

Kansas City Area Grotto January Regular Business Meeting Minutes Wednesday, April 11th, 2012

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Cyle Riggs at 7:10 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, Richard Cindric, Jerry Cindric, Richard Keith, Nathan Taylor, David Foran, and David Mead

The following guests were present: Lee and Jacob Krout, Ken Roussel Shelia Johnson,

Treasurer's Report

The balance as of 3/30/12 was \$3,386.37. .

Grotto gear Report

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

White Nose Syndrome

Jim Cooley reminded everyone that Missouri is now a white nose positive state, as several bats were recently discovered with fully involved white nose syndrome. He also mentioned that USFW has issued new white nose de-con procedures that allow the use of hot water as part of the protocol.

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

The Grotto now owns four gallons of Lysol IC concentrate.

Old business

Novice Trips Committee

Brandy reports two scheduled trips to Cleveland Cave; the first will be on 4/23/12 with the Bosworth, MO R5 School. The second will be with college students.

Grotto Apparel / Fund Raisers

Pic Walenta stated that we have received the new Grotto T-shirts with "caver" on the back and they look great. Jay Kennedy has another collection of equipment that he will intend to sell. This may take place at the Grotto picnic.

The Guano

No Update

New Business

Vertical workshop 2012

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

Cleveland Cave Sign

Pic Walenta showed a draft of the design of the sign

Grotto Picnic

Rick Hines announced that this year's picnic will be on June 2nd. The Hines again have been nice enough to hold the event at their awesome home.

Activity Reports

Scouting

No report

Hickory County Project

Gary Johnson reports that there are 12 caves left to survey. The Elkton Cave landowner trip was a success and was attended by 12 landowners. Gary also announced an upcoming float trip on the Little Niangua on May 12th to check bluffs and caves.

Carroll Cave Conservancy Report

Bill Gee reports an April 14th trip with Dr. Ashley and students. March trips to Carroll noted high water levels a good discussion regarding flow patterns in the cave took place. The next annual meeting will be on 7/14/12.

Missouri Speleological Survey Report

Jim Cooley announced that the next meeting will be 5/19/12 in Rolla, MO

Missouri Caves & Karst Conservancy

Jim Cooley reported that the Goodwin Sinkhole cleanup project is ongoing.

KCAG Website

Cyle Riggs reports that work continues on the website.

Trip reports

None given due to schedule restraints

Upcoming Trips

May 2nd, 2012: Gating McCormick Cave, Newburg, MO (Phelps County, near Rolla).

June 8, 9, 10th: Jack's Fork River float trip – Jim Cooley

Third weekend in June – CRF Current River float and cave monitoring (watching for illegal entry by river-goers)

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

Matt Kuehnert presented a video assembled from a recent caving trip in Arkansas that included photos from Rick Hines.

Jerry Cindric presented videos and pictures from TAG caving he has done in the past.

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