021 September 25<sup>th</sup> – Kieswetter Cave – Chouteau Grotto Trip. Contact Martin C. or Kristen Godfrey [vogel\\_kris@yahoo.com](mailto:vogel_kris@yahoo.com)

2021 October 9<sup>th</sup> – Over The Edge in Overland Park. Marriott hotel at I-435 and Metcalf. This should run from about 9:00am to around 3:00pm.

2021 October 9<sup>th</sup> – Carroll Cave photography trip. Contact Kristen Godfrey at [vogel\\_kris@yahoo.com](mailto:vogel_kris@yahoo.com)

2021 October 22<sup>nd</sup> through 24<sup>th</sup> – Fall MVOR - McDonald County, Missouri. Information is at [Fall 2021 MVOR Flyer](#).

2021 October 30<sup>th</sup> – Carroll Cave annual bat census trip to the Mountain Room

Tough trip, wetsuit required

Contact Bill Gee for more information. [bgee@campercaver.net](mailto:bgee@campercaver.net).

2021 November 6<sup>th</sup> – Perkins Cave novice trip. Contact Kristen Godfrey [vogel\\_kris@yahoo.com](mailto:vogel_kris@yahoo.com)

2021 November 20<sup>th</sup> – Stark Caverns survey day. Small people only. Contact Bill Gee  
[bgee@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bgee@sbcglobal.net)

2021 November 21<sup>st</sup> – Geronimo Springs Cave survey day. Small people only. Contact Seth Colston  
[swcy92@gmail.com](mailto:swcy92@gmail.com)

2021 December 18<sup>th</sup> – Cleveland Cave novice trip. Contact Kristen Godfrey [vogel\\_kris@yahoo.com](mailto:vogel_kris@yahoo.com)

2022 January 1<sup>st</sup> – Carroll Cave photo trip. Lunch Room and the Turnpike. Contact Kristen Godfrey  
[vogel\\_kris@yahoo.com](mailto:vogel_kris@yahoo.com)

2022 January 8<sup>th</sup> – Carroll Cave data logger service trip  
Contact Bill Gee for more information. [bgee@campercaver.net](mailto:bgee@campercaver.net).

2022 March 30<sup>th</sup> through April 10<sup>th</sup>: Cave gating project to protect a LARGE gray bat colony in western Camden County, Missouri. Contact Jim Cooley for more information, [coolstoi@kc.rr.com](mailto:coolstoi@kc.rr.com) or (816) 753-8111

2022 June 13<sup>th</sup> through 17<sup>th</sup> – NSS National Convention in the Black Hills of South Dakota. Central States Fairground in Rapid City, South Dakota.

2022 July 24<sup>th</sup> through 31<sup>st</sup> – 18th International Congress of Speleology.  
Lyon, France. <http://uis2021.speleos.fr/>

2023 – NSS National Convention in Elkton, West Virginia. This is a retry from the canceled/online 2020 event. Dates are not yet determined.