

**Kansas City Area Grotto**  
**May Regular Business Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, May 8, 2013 – 7:00pm to 9:00pm**  
**Arthur Mag Conference Center – 4920 Cherry, KCMO**

- 1) DJ Call to order - present agenda
- 2) Members present please initial membership roster.
- 3) Recognize Visitors
- 4) Regular Members attending
  - a) Jim Cooley
  - b) Pic Walenta
  - c) Sam Clippinger
  - d) Krista Bartel
  - e) Matt Kuehnert
  - f) Heidi Fletcher
  - g) David Foran
  - h) Bill Gee
  - i) DJ Hall
  - j) Rick Hines
  - k) Gary Johnson
  - l) Kyle Lewis
  - m) Jack Peters
  - n) Nathan Taylor
- 5) Secretary – Matt Kuehnert –The minutes were accepted from last KCAG meeting.
  - a) Pic Walenta commented that Kevin and Kathleen Dey names should be fixed in last month's meeting. (This has been completed on 5-10-13)
- 6) Reports:
  - a) President Report – DJ Hall reports that the April Cleveland Cave trip had a great turnout and everyone had a great time.
    - i) Vice President report = Jim Cooley reported on Vic Nickel Cave, and his visit to the Ozark National Scenic Riverways (OSNR) with Ken Grush and Larry Shaffield to check out a couple of caves for possible future gating. They then went to Wind Cave, where a CAVE CLOSED sign was replaced that had been removed by vandals. KCAG originally installed this sign in January, 2011. They then checked in the Mark Twain National Forest (MTNF) in Oregon County for a cave lead, and found FOUR new caves: Cascading Rimstone Dams Cave, Beautiful Room Cave, Terminal Column Cave and Terminal Column Annex Cave. These four caves will be targeted for mapping this June during the CRF/KCAG float trip on the Eleven Point River. They then visited High Canyon Cave to assess it for survey: A high lead will require some special gear. They then visited Lewis Cave to work on surveying, and completed the walking passages in the front of the cave, about 1,200. Cooley then spent some time ridgewalking on the MTNF trying to trace some cave leads, to no avail, and monitored the entrance area of Blue Hole Cave. Cooley then tracked down a landowner and checked out a lead on private property, Gum Spring Sinkhole Cave, that holds great promise.
  - b) Treasurer Report – Pic Walenta reports we have a balance of \$2892.93 in the Grotto bank account.
  - c) Quarter Master Report - Pic Walenta reports Heidi has the helmets; Cooley has the stove, and the Grotto Library. Cooley moved that we spend \$100 to purchase a pump from Craig's List. Jim Cooley also moved that we replace the Grotto headlights with Princeton Apex headlights. They will be around \$60 each. He also moved that we

- purchase a container for de-con fluid. The motions were approved by unanimous decision. Pic will get a quote for the headlamps and present it at the next meeting.
- d) MSS Report – Cooley reports there is a meeting May 19<sup>th</sup> in Rolla at 10:00 a.m. There will be CRF survey going on the day before; contact Cooley if you are interested.
  - e) Carroll Cave Conservancy (CCC) Report – Bill Gee reports the annual meeting will be July 20<sup>th</sup> at Camdenton Fire Department. Upcoming trip to Carroll on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- 7) Committee reports.
- a) Novice Trip – No report
  - b) Cleveland Cave Restoration – no report
  - c) Hickory County - Gary Johnson reports that he and Steve Potter visited a property in Hickory County, close to the Pomme de Terre River. Large sinkholes were found. A small cave was found with a spring coming out of it. Gary showed photos and a short video from the trip.
  - d) Cloud Nine –Cooley reports there will be upcoming trip to Cave Spring Cave.
  - e) Fund Raising – Pic Walenta reports we have Grotto apparel available. We still have 1200 lumen headlamps available for purchase \$25. Calendars will be looked into for a future fundraiser.
  - f) Presentation – Sam Clippinger has no report. DJ said there were two requests for presentations, and he would forward these to Sam.
  - g) Website – no report
  - h) Welcome - Heidi was not here at the time of the report. DJ handed out the latest version of the Grotto Brochure for our review.
  - i) Publicity– Krista Bartel reports that a recycling event was looked at but she decided against it.
  - j) Out of state Trip – no report
  - k) MVOR – Bill Gee reports that the last MVOR was rained out and cancelled at 11 a.m. on the day of the event. Krista Bartel reports that there was a secondary gathering after MVOR was cancelled, which was held at the Huzzah Valley Resort. They visited Woods Cave. There is an MVOR rescheduled for July 12-14<sup>th</sup> per their Facebook site.
  - l) Missouri White Nose – Jim Cooley reports the counties around Onondaga are badly infested with white nose.
  - m) Guano – Bill Gee reports he has not had time to produce an issue of The Guano. DJ said that he will commit to turning in a trip report for every trip in order to get The Guano published more often.
  - n) Party/Picnic – Rick Hines circulated a RSVP list for the June 8<sup>th</sup> picnic at his house.
- 8) Member Cave Trip Reports
- a) Krista Bartel reports that she visited Bridal Cave.
  - b) Pic Walenta reports that she visited the seven caves of La Jolla near San Diego, from a sea-going kayak.
- 9) Unfinished business
- a) Open water PADI scuba certification tentative date scheduled. July 12 – 14.
  - b) KCAG Constitution and Bylaws discussion – did not take place
- 10) New Member nominations - none
- 11) New business - none
- 12) Upcoming Events

#### MVOR

Spring, 2013 has been rescheduled for July 12-14, 2013

Fall 2013 - Chouteau/PEG - Northeast MO Tentative September 15th.

Spring 2014 - Ozark Highlands Grotto - Barry County, MO.

KCAG Summer Picnic  
June 8, 2013

July 6-13 - National Cave Rescue Commission Week-long Seminar – Somewhere in PA.  
This year the NCRC is offering all 5 levels of courses, geared to all levels of experience; for NSS and fire/rescue personnel. For more information and to register, go to the NCRC website.

July 20<sup>th</sup>: Annual meeting of Carroll Cave Conservancy (CCC) at Camden County Fire Department.

2013 NSS Convention  
August 5-9, 2013 at Shippensburg University, PA

Rescue Technician: Cave Rescue I & II – Union Grove AL  
August 22-25

KCAG Christmas Party  
December 14, 2013

### 13) Upcoming Cave trips

May 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>:

Willow Springs Cave and Mine Survey (wetsuit mandatory; contact Cooley).

May 19

MSS Meeting; MCKC Meeting, both in Rolla.

May 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>:

Cloud 9 Ranch Survey project continues (must register with Cooley immediately!).

May 24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>:

Cave Springs Cave Survey (Ozark County), plus possibly other private caves in Ozark County (contact Cooley).

June 3<sup>rd</sup> (Monday):

Dr. Ashley & students trip to Carroll Cave. Contact Bill Gee for details.

June 5<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday):

Cleveland Cave youth trip – two people needed.

Jun 8<sup>th</sup>

Grotto Picnic  
Pomme de Terre float trip (14 miles) – Gary Johnson

June 14th – 16th:

Eleven Point River Float and Cave Survey (contact Cooley)

June 17th – 20th:

Lewis Cave Survey, Ripley County, MO (Stream passage – wetsuit required; contact Cooley; camp in house.)

June 21st – 23rd:

Carter/Ripley County CRF/MTNF cave monitoring (Current River watershed project; contact Cooley; camp in Lewis house.)

June 22 and 23<sup>rd</sup> – Owl's Coon Cave near Jefferson City with Krista Bartel

July 12-14

Current River Float Trip & Cave Monitoring. Jim Cooley

Jul 20 – 21

Onondaga Lantern Tour. Pic Walenta will try to reserve campsites.

Aug 9-11

Cave Trip Somewhere

Sep 14-15

Onondaga Lantern Tour

Sep 20-22, 2013

“Camp, Cave & Conference”: Ennis Cave trip and campout for Cooley's friends from Alcoholics Anonymous (DNBYOB!); held in conjunction with AA convention in Mountain View, Arkansas. Visit [enniscave.net](http://enniscave.net)

14) General Announcements – none

15) Presentations

- a) Raymond M. Coveney Jr - Professor of Geosciences UMKC
- b) Born in Massachusetts, Professor Coveney received his bachelor's degree from Tufts University and, after a stint in the greatest armed force in the world, the United States Navy, did his graduate work at the University of Michigan on Mother Lode gold deposits.
- c) Professor Coveney has been a Professor of geology at UMKC since 1971; and has served as interim dean, College of Arts and Sciences and Chair, Dept. of Geosciences. He is a Fellow at the Society of Economic Geologists (SEG) and a Geological Society America (GSA); American.

- d) Prof. Coveney received the N.T. Veatch Award in 1986 for work on the geochemistry of American black shales and he is credited with the discovery of dawsonite as a daughter mineral in fluid inclusions.
- e) With support from the US National Science Foundation he studied lead-zinc deposits of the US Midwest and the unique molipdenem (molybdenum)-nickel-platinum ores in gwayjo (Guizhou) and Hunan, China. Since 2001 he has collaborated with colleagues from Peking University of environmental matters, making 7 trips to China in support of this role.

16) 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 :
  - b)
- 9) Welcoming: Responsible for making guests and visitors welcome at all events.
  - a) Chair :
- 10) Out of State Trip Organizer
  - a) Chair : Krista Bartel
  - b)
- 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
  - e)
- 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
  - b)
- 14) Party/Picnic

a) Chair : Rick & Kay Hines