Kansas City Area Grotto
Minutes of Monthly Business Meeting
Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2010

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Cooley at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance

The following members were in attendance: President Jim Cooley, Secretary Cyle Riggs, Brandy Riggs, David Mead, Andy Isbell, Bill Gee, Pam Rader, Sam Clippinger, Pic Walenta, Gary Johnson, David Foran, Chuck Curtis, Rick Hines

The following guests were present: Jenny Bentz, Elaine Gilleo, Casey, Cinda

Previous Minutes

Members reviewed the minutes online ahead of the meeting. No edits were requested.

Treasurer's Report

A balance of $611.37 was reported as of last bank statement.

Old Business

Novice Trip Discussion
There was further discussion of running regular official grotto novice trips. Brandy Riggs volunteered to manage scheduling and organization of the trips. Jenny Bentz and David Mead agreed to lead trips in Cleveland Cave, Cyle Riggs agreed to lead trips into Perkins and/or Skaggs Cave, and Bill Gee / Andy Isbell tentatively agreed to lead advanced beginner trips into Carroll Cave pending CCC approval.

Patches, T-Shirts, etc.
Pic Walenta volunteered to organize the existing art for KCAG t-shirts, hats, and/or patches. She will review what exists and recommend a plan for getting them printed and sold.

C.A.I.R.N Donation:
A motion was passed approving a donation to CAIRN for the production of a documentary on Riverbluff Cave. If a copy of the finished production can be given to the grotto the donation will be $75. If a copy will not be provided the donation will be $50.

New Business

Grotto Gear:
Sam Clippinger has all but one of the headlamps and helmets. Greg Herin has the remaining headlamp and helmet. (Reported at the meeting incorrectly. Actually, Dave Mead has the helmet & lamp).

New Members: Jenny Bentz was voted in as a member.

Quaternary Solution:
A motion was approved for the grotto to purchase 4 gallons of Lysol IC Concentrated quaternary solution to be sold to members in smaller quantities at cost. Jenny Bentz agreed to purchase the compound, and Jim Cooley and Bill Gee agreed to be keepers of the solution.

The Guano Newsletter:

The latest volume was published in September.

Hickory County Project:
Gary Johnson reported on the activities in Hickory County and asked for people interested in helping with landowner relationship building in the County.

Boy Scouts Website Information:
No progress has been made in working with the BSA.

Trip Reports

Calf Trap Survey:
Gary Johnson, Cyle Riggs, and Brandy Riggs reported on the progress of the Calf Trap Cave survey and the latest trip to complete most of the survey.

Eleven Point Ranger District, MTNF - 9/10/2010 - 9/12/2010:
Started survey of Little Hurricane Cave, finished field work on Black Dagger Cave, reconnoitered expedition campsite for Canyon Cave survey, and discovered a cute, new 30-foot cave in bluff HIGH above Mary Deckard Shoals on the Eleven Point River: Boxwork Fragments Cave, ORE-169. Some other holes out there will require vertical.

MSS, MCKC, and MDC Cave Stewardship & WNS training - 9/18/2010:
Jim Cooley reported on the WNS decontamination training.

Ozark National Scenic Riverways Survey & Cave Monitoring Trip - 9/19/2010 - 9/22/2010:
Canoe-based survey of Baptizing Hole Triangle Cave – which WE discovered! – and maybe others, also monitored ten rarely-seen caves in a remote and rugged hollow.

CRF Eleven Point Ranger District/Irish Wilderness Survey Expedition - 9/23/2010 - 9/27/2010:
Primary objective: Finish Little Hurricane Cave, survey and photograph Canyon Cave.

Ennis Cave Birthday Bash, 10/7/2010 – 10/11/2010:
Rick and Kay Hines attended the Ennis Cave birthday bash, along with Jim Cooley, Pic Walenta, Jenny Bentz, Mike McKinney, Pedgie Hines, David Foran, and Chandra Ruff. They ran photography trips to the Alien Hand Room in Ennis Cave, and Rick, Kay, Jim and Pic also hiked to nearby Dripping Springs Cave to photograph to the Dinosaur Room of a nearby cave.

TAG:
Bill Gee reported on the TAG Fall Cave-in. Lori Schultz was on this trip, too. Bill, Lori and some folks from Chouteau Grotto (Columbia, MO) did Moses Tomb. The following day, Bill went back to Deep Well. Then Lori and Bill went back to the Moses area and found three other pits after breakfast with landowner Jack Hart.

Presentation

ONSR Caving Pictures by Jim Cooley
Jim Cooley showed pictures of ONSR survey and cave monitoring.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Afterward, several members convened at Waldo Pizza on Wornall to enjoy libations and cheesy comestibles.

Respectfully submitted,

Cyle Riggs, Grotto Secretary