

**Kansas City Area Grotto
January Regular Business Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 14th, 2012**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Cyle Riggs at 7:00 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: VP/Treasurer Brandy Riggs, Secretary Matt Kuehnert, President Cyle Riggs, Pic Walenta, Jim Cooley, Rick Hines, Bill Gee, Shelly Field, Gary Johnson, Heidi Fletcher, Jenny Bentz, Andy Isbell, Richard Cindric, Richard Keith, Nathan Taylor, DJ Hall, and David Mead
The following guests were present: Shelia Johnson,

Treasurer's Report

A balance of \$3075.22 was reported for January. Brandy reported that \$100 was spent on the Willow Springs Project (PVC Pipe for siphon), and \$49 was spent on flowers for Mike Hartley's wife.

Grotto gear Report

Jim Cooley has the bash kits; Cyle has the helmets and the projector

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

Jim Cooley moved that the Grotto buy four gallons of Lysol IC concentrate. Motion passed.

Old business

Novice Trips Committee

Jim Cooley reports that he has received a request from Bosworth, MO R5 School for a caving trip. A trip to Cleveland Cave will likely be planned.

Grotto Apparel / Fund Raisers

Pic Walenta stated that Jay Kennedy has another group of equipment that he will intends to sell on Craig's list. There was a general opinion from several members that we would like a chance to buy before he sells. Jim Cooley suggested that the next group of Grotto T-shirts should include "caver" on the back in order to be properly identified at any cave rescue events.

The Guano

No Update

Goodwin Sinkhole Cleanup (MCKC)

Brandy Riggs reports that she will be submitting \$30 for reimbursement for food that she prepared.

KCAG Website

Cyle reports that more changes are coming to the website soon

New Business

Vertical workshop 2012

Cyle Riggs says he is working with Jay Kennedy on this.

Mike Hartley

The Grotto received a thank you note from Mike Hartley's wife. Rick Hines said some nice words about Mike and his caving accomplishments with KCAG and CCC.

Cleveland Cave Sign

The landowner has requested that we post a sign on his property, located at the campground saying "Official KCAG Campground, Courtesy of Vick Nichols"

New Members

Shelly Johnson and Nathan Taylor were voted in as new members

Onondaga "Year of the Bat"

Jim Cooley and /or Brandy Riggs may attend this event in April

Activity Reports

Scouting

No report

Hickory County Project

Gary Johnson reports that there are 14 caves left to survey

Carroll Cave Conservancy Report

Bill Gee reports an April 14th trip with Dr. Ashley and students. He said the next annual meeting will be on 7/14/12.

Missouri Speleological Survey Report

Jim Cooley announced that the next meeting will be 5/21/12 in Rolla, MO

Missouri Caves & Karst Conservancy

Jim Cooley reported that there will be a Goodwin Sinkhole cleanup gathering on 3-17-12.

Trip reports

Cloud Nine Ranch

Jim Cooley reports that fifteen people attended the last trip. Bear Cave survey was started.

Flippen, Drummond cave surveys

Jim Cooley reported on the last trip to Flippen / Drummond

Willow Springs

Jim Cooley reported on the last to Willow Springs Cave

Upcoming Trips

May, 2012: Cloud 9 Ranch, cave survey and ridge walking. Improved-site camping.

March, 2012: Willow Springs Cave and Mines sump reduction, exploration and mapping, Linn Creek, MO.

April (?), 2012: Gating McCormick Cave, Newburg, MO (Phelps County, near Rolla).

Upcoming Events

“Year of the Bat’ activities at Onondaga Cave State Park – April 20-21st. Contact Tara or Maria at 573)245-6576 (x227 for Tara and x221 for Maria)

MVOR, Perry County, MO April 26-29, 2012. SEMO hosting.

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

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

Presentation

Rick Hines presented slides from several decades of caving trips

Adjourned

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. Participants gathered at Wornall Pizza for food, drink, and fellowship!

Respectfully submitted,
Matt Kuehnert, KCAG Secretary