



**Minutes of the Kansas City Area Grotto  
October 2021 Business Meeting  
Tuesday, October 19th, 2021 – 6:30 to 8:00 P.M.**

**Meeting held virtually through “ZOOM”.**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Seth Colson. The following members and guests were present. Aliana, Emily, Ian Campbell, Seth Colston, Bill Gee, Kristen Godfrey, Matthew M. Hernandez, Rick Hines, Laura Jaynes, Gary Johnson, Jeff Page, and Hou Zhong.

**Officer Reports:**

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

**Vice President:** Jim Cooley was not present at this meeting.

**Treasurer:** Bill Gee stated that the ending balance for the month of September is \$2,671.34 (Commerce Bank) and \$1,297.22 (PayPal).

Commerce Bank Expenses were as follows: A \$5 bank fee.

PayPal Expenses were as follows: Fees totaling \$1.73, and Membership Dues totaling \$37.50

**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:** Bill Gee talked about the upcoming Annual Bat Census trip, see “Upcoming Trips and Events”. Jeff Page discussed the fundraising efforts for the conservancy in regards to future campground upgrades. There is also a workday event to help Rick Hines move the remaining lumber from the schoolhouse property. This will be on Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## **Project Updates:**

**Hickory County:** Gary Johnson talked about permit permission for the Mule Shoe Conservation Area. There are two caves that need to be surveyed.

**Stark Caverns Survey Project:** Bill Gee talked about the upcoming survey trip. The trip will be a tough/tight survey 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 mentioned there will be a "Pink Planarians" census/count trip this upcoming spring.

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

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

**Intro to Caving:** Kristen Godfrey's monthly "Intro to Caving" presentation through MeetUp had an attendance of 26 people.

**Kiswitter Cave:** Kristen Godfrey had a trip to Kiswitter Cave on September 25<sup>th</sup>. This cave is well decorated and features a tight birth canal passage.

**Carroll Cave:** Kristen Godfrey led her first leadership trip on October 9<sup>th</sup>. This trip was a photography trip inside of Carroll Cave.

**New Business:** No new business.

**Unfinished Business:** No unfinished business and the meeting was adjourned.

## 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 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 for more information. [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 for more information. [bgee@campercaver.net](mailto:bgee@campercaver.net)

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

2021 December 18<sup>th</sup> – Cleveland Cave novice trip.  
Contact Kristen Godfrey for more information. [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 for more information. [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.