

Kansas City Area Grotto
November Regular Business Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 12, 2014 - 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Arthur Mag Conference Center - 4920 Cherry, KCMO

- 1) Call to order by DJ Hall at 7:00 p.m. Present agenda.
- 2) Recognize Visitors
 - a) Leslie Bufford
 - b) Austin Tolar
 - c) Josh Streitenberger
- 3) Regular Members
 - a) Rick Hines
 - b) DJ Hall
 - c) Jack Peters
 - d) Bill Gee
 - e) Pic Walenta
 - f) Jim Cooley
 - g) Jenny Bentz
 - h) Cliff Gill
 - i) Tom
 - j) Tom Grant
 - k) John McGuire
- 4) Secretary - motion made and minutes were accepted unanimously
- 5) Reports:
 - a) President – DJ Hall reports - Scout trip group 510 went to Cleveland.
 - b) Vice President Report – Jim Cooley reports nothing special.
 - c) Treasurer Report – Pic Walenta reports a balance of \$1,162.50 in the KCAG bank account.
 - d) Quarter Master Report –Pic Walenta reports Cooley has the awning, stove and bash kits. Jack has helmets and lights.
 - e) MSS Report – Jim Cooley reports. Nothing to report. Next meeting January 24th at 1:00 p.m.
 - f) CCC Report – Bill Gee reports nothing to report. 5013c has been restored. Rick Hines suggests that we do something for the land owners.
- 6) Committee reports
 - a) Novice Trip– Ozark Underground Labs will be November 22. \$25 for the weekend includes bunkhouse lodging.
 - b) Cleveland Cave Restoration
 - c) Hickory County – Gary Johnson was not present. Land owner trip to Elkton cave. Got permission to survey two gray bats maternity caves in Hickory County, Beck Cave and Blackwell Cave. Gary is going back on December 13th with Corp of Engineers and Bill Gee, Jim Cooley and Ken Grush to QC the Beck Cave map. Not sure if the water level fluctuates with the level of Truman lake.
 - d) Cloud 9 Project – Lee Krout was not present. Cooley reports on a October 10-12 trip to sample salamander DNA with John Phillips, a PhD candidate from University of Tulsa. Jim has photos.

- e) Rick did a cave presentation to the Newton Mo. photo club, 40+ people attended and was a good presentation.
- f) Caving in the news - three cavers rescued from Kingsdale Pothole in 12 hour night-time operation in the UK.
- g) Fund Raising–Pic Walenta reports t-shirts, please buy. Auction was held: Orange shirt DJ \$5, grey shirt Jack \$5, green shirt Rick \$5, beige Pic \$5, light brown Jenny \$5. Gloves Jack \$5. My Light \$5, beanie \$16 Austin. Knee Pads \$5 Coolie, Pack \$50 DJ. Total \$101.00 raised for the grotto.
- h) Website – Sam Clippinger reports MIA
- i) Welcoming– Heidi not present.
- j) Publicity – Not present.
- k) Out of state Trip Leader – Not present.
- l) MVOR – Not present.
- m) Missouri White Nose – Jim Cooley reports that the disease continues to spread, little brown bats seem to be making a comeback. Meeting next weekend to discuss how to conduct this winter's census. Missouri has been hard hit and they are no longer sending in bats for examination, just noting fungus.
- n) Guano – Jim Cooley reports two articles in, nothing prepared yet.
- o) NSS recognized veterans
- 7) Party/Picnic – December 6th. Announcement went out, seems to have gone into spam folder in several members.
- 8) Member Cave Trip Report
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- 9) Upcoming Events
- 10) New members nominations. Austin Tolar. Pic moved Bill second. Voted into membership.
- 11) Dues will be due soon. If you could pay at the Christmas Party that would be nice.
- 12) OCR, nothing new. Last NCRC was at Perkins, Red Bluff, Little Joe. Tentative date set for May 16th & 17th, 2014.
- 13) Upcoming Cave trips
 - December 13th Carroll cave resto.
 - November 24th-30th: Backpacking & survey on Irish Wilderness, Oregon County. Contact Jim Cooley.
 - December 14th through 19th: Benton County and Lake of the Ozarks survey. Contact Jim Cooley at coolstoi@kc.rr.com
- 14) Presentation
 - a) Recent Project trips Jim Cooley. Cloud 9 Salamander DNA sampling, Carrico cave gaging in Dade County, Mill Creek and Allie Springs Cave surveys in Pulaski County, and Bateman Mine Closure in Taney County.
 - b) KCAG has been approved by the park to survey 12 small caves on the 18,000 acre Lake of the Ozarks State Park, and have been given a cave lead to track down there. A recon trip will take place December 15th, 16th and 17th
 - c) DJ Hall presented useful camping skills, including knot tying, knife sharpening, and fire building..

- 15) Adjournment to Waldo Pizza, 7433 Broadway (75th and Wornall)

Kansas City Area Grotto Committees

- 1) Novice Trips: Responsible for organizing trips for inexperienced cavers.
 - a) Chair : Austen Peters
- 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 Clippingier
- 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 : Open
- 9) Welcoming: Responsible for making guests and visitors welcome at all events.
 - a) Chair : Heidi Fletcher
- 10) Out of State Trip Organizer
 - a) Chair : Open
- 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, Editor : Jim Cooley
- 14) Party/Picnic Chair : Rick & Kay Hines

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