

Kansas City Area Grotto
February Regular Business Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 13, 2013 – 7:00pm to 9:00pm
Arthur Mag Conference Center – 4920 Cherry, KCMO

- 1) 7:02pm - Call to order by President DJ Hall
- 2) Membership roster was circulated for additions/corrections.
- 3) Recognize Visitors/Guests.
 - a) Harvey Hillin (NSS 9512)
 - b) Mary Hillin
 - c) Jack Peters
 - d) Austin Peters
 - e) Megan Gruenbacher
 - f) John McGuire
 - g) John Powell – from Missouri Western Univ.
 - h) Erin Stith– from Missouri Western Univ.
 - i) Matt Dear– from Missouri Western Univ.
 - j) Dr. David Ashley– from Missouri Western Univ.
 - k) Becky Johnson
- 4) Regular members present: DJ Hall, Matt Kuehnert, Pic Walenta, Bill Gee, Heidi Fletcher, Nathan Taylor, Gary Johnson, Lee and Jacob Krout, Krista Bartel, Tom Grant, Kyle Lewis (voted in this meeting)
- 5) Secretary – Matt Kuehnert. Minutes from last KCAG meeting were accepted
- 6) Reports:
 - a) President / Vice President Special Presentations – to Gary Johnson for mgr. of the Hickory County project
 - b) Treasurer Report – Pic Walenta, \$543 was deposited since last month. Current balance is \$2894.53. Dues are still being collected.
 - c) Quarter Master Report - Pic Walenta reports she now has possession of the helmets, and believes she has accounted for all the gear.
 - d) MSS Report – Krista Bartel reports that money has run out for the journal. They also need more members
 - e) CCC Report – Bill Gee reports there was a rescue cache trip, restoration trip, and data logger collection trip since the last meeting.
 - f) Committee reports.
 - i) Novice Trip – this position still open
 - ii) Cleveland Cave Restoration – no report
 - iii) Hickory County – Gary Johnson reports on a Jan 26th trip that included mapping and bushwhacking. DJ Hall reports on two more trips to Hickory County that included lots of mapping.
 - iv) Cloud Nine – Lee Krout reported on a recent successful surveying trip that included new passage discoveries.
 - v) Fund Raising – Pic Walenta reports that she and Rick Hines are working on Grotto calendars for fundraising. Also, Rick Hines has provided 1200 lumen headlights available for purchase \$30.00. Jay Kennedy has also donated some caving books
 - vi) Publicity – Krista Bartel is now the chairman and reports that she is excited to begin some publicity work for the Grotto.
 - vii) Welcoming – Heidi Fletcher is now the chairman and reports that she will be putting together a welcome packet for new visitors.
 - viii) Guano – Bill Gee has no report
- 7) Member Cave Trip Reports
 - a) No reports

- 8) Unfinished business
 - a) Open Committee assignments – see DJ Hall if interested
- 9) New Member nominations
 - a) Kyle Lewis was voted in unanimously
- 10) New business
 - a) Open water PADI scuba certifications – DJ Hall has a friend who is a PADI instructor and can offer certification for \$250.
 - b) Out of State Caving Trips – Krista Bartel will help arrange trips if members are interested.
- 11) Upcoming Events
 - a) MVOR
 - i) Spring 2013 - Meramec Valley Grotto - Dillard Mill, May 3-5.
 - ii) Fall 2013 - Chouteau/PEG - Northeast MO.
 - iii) Spring 2014 - Ozark Highlands Grotto - Barry County, MO.
 - b) 2013 NSS Convention
 - i) August 5-9, 2013 at Shippensburg University, PA
 - c) Rope Training at Chiefs facility
 - d) KCAG Summer Picnic
 - i) June 8, 2013
 - e) KCAG Christmas Party
 - i) December 14, 2013
- 12) Upcoming Cave trips
 - a) Feb 16/17
 - i) Hickory County Bushwhacking Gary Johnson
 - ii) Bothwell Lodge Jim Cooley
 - b) Feb 23/24
 - i) Hickory county Projects DJ Hall
 - ii) Hickory County Bushwhacking Gary Johnson
 - c) March 2
 - i) Hickory county – Gary Johnson – 050 cave survey
 - d) Mar 7-10
 - i) Cloud 9 Survey Jim Cooley (2 openings)
 - e) Mar 16/17
 - i) Hickory county projects DJ Hall
 - ii) Ridge walking Irish Wilderness Jim Cooley
 - f) Mar 23-26
 - i) Rattlesnake Cave Gating - Jim Cooley
 - g) Mar 23
 - i) Paintball at DJs
 - h) Apr 1/2 (Mon/Tues)
 - i) Onondaga Cave Boat Dock Entrance re-gating
 - i) Apr 3-7
 - i) Cathedral Cave Natural Entrance re-gating
 - j) Apr 6/7
 - i) Ozark Underground Lab John McGuire – reports that the cave is owned by Tom Aley, a world renowned hydrologist. Cost is \$20 per person plus extra if you stay in the field house that night. Four people on the trip so far. Contact John at speleolympic@yahoo.com
 - k) Apr 19/20
 - i) Cleveland Cave Family Campout

- l) Apr/27-28
 - i) Benton county Trip Jim Cooley
- m) May4/5
 - i) MVOR
- n) May 10/11
 - i) Willow Springs Survey – Jim Cooley / DJ Hall
- o) May 17
 - i) MSS Meeting

- p) June 5th or 6th
 - i) Cleveland Cave youth trip – two people needed.

13) Presentation

- a) Dr. David Ashley (professor at Missouri Western University) – Showed a PowerPoint presentation titled “Introduction to Cave Biology”. Posters were displayed in the meeting room representing some of his student’s projects (who were present at the meeting).

14) Adjournment. (Waldo Pizza – 7433 Broadway - 75th and Wornall)

Kansas City Area Grotto Committees

- 1) Novice Trips: Responsible for organizing trips for inexperienced cavers.
 - a) Chair :
 - b)
- 2) Cleveland Cave Restoration : Responsible for the Restoration of Cleveland Cave
 - a) Project Manager : Dave Mead
 - b)
- 3) Hickory County: Responsible for the discovery, documentation and survey of caves in Hickory County, MO.
 - a) Project Manager : Gary Johnson
 - b) Lori Schultz
 - c) DJ Hall
 - d)
- 4) Quarter Master: Responsible for keeping track of all physical assets of the KCAG.
 - a) Pic Walenta
- 5) Fund Raising: Responsible for the fund raising efforts of the KCAG.
 - a) Chair : Pic Walenta
 - b) Andy Isbell
 - c)
- 6) Presentation: Responsible for organizing and presenting caving information to scout, youth and other organized groups.
 - a) Chair :
 - b)
- 7) Website: Responsible for maintaining the KCAG website and list serv.
 - a) Lead: Sam Clippinger
 - b)
- 8) Publicity: Responsible for promoting the KCAG through printed material and publicity efforts not limited to campuses flyers, earth day outreaches, and visitor welcome packet.
 - a) Chair : Krista Bartel
 - b)
- 9) Welcoming: Responsible for making guests and visitors welcome at all events.
 - a) Chair : Heidi Fletcher
 - b)
- 10) MVOR: Representative to the Mississippi Valley Ozark Region. The purpose of the MVOR is to promote fellowship, exploration, and safety among cavers in the MVOR area.
 - a) Chair : Andy Isbell
 - b) Jeff Page
 - c) Bill Gee
 - d) Pic Walenta
 - e)
- 11) Missouri White Nose working group: Dedicated to the conservation of bats and their habitats and works to address bat-related issues with a regional approach.
 - a) Chair : Jim Cooley
 - b) Jenny Bentz
 - c) Pic Walenta
 - d) Dave Mead
- 12) Guano : KCAG's official magazine
 - a) Editor : Bill Gee
 - b)
- 13) Party/Picnic
 - a) Chair : Rick & Kay Hines