

KCAG August Meeting – August 8, 2012

Attendance

Jacob Krout

Lee Krout

David Foran

Mike Smoker

Juliane Smoker

Pic Walenta

Jim Cooley

Bill Gee

Heidi Fletcher

DJ Hall

Brandy Riggs

Cyle Riggs

Octavio Salazar (Guest)

David Mead

Nathan Taylor (Scribe)

Meeting was called to order at 7:06 by the honorable Clye Riggs

Our lone guest was introduced

Last meeting minutes were approved without comment

Treasurer presented the bank balance -\$2717.25 at last update (B Riggs)

Projector has a new bag, previous conveyance biodegraded as advertised (Gee)

WNS Update

- Lysol solution available for sale
- Missouri WNS Response Plan undergoing final review, Aug 9; No formal grotto involvement is included in response plan(Cooley)
- Cavers interested in assisting should work through CRF (Cooley)
- Region 2 (Rocky Mountains) – some caves opening to cave research, previously closed (Cooley)

Novice/Boy Scout Trips – Aug 18-19 = Cleveland Cave Restoration and Repelling

Boy Scout cave guidance document (Fletcher)

- ½ contacted
- Draft complete and ready for final review
 - It was proposed that we remove cave owners info from the document to limit direct contact and instead steer groups through the grottos
 - After some discussion this was approved
- Motion for Cooley to edit doc prior to next meeting and email to the full grotto for one last review – approved

Hickory County – No update, however, DJ Hall has a survey trip planned for Aug 12 (Meyer Schoolhouse and Stark #2), several present showed interest

CCC (Gee)

- Annual meeting was held July 14
- Low attendance
- Trip leader training successful
- DJ Hall new restoration chair – trip TBD

MSS/MCKC (Cooley)

- Meeting scheduled for Sept 16
- Goodwin Sink work continues Sept 8, several mentioned not receiving updates and a note was made to forward the update from those who did receive to the full grotto

Fundraising -Dr J gave Pic gear to be sold to benefit the grotto, likely outlet is a grotto internal auction followed by EBay or Craigslist ads for what remains (Walenta)

Survey work in Benton County (Cooley)

- Everett Cave - 350 ft surveyed, more to go
- Spring Cave
- Possible return trip in Sept

Cloud 9 - trip tentative for Sept 6-10 (Cooley)

Oregon County Bat Cave Gating - 2+ week project, Americorp volunteers to assist (Cooley)

MVOR - Sept 21-23, flyer was passed around (Cooley)

Cleveland Cave Survey -TBD, possibly Labor Day Weekend

Willow Springs Survey - TBD

DJ Hall shared an edited (and masterfully accompanied) video of the exploration of Willow Springs Cave

After party continued at the usual locale despite some hopes to the contrary