



Minutes of the Kansas City Area Grotto November 2021 Business Meeting Tuesday, November 16th, 2021 – 6:30 to 7:30 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. John, Chase, Seth Colston, Scott, Taylor's, Jen B., Bill Gee, Kristen Godfrey, Matthew M. Hernandez, Rick Hines, Gary Johnson, Jay Kennedy, Garrett Reilly, Hou Zhong.

Officer Reports:

President: Seth Colston talked about the upcoming KCAG Christmas Party being hosted by Rick Hines on December 11th at 6:00 P.M. Please bring a dish to share, Contact Seth to RSVP swcy92@gmail.com

Note the next Business Meeting will be held in January in-person.

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

Treasurer: Bill Gee stated that the ending balance for the month of October was \$2,666.34 (Commerce Bank) and \$1,545.86 (PayPal).

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

PayPal Expenses were as follows: T-Shirt Fundraiser Transfer: \$212.85

Secretary: Matthew M. Hernandez had no updates during this meeting. The previous month's October meeting minutes were approved.

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

Presentations: Please contact Seth Colston at 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) or Seth Colston (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) can still be contacted for any trips to add to the MeetUp schedule.

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: Rick Hines and Bill Gee stated there were able to remove the remaining lumber from the schoolhouse property. This was completed during a workday on November 3rd.

Bill Gee also mentioned that the Carroll Cave Conservancy received a trip permit request from Dr. Pamela Hart, a post doc at the Oklahoma Museum of Natural History in Norman, OK. She wanted to collect a few cave fishes (*Typhlichthys eigenmanni*) for research. They would be

collected for laboratory experiments to determine how sensitive cave fishes are to water movement/disturbances, and how they find food in a subterranean food desert. The research will also hopefully help gain insight for the non-visual adaptations.

Project Updates:

Hickory County: Gary Johnson talked about an upcoming cave survey for Mule Shoe Conservation Area. This will be on Wednesday, November 24th. Please contact Gary for more information. gary.johnson@imagesjournal.com After survey is complete, time will be spent scouting the area around the Conservation Area.

Stark Caverns Survey Project: Bill Gee talked about the upcoming survey trip this Saturday. Currently there are seven people signed up. The trip will be a tough/tight survey on November 20th. Contact Bill bgee@campercaver.net

Cloud 9 Ranch: The annual Biology trip will be in February of 2022. The date has not been decided yet

Devil's Icebox: There will be a survey trip tentatively in September 2022.

Geronimo Cave: Seth Colston talked about the upcoming survey trip for Sunday November 21st. It features a 150' water crawl that is required to get to the larger 20' rooms. Currently there are five people signed up. Contact Seth for more information. swcy92@gmail.com

Trip Reports and Other News:

Intro to Caving: Kristen Godfrey's monthly "Intro to Caving" presentation through MeetUp had an attendance of 11 people.

Carroll Cave Annual Bat Census Trip Report: Bill Gee talked about the Annual Bat Census trip that was on October 30th. There were a cluster of bats upstream from the 500-foot marker. Though it was much smaller than last year. Estimated 200 or less. There was only one bat seen over the entire length of the cave from the Lunchroom to the Mountain Room. Unusually there were Sculpins in quantity. It took a bit to get the roost detector to start, but it eventually it booted up and was able to be placed on its PVC bracket by the stream's edge at the natural entrance passage. A more detailed trip report can be read at the following website. <https://carrollcave.org/?p=3963>

Perkins Cave Novice Trip: Kristen Godfrey is leading a novice trip to Perkin Cave on Saturday November 6th. Contact Kristen for more information vogel_kris@yahoo.com

Cleveland Cave Novice Trip: Kristen Godfrey is leading a novice trip to Cleveland Cave on Saturday December 18th. Contact Kristen for more information vogel_kris@yahoo.com

Kieswetter Cave Novice Trip: Kristen Godfrey is leading a novice trip to Kieswetter Cave on Saturday January 22nd. Contact Kristen for more information vogel_kris@yahoo.com

Ridge walking Camden County: Kristen Godfrey is having a ridge walking trip on private property in Camden County. This will be on Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25th. Contact Kristen for more information vogel_kris@yahoo.com

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 November 6th - Perkins Cave novice trip. Contact Kristen Godfrey vogel_kris@yahoo.com

2021 November 20th – Stark Caverns survey day. Small people only.
Contact Bill Gee for more information. bgee@campercaver.net

2021 November 21st – Geronimo Springs Cave survey day. Small people only.
Contact Seth Colston for more information. swcy92@gmail.com

2021 November 24th - Thanksgiving Eve. Cave survey at Mule Shoe Conservation Area in Hickory County. Contact Gary Johnson gary.johnson@imagesjournal.com

2021 December 11th – KCAG Christmas party at the home of Rick Hines.
Send RSVP to Seth Colston swcy92@gmail.com

2021 December 18th – Cleveland Cave novice trip.
Contact Kristen Godfrey for more information. vogel_kris@yahoo.com

2021 December 25th – Ridge walking on private property in Camden County. Yes, this is on Christmas day! Contact Kristen Godfrey vogel_kris@yahoo.com

2022 January 1st – Carroll Cave photo trip. Lunch Room and the Turnpike.
Contact Kristen Godfrey for more information. vogel_kris@yahoo.com

2022 January 8th – Carroll Cave data logger service trip
Contact Bill Gee for more information. bgee@campercaver.net.

2022 January 22nd – Novice trip to Kieswetter Cave. Contact Kristen Godfrey vogel_kris@yahoo.com

2022 March 19th – Carroll Cave. Service the Anabat Roost Logger in the Mountain Room. Change batteries and memory card. Contact Bill Gee bgee@campercaver.net.

2022 March 30th through April 10th: 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 or (816) 753-8111

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

2022 July 24th through 25th – 18th International Congress of Speleology. Savoie Technolac, 16 Avenue du Lac du Bourget, Le Bourget-du-Lac, France. <http://uis2021.speleos.fr/>

2022 October 15th – Bridge Day in West Virginia. <https://officialbridgeday.com/>

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