Kansas City Area Grotto
Minutes of Monthly Business Meeting
Wednesday, Sep 8, 2010

Called to order by President Jim Cooley at 7:05 pm

Guests - Jenny Bentz, Casey Ernest, Chandra Ruff

Members attending: Bill Gee,Andy Isbell, Rick Hines, David Mead, Pic Walenta, Jim Cooley, Gary Johnson, Matt Kuehnert

Minutes - Reviewed on-line prior to meeting. No changes requested.

Treasurer's Report - No report, perhaps $900 balance before paying for lights

Meeting programs are needed.

Jim Cooley is thinking about scheduling formal novice trips. Carroll, Cleveland, maybe other caves are available. Need leaders. 3 or 4 trips per years, planned at the beginning of the year.

Should we adopt Cleveland Cave? Novice trips can also be restoration or survey or other stuff.

Speaking request Outdoor club Feb 21, Bryon Carmoney will handle. Grotto is invited to attend.

Landowner request to provide guides in Cleveland Cave. Cooley will be our liaison with the landowner, at least for now.

Need volunteer for October meeting presentation.

New business - None

White Nose Update - NSS website is up to date. MTNF caves close on Sep 30. Decontamination is the way to do things now: The standard for responsible caving.

Stewardship program rollout is next weekend (Sep 18) in Rolla. Seven people from KCAG are attending.

Jim called scout office again regarding misinformation on their Web site. Possibly can get into caves on H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation for Scout trips.

MVOR committee - No report. No activity.

New gear - lights were bought, have been used in Cleveland cave. They worked well.

Guano - Plan to publish an issue in September. Need some articles.

Hickory County - Survey on Aug 14 of Calf Trap Cave. Gary Johnson, Steve Potter, Cyle Riggs. Encountered bad air. Got about 300 feet of survey. The survey is not done. Gary has some articles on how to recognize bad air. Will send out links. BIC lighter is a crude test.

Batteries can carry a magnetic field, and will affect a compass. The rest of the light has less effect.

Upcoming trips - working on access to cave near Little Niangua.

October - start survey on known bat cave.

More stuff to come.

Jim showed a map created by Cyle Riggs of Mule Slough Cave. Creating maps is a good way to get brownie points with other cavers.

CCC - New officers and board of directors. Landowner trip Oct 2 and 3. Need help and loaner gear.

Rick Hines can get Lysol cleaner in concentrate.

MSS meeting next weekend (Sep 18). MCKC meeting also next weekend (Sep 18)

Grotto gear - Rick has helmets and lights.

Trip report - Aug 21. Scout trip went to Cleveland Cave instead of Perkins. Everyone had a good time. About three hours in the cave.

Cyle Riggs and Darla White – Went to H Roe Bartle Conservation Area, geocaching, delivered by Rick Hines in his boat. They rappeled into Cannonball Cave and found a geocache.

Upcoming trips - Sep 10 to 12 – CRF/MTNF Little Hurricane Creek Survey. Sep 19 to 22 - ONSR. Sep 23 to 27 – CRF/MTNF Canyon Cave Survey. Nov 24 to 29 – Ridgewalking on the Eleven Point Ranger District. Dec 30 to Jan 2 – Float trip/ridgewalking on the Eleven Point River. All of these trips will be led by Jim Cooley, contact Jim for details.

Ennis Cave Oct 8 to 10. Birthday bash.

CRF annual meeting Oct 23-24, expeditions the following week.

MVOR Oct 23-24 near Hanibal, MO.

Presentation - Cooley previewed a talk on WNS decontamination protocol which will be given at the Rolla meeting on the 18th, and a Powerpoint presentation on CRF 2009-2010 cave gating activity, which will be given at CRF annual meeting.

Adjourned 9:10pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
BILL GEE, ACTING SECRETARY, STANDING IN FOR
CYLE RIGGS, GROTTO SECRETARY