

Kansas City Area Grotto
July Regular Business Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 10, 2013
Arthur Mag Conference Center – 4920 Cherry, KCMO

- 1) Call to order by DJ Hall 7:07 pm - presented agenda
- 2) Membership roster was circulated – given to Matt Kuehnert.
- 3) Visitors present:
 - a) Andy Smith
 - b) Tracy Ward
 - c) Stevie Hendrix
 - d) Mark Phillips
 - e) Rachel (last name not given)
 - f) Nate Spriggs
- 4) Regular Members
 - a) DJ Hall
 - b) Pic Walenta
 - c) Rick Hines
 - d) Kyle Lewis
 - e) Jim Cooley
 - f) Dave Mead
 - g) Matt Kuehnert
 - h) Jack Peters
- 5) Secretary – Matt Kuehnert - minutes were accepted from the May KCAG meeting.
- 6) Reports:
 - a) President DJ Hall – Cleveland Cave trip was a success and DJ received a nice thank you card from Becky Johnson and Jodee Taylor that included a \$200.00 donation to the Grotto.
 - b) Vice President Report – Jim Cooley no report
 - c) Treasurer Report – Pic Walenta reports a balance of \$3051.97. We continue to sell Grotto gear!
 - d) Quarter Master Report - Pic Walenta reports most of the Grotto's items are in her garage. She reports a shortage of working grotto lights – some are missing and others are broken. Only three are currently operational. To follow up from the May meeting, Pic was able to find a low price of \$61.07 each for the Princeton Tec Apex headlamps via Amazon.com. Pic says that we need to develop a system to account for headlamps and all equipment – all agreed. Rick Hines reports that he has seen Apex for \$59 on eBay. Rick brought three headlamps for inspection and also distributed a data sheet for all the headlamps he brought including power ratings, prices, and weight. He also demonstrated the Apex, the 1200 lumen, and the 1600 Lumen Zoom LED lumen lights with the lights off. After much discussion on the pros and cons of both lights, Pic made a motion for the Grotto to purchase ten Apex headlamps at the best price available. It was passed with one no vote by Rick Hines.
 - e) MSS Report – Jim Cooley reports an upcoming meeting on September 29th at 10:00am at the usual location in Rolla. Contact Jim Cooley for details and directions.
 - f) MCKC Report - Jim Cooley reports an upcoming meeting on September 29th in the afternoon.
 - g) CCC Report – DJ Hall reports there is the annual meeting on July 20th in Camdenton.
- 1) Committee reports.
 - a) Novice Trip – position is open

- b) Cleveland Cave Restoration – Kyle Lewis wants to lead a trip in August to Cleveland. Dave Mead wants to have a restoration trip as well in August. Dave Mead scheduled Aug. 11th trip. DJ Hall then presented Dave Mead with a certificate of appreciation for his outstanding work with Cleveland Cave.
- c) Hickory County – no report
- d) Fund Raising- no report
- e) Presentation – no report
- f) Website – no report
- g) Welcome – no report
- h) Publicity – no report
- i) Out of state Trip – no report
- j) MVOR – DJ Hall reminded us that MVOR is this weekend.
- k) Missouri White Nose – Jim Cooley reported that WNS has been confirmed in Onondaga Cave and other show caves in the east-central area of the state, plus north of the river in state park caves in Pike County.
- l) Guano – no report
- m) Party/Picnic – Rick Hines reports that he thinks the party went well. All agreed.

1) Member Cave Trip Reports

- a) Kyle Lewis reports he visited Al's Coon Cave in St. Thomas, MO.
- b) Rachel (last name not given) reports she took 26 youth to Cleveland Cave and they experienced very high water. Levels rose 3-4 feet in an hour. She thanked all who led the trip.
- c) Stevie Hendrix reports that she visited Everett Cave

2) Unfinished business

- a) KCAG Constitution and Bylaws discussion – no report

3) New Member nominations – None

4) New business - none

5) Upcoming Events –

- a) Open water PADI scuba certification scheduled this weekend. July 12 – 14. Contact DJ Hall to sign up.
- b) MVOR
Spring 2014 - Ozark Highlands Grotto - Barry County, MO.
- c) KCAG Christmas Party
December 14, 2013
- d) 2013 NSS Convention
August 5-9, 2013 at Shippensburg University, PA
- e) Rescue Technician: Cave Rescue I & II – Union Grove AL
August 22-25

6) Upcoming Cave trips

- a) July 20 – 21 Onondaga Lantern Tour. Campsite 10 and 11 reserved. See Pic Walenta for details
- b) Aug 10-11 Cleveland Cave
- c) Sep 14-15 Onondaga Lantern Tour
- d) Sep 20-22 “Camp, Cave & Conference”: Ennis Cave trip and campout for Cooley's friends from Alcoholics Anonymous (DNBYOB!); in conjunction with AA convention in Mountain View, Arkansas. Contact Jim Cooley for details
- e) Sep 23-25 Lewis Cave Survey – Ripley
- f) Sep 26 – 28 Pulaski County Survey

- 7) General Announcements - none
- 8) Presentations
 - a) Jim Cooley – Progress; public and private: exploration & Survey of MTNF & Private Lands Caves May 18-July 7, 2013.
- 9) Adjournment 9:00pm (Waldo Pizza – 7433 Broadway - 75th and Wornall)

Kansas City Area Grotto Committees

- 1) Novice Trips: Responsible for organizing trips for inexperienced cavers.
 - a) Chair :
- 2) Cleveland Cave Restoration : Responsible for the Restoration of Cleveland Cave
 - a) Project Manager : Dave Mead
- 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
- 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
- 6) Presentation: Responsible for organizing and presenting caving information to scout, youth and other organized groups.
 - a) Chair :
- 7) Website: Responsible for maintaining the KCAG website and list serv.
 - a) Lead: Sam Clippinger
- 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
- 9) Welcoming: Responsible for making guests and visitors welcome at all events.
 - a) Chair : Heidi Fletcher
- 10) Out of State Trip Organizer
 - a) Chair : Krista Bartel
- 11) 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
- 12) 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) Pic Walenta
 - c) Dave Mead
- 13) Guano : KCAG's official magazine
 - a) Editor : Bill Gee
- 14) Party/Picnic
 - a) Chair : Rick & Kay Hines