Kansas City Area Grotto
Minutes of Monthly Business Meeting
Wednesday, November 10, 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, Jenny Bentz, Rick Hines, Matt Keuhnert, Chandra Ruff, Gary Johnson, Craig Hines, Michael Hartley, Bill Gee, Sam Clippinger, Andy Isbell, DJ Hall, Pic Walenta

The following guests were present: Jeff Gerard, Greg Herin, Jeanene Herin, Jim Skidmore, Martin Player, Austi Lynn, Joxom Rosenlund

Previous Minutes

Members reviewed the minutes online ahead of the meeting. Some small edits were requested.

Treasurer's Report

A balance of $561.37 was reported. Check of $65 for the grotto C.A.I.R.N donation and $50 for MSS gas reimbursement have been sent out.

Old Business

C.A.I.R.N Donation

Jim Cooley pre-approved an additional $15 donation to C.A.I.R.N. A motion was passed to approve this amount and not require Jim Cooley to reimburse the grotto for any amount.

New Business

Grotto Gear:
Jim Cooley has the grotto gear. David Foran wants individual medicine packs to help rebuild the first aid kits.

New Members:
Greg Herin and Chandra Ruff were voted in as new members.

Novice Trips:
Jim Cooley announced that in Q1 2011 there will be an Ennis novice trip/sierra club outing.

MVOR:
The next open slot for an MVOR is in Spring 2012.

Official Grotto Apparel:
Pic Walenta has found a reasonable price for t-shirts, hooded sweatshirts, patches, and beanie printing. She showed a couple of designs to the grotto. After showing some designs and collecting feedback she is going to look further into the matter and report back. The current idea is to have the items produced in bulk and sell them for a small profit.

Quaternary Solution:
The Lysol quaternary solution is now available for sale at $0.25 per 25 grams or 1 fluid ounce.

Hickory County Project:
Gary Johnson reported on the activities in Hickory County, announcing that he has found additional help in talking with landowners and again asked for more people interested in helping with landowner relationship building in the County to step forward.

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

MSS:
Jim Cooley announced that he will likely be running thermal imaging trips as part of the cave stewardship program.

Trip Reports

CRF National Meeting:
Jim Cooley announced that he had been chosen as a CRF fellow at the latest CRF meeting.

Rattlesnake Cave:
Sam Clippinger reported on a scout trip to Rattlesnake Cave. The group removed a large amount of trash from the cave.

Cleveland Cave Restoration - October 17:
David Mead reported on a cave restoration trip to Cleveland Cave in which walls were scrubbed in the bat room and a ladder was installed at the vertical drop beyond the water pool.

Piney Creek Wilderness, October 20:
Jim Cooley reported on a ridge-walking trip in the Piney Creek Wilderness. He has suggested this as the next grotto front after Hickory County and has received a request to monitor an old failed uranium mine in the area.

MVOR, October 21:
Bill Gee reported on the latest MVOR. He reports about 200 attendees and that he did not make any caving trips.

Carroll Cave Bio Trip, October 30:
Bill Gee reported on the latest bio trip into Carroll Cave with Lori Schultz, Andy Isbell, Bill Gee, Beth, and Ryan. He reports that the bat count remains the same and that some small clusters of 4-5 bats were found.

Playroom Cave:
Jenny Bentz reported on a visit to a three-entrance cave she has named Playroom Cave on Truman Lake, near her grandparent's house. She and siblings played in the cave as children.

Presentation

Photo Stitching With Hugin by Sam Clippinger
Sam Clippinger provided a short tutorial on how to use the Hugin, the free cross-platform photo stitching application.

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