

Kansas City Area Grotto Regular Business Meeting Minutes Wednesday, July 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, Jim Cooley, David Mead, Lee and Jacob Krout, Andy Isbell, Nathan Taylor

The following guests were present: Ken Roussel, Lana Euright

Treasurer's Report

Brandy Riggs reported a current balance of \$2,676.86

Grotto gear Report

Darla White has the helmets, Jim Cooley has the bash kits, and Cyle Riggs has the projector and some headlights.

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

Cyle reports that the St. Mary's, KS school group is asking to be lead on another caving trip.

Grotto Apparel

No report.

The Guano

Bill Gee reports that he has material to publish now.

Old Business

None to report

New Business

New Members

Lee and Jacob Krout were unanimously voted in as members. Congratulations and welcome gentlemen!

Cookbook

Brandy Riggs asked if there would be an interest in assembling a cookbook full of recipes contributed by Grotto members that would be sold for a profit. No actions were taken.

Activity Reports

Scouting No new reports

Hickory County Project

Gary Johnson was not present, but had sent the grotto an email update of the Hickory County Project.

Carroll Cave Conservancy Report

Bill Gee reports that the July 14th annual meeting is coming up and will include trip leader training.

Missouri Speleological Survey Report

Jim Cooley reports the May meeting was cancelled.

Missouri Caves & Karst Conservancy

Jim Cooley reports the MCKC now owns the Goodwin Sinkhole. Cleanup continues, signs have been posted, and \$14K of backhoe work is planned for inside the sinkhole. Berome Moore survey continues at a blistering pace.

Summer Trip announcements

Jim Cooley is planning a trip to Benton County, MO to survey Lost Boys and Spring Caves. He will also be visiting Toby Cave in Camden County to help the MDC set up trail cams to catch trespassers.

Jim Cooley reports that another trip to Willow Springs will be planned for September or October to start a survey.

Jim Cooley is planning a tentative trip on Sept. 8th to survey at Cloud Nine Ranch.

Jim Cooley is planning a Labor Day float trip on the Ozark National Scenic River ways (OSNR)

Jim Cooley is planning a cave gating trip in September, or possibly October or November to Onondaga and Cathedral Caves.

Jim Cooley is planning a cave gating trip from September 28th to October 15th at the Oregon County Bat Cave.

Jim Cooley will be taking part in the July Onondaga Cave reenactment lantern tour

Jim Cooley is planning a survey and backpack trip to the Irish wilderness this October.

Open Discussion, Misc. Trip Reports

Willow Springs – Sump draining and excavation work. Trip report by Jim Cooley

Upcoming Events

Karst-o-Rama, Greater Cincinnati Grotto, <http://karstorama.com>, July 20-22, 2012.

Mid July and October lantern tours at Onondaga Cave. If you are interested in doing some historic reenactment, contact them.

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

Presentation

Lee and Jacob Krout shared photos of numerous caves, shelters, camping, and wildlife from the Cloud Nine Ranch

Adjourned

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. Participants gathered at Wornall Pizza for food, drink, and fellowship!

Respectfully submitted,
Matt Kuehnert, KCAG Secretary