

Kansas City Area Grotto Regular Business Meeting Minutes Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Cyle Riggs at 7:12 p.m.

Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes of the last meeting, compiled by Matt Kuehnert, previously sent out on e-mail, were accepted.

Attendance

The following members were present: President Cyle Riggs, VP/Treasurer Brandy Riggs, Secretary Matt Kuehnert, Bill Gee, Pic Walenta, Lee and Jacob Krout, DJ Hall, Rick Hines,

The following guests were present: David Egeland, Jennie Murphy

Treasurer's Report

Brandy Riggs reported a current balance of \$2,673.17

Grotto gear Report

Cyle Riggs has the helmets, Jim Cooley has the bash kits, and Cyle Riggs has the projector. Gary Johnson has one set of survey instruments, and DJ Hall has another set of survey instruments. Rick Hines mentioned that the Grotto projector is now missing the HDMI cable as well as the remote control.

White Nose Syndrome (C. Riggs)

Grotto has Lysol IC Concentrate for sale: \$.25 per fluid ounce (25 grams).
<http://www.caves.org/WNS/index.htm> -- the NSS data site for WNS

Novice Trips Committee

Brandy reports there are no scheduled trips due to lack of interest.

Grotto Apparel

Pic reports that a KCAG zip up hoodie is being considered. Cost to the Grotto would be \$35 each if we bought at least 24. We can also consider long sleeve tee shirts at a cost of \$16.25 each if we buy at least twelve. Sell prices would have to be agreed upon, as these are net costs only.

Fund Raisers

Pic reports that Jay Kennedy has donated scuba gear to the Grotto to sell for a fundraiser. He estimates the total value at \$1400.00

The Guano

Bill Gee reports that he has material to publish in mid October.

Old Business

Content for Scout Publication

Heidi was not present – status unknown.

KCAG Website

Cyle reports that he will be sending a sample version of the website to members for our review.

New Business

None to report

Activity Reports

Scouting

No new reports

Hickory County Project

No new report

Carroll Cave Conservancy Report

Bill Gee reports the following upcoming trips:

- 9-15 Restoration trip
- 10-27 Landowner trip
- 10-27 Annual bat census

Bill reports that future trip sign ups may be done via the Carroll Cave website.

Missouri Speleological Survey Report

No new report.

Missouri Caves & Karst Conservancy

Bill Gee reports that he attended the last Goodwin Sinkhole cleanup trip. A ramp now exists and a backhoe was able to enter the sinkhole and remove more tires and debris. A plastic fence is now installed around the sinkhole. More work is planned for inside the sinkhole.

Open Discussion, Misc. Trip Reports

Brandy Riggs asked members to please add caving trips to the KCAG website calendar. See Cyle Riggs for access to the calendar.

Upcoming Events

October 6th - lantern tours at Onondaga Cave. If you are interested in doing some historic re-enactment, contact them.

9-27 through 10-12 Bat Cave Gating, Oregon County.

10-13 – Haunted Cave at Onondaga Cave

11-21 through 25th – Eleven Point Thanksgiving Trip – caving, monitoring, and ridge walking

Summer, 2014: NSS National Convention, ROLLA, MO.

Trip Report

Cyle Riggs reported on a recent trip he and Brandy took to Wind Cave, South Dakota

Equipment Demonstration

Rick Hines showed us a new LED headlamp he obtained on eBay.

Presentation

Lee and Jacob Krout shared photos of numerous caves, shelters, from Hickory County

Adjourned

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Participants gathered at Wornall Pizza for food, drink, and fellowship!

Respectfully submitted,
Matt Kuehnert, KCAG Secretary