

**Kansas City Area Grotto
January Regular Business Meeting Minutes**

**Revision one – Missouri White Nose notes
Wednesday, January 9, 2013 – 7:00pm to 9:00pm
Arthur Mag Conference Center – 4920 Cherry, KCMO**

- 1) Call to order by DJ Hall, 7:04pm - present agenda 7:04pm
- 2) Members present please initial membership roster.
- 3) Recognize Visitors/Guests. Keith Mader, Ken Davidson, Kathy Pratt, Kyle Lewis, Krista Bartel, Austin Peters, Megan (last name not given)
- 4) Regular members in attendance: Bill Gee, DJ Hall, Jim Cooley, Heidi Fletcher, Pic Walenta, Matt Kuehnert, Rick Hines, Lee Krout, Jacob Krout, Jim Hapnow, Nathan Taylor, David Foran, Andy Isbell
- 5) Self-introduction of all present members
- 6) Secretary – Reading/accepting of minutes from last KCAG meeting. No minutes were recorded in November
- 7) Reports:
 - a) President Special Presentations – Certificates of appreciation for Gary Johnson and Dave Mead, both not present tonight.
 - b) Treasurer Report – Pic Walenta – We have \$2391.00 in our bank account. She spent \$814.00 on apparel, paid NSS dues and paid for some survey gear. She needs to collect dues for quite a few folks. We have \$2500 in apparel on hand. Scuba gear will be bought by DJ Hall and paid to the Grotto in installments. PayPal, cash, and Visa can be accepted for dues.
 - c) Quarter Master - Position Open, no report. DJ reviewed the current location of all known gear. The location of the helmets is unknown – possibly with Gary Johnson. DJ has a spreadsheet of all equipment. See list at the end of this document compiled by DJ.
 - d) Jim Cooley announced that he has the KCAG “archives” that were recently scanned by Ken Grush
 - e) MSS Report – Jim Cooley reports that he has been busy producing the MoSpeleo publications and will be attending the MSS meeting this Saturday in Rolla and extended an invitation for anyone to join him.
 - f) CCC Report – Bill Gee reports that there was a student trip with Dr. Ashley to Carroll Cave. They caved for six days straight for college credit hours. St. Louis University trip will be this June. Surveying is still active, but Jim Cooley reports that a recent survey trip was called short due to injuries (not requiring any rescue). Rick Hines added that CCC has now re-applied for 501C tax exempt status. Bill reports that CCC website will soon offer membership payment options
 - g) Committee reports.
 - i) Novice Trip – No report
 - ii) Cleveland Cave Restoration – No report
 - iii) Hickory County – No report
 - iv) Cloud Nine – Jim Cooley reports that MSS will publish a future issue devoted to Cloud Nine.

- v) Fund Raising – Pic Walenta reports we have no future events planned. Rick Hines suggested we produce calendars for fund raising.
- vi) Presentation – no report
- vii) Website – no report
- viii) Publicity – No report
- ix) Welcoming – No report
- x) MVOR – No report
- xi) Missouri White Nose

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- xii) Guano – No report
- xiii) Party/Picnic – No report

8) Member Cave Trip Reports

- a) Jim Cooley – Benton County last December, Everett cave including a 2000' round trip crawl. Located four new caves also. He has a lead for a new cave as well that may include gating. They will be going back in February to continue surveying. They mounted a camera in Toby Cave to try to catch people digging in the cave.
- b) Jim Cooley – Four day Thanksgiving trip to Eleven Point River and Irish Wilderness area. They located Turner Mill Pit Cave that includes 90' vertical in several different drops. Included monitoring caves.
- c) David Foran visited a cave in the Yucatan Peninsula that included walking and swimming.
- d) Rick Hines – visited Ennis Cave for a wedding and took photos. A chandelier was mounted with 80 candles!
- e) Krista Bartel– visited Mammoth Cave for two days of caving including surveying and lots of crawling. She also visited Carroll Cave last weekend.

9) Unfinished business - none

10) New Member nominations – Krista Bartel was nominated by Pic Walenta, seconded by Bill Gee, she was voted in unanimously. Mark Jones was nominated by Jim Cooley. Mark lives near Chicago and has helped on numerous recent trips. Seconded and voted in unanimously.

11) New business

- a) KCAG Constitution and Bylaws discussion – DJ Hall reports that wants to email the bylaws to the membership and open the next meeting for discussion, and then vote to adopt them. Rick Hines said that the Bylaws should be present in the Grotto archives.
- b) Review Committee Assignments
 - i) Novice Trip - Open
 - ii) Quartermaster – Pic Walenta

- iii) Cleveland Cave Restoration – Dave Mead
- iv) Hickory County – Gary Johnson
- v) Fund Raising – Pic Walenta
- vi) Presentation - Open
- vii) Website – Sam Clippinger
- viii) Publicity - Open
- ix) Welcoming - Open
- x) MVOR - Open
- xi) Missouri White Nose - Open
- xii) Guano - Open
- xiii) Party/Picnic – Open
- c) Andy Isbell reports that he was able to relocated the **** caves located here in Kansas City.

12)Upcoming Events

- a) NSS Webinar : The Mysteries of Easter Island Caves J. Judson "Jut" Wynne
 - i) Date: Thursday, January 10, 2013 8:00 PM - 9:30 PM CST
- b) Jan 12 MSS MCKC meeting Rolla 10:00am
- c) 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.

13)Upcoming Cave trips

- a) Jan 10-21: SPG meeting, MSS/MCKC Meeting, ONSR projects and maybe Lewis Cave survey start.
- b) Jan 30-Feb 3: Cloud 9 survey, bat census and rock concert.
- c) February, date TBD: Survey and monitor three caves at Bothwell Lodge. This is MANDATORY, has got to get done, and soon. There are some other DNR sites/state parks that need our help, too
- d) Late February, including President's Day: Probably another week on ONSR.
- e) March 21-April 7: Gate Rattlesnake Cave, Christian County. Re-gate Onondaga boat dock entrance. Re-gate Cathedral Cave Natural entrance.
- f) April 15-May 5: Spring Firearms Turkey Season. Weekend finish-up-survey cave trips to Benton/Camden County Caves, and Cleveland, most likely.
- g) May 19 (most likely): MSS/MCKC Meeting, Rolla.
- h) TBA Cleveland Cave Survey
- i) TBA Willow Springs Cave Survey

14)General Announcements - None

15)Presentation

- a) Jim Cooley – Extra ordinary cave gating adventures.

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

Kansas City Area Grotto Equipment List

- 1) Computer Projector
- 2) Lysol Concentrate, Qty: 3 Jugs
- 3) 10X10 Easy Up Awning
- 4) Survey Tape, steel, decimal, 100', one sided, Qty: 2
- 5) Survey Tape, plastic, decimal, 100', two sided, Qty: 2
- 6) Survey tape, steel, decimal, 100', two sided, Qty: 1
- 7) Suunto, Tandem, Clino & Compass, Qty: 2
- 8) Bash kit, first aid, Qty: 3
- 9) Helmets, Cave, Qty: 12
- 10) Lamp, helmet type, Qty: 12
- 11) KCAG Archives – 5 boxes
- 12) Variable inventory of shirts and sweatshirts and other clothing items.
- 13) KCAG Banner

Suggested Items for Survey Kits – DJ Hall

- 1) Survey Protractor
- 2) Survey Ruler
- 3) Mechanical Pencils
- 4) Rite in the rain grid paper
- 5) Tape
- 6) Instruments
- 7) Survey station lights
- 8) Bag

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