Kansas City Area Grotto
Minutes of Monthly Business Meeting
Wednesday, July 14, 2010

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Cooley at 7:05 p.m.

Attendance

The following members were in attendance: Secretary Cyle Riggs, Brandy Rich, Rick Hines, Gary Johnson, Cameron Adams, Michael Hartley, Andy Isbell, Jerry Cindric, Bill Gee, Pic Walenta

The following guests were present: Jim Jones, Aaran Jones, Joe Moats, Isaac Moats, Chandra Ruff, Elaine Gilleo

Previous Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer Pam Rader could not be present. In her absence Jim Cooley reported a reimbursement of $85.00 to Jim Cooley for gas to drive to the MSS and White Nose Working Group meetings, and deposit of $62.50. The reported account balance was $943.45.

Old Business

Grotto Helmet/Lamp Replacements
Cyle Riggs reported that the committee had made no progress in finding a replacement for the lamps. Jim Cooley urged the committee to have something ready for approval at the next business meeting.

New Business

Memberships:
No new members were voted in.

Grotto Gear:
Jim Cooley has the grotto helmets.

White Nose Syndrome:
Jim Cooley proposed posting links to agency information on White Nose Syndrome. Jim Cooley will follow up with Sam Clippinger.

White Nose Syndrome Working Group:
Jim Cooley reported that at the WNSWG meeting on June 1-2 a group had been appointed to create an MDC stewardship program. Five volunteers from the grotto have been requested to take part in the stewardship program.

MVOR Committee:
There was nothing to report on MVOR related activities. Jim Cooley proposed the idea of hosting a National Cave and Karst Conservancy event instead of an MVOR, as the NSS was casting about for an NCKMS host – maybe in 2015?

Hickory County Project:
Gary Johnson reported on the activities in Hickory County.

Carroll Cave Conservancy:
Rick Hines announced the CCC meeting will be August 14th, at 10AM at the Camdenton Fire Station. New officers will be elected.

MSS:
Jim Cooley read a letter introducing the cave stewardship program developed by the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC). MDC will be hosting WNS decontamination protocol training at the next MSS meeting. Several maps have been sent to the MSS by the Grotto including: Williams Cave (HKY-035), Kolb Cave (CAM-158), Reary Hole Cave (SHN-542), Reary Outlook Tunnel (SHN-612), and Knob Cave (SHN-367).

Mospeleo:
Jim Cooley discussed the revival of the MSS Mospeleo. Three new issues have been published: Vol. 46 No. 1, Vol. 49 No. 2-4, and Vol. 50 No. 2-3..

MCKC
Jim Cooley announced that the MCKC has revamped their website.

The Guano:
Editor Bill Gee announced that the latest published newsletter was two weeks ago. The next newsletter will be released when enough articles are collected.

Trip Reports:

Grotto Vertical Day
Bill Gee reported on a successful vertical training day at the Cliffs behind the golf course on Truman Lake, on May 22th.

Carroll Bio Trip
Bill Gee reported on a bio trip into Carroll Cave on May 31st.

Ennis Blowout
Rick Hines reported on the Ennis Cave Blowout 25th Anniversary weekend May 29th-31st.

Camden County, Fiery Fork Area Caving
Cyle Riggs reported on a caving trip in the vicinity of Fiery Fork Conservation Area.

Gary Johnson Bunker Hill Report
Gary Johnson reported on investigating rumors of a new cave in the Bunker Hill Resort area.

Eleven Point Survey Trip
Pic Walenta reported on an attempted survey float trip on the Eleven Pont July 2-5th. Coffin Cave was the only spelean spot on the trip. Jim & Pic camped one night with their good friend, *Agkistrodon contortrix*.

Grotto Picnic
The grotto thanked the members of the Hines clan for hosting another great picnic.

Upcoming Events:

2010 NSS National Convention:
Aug. 2 - 6 – Essex Junction, Vermont.

Black Hills Cave Restoration Camp:
Sep. 13 - 17 – Contact marc_ohms@nps.gov or call 605-745-1182 by Friday, July 30, 2010. Space is limited.

MSS Meeting:
Septermber 18th - Rolla, MO

Enisi Cave Birthday Bash
Oct. 8-10 - Celebrating Randy Rose and Peddgie Heinz's birthday at Ennis Cave, Mountain View, AR.

Fall 2010 MVOR:
October 2010 – Near Hannibal, MO. Dates are set for Oct. 22-24.

Upcoming Trips:

CRF Eleven Point Survey Trip
July 15-18/25 - Meth Lab Cave, Thanksgiving Cave, Canyon Cave, and others.

CRF Buffalo River Survey Trip
July 16-21 - Survey work on Fitton Cave, Copperhead Cave, and others.

CRF Taney County Small Caves Survey
A survey trip. The group will be staying at the Ozark Underground Labs.

CRF MTNF Eleven Point Float/Survey
Early August - Survey work in the Eleven Point River area.

Presentation

Rick Hines Photography
Rick Hines presented cave photography from Ennis Cave and New Mexico.

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