

Kansas City Area Grotto
September Regular Business Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 9th, 2014 – 7:00pm to 9:00pm
Arthur Mag Conference Center – 4920 Cherry, KCMO

- 1) Call to order by DJ Hall at 7:02pm – present agenda
- 2) Recognize Visitors
 - a) Danny Lane
 - b) Mike Dorsey
 - c) Madison Joy
 - d) Daniel Herr
- 3) Regular Members Present
 - a) DJ Hall
 - b) Jim Cooley
 - c) Matt Kuehnert
 - d) Gary Johnson
 - e) Kyle Lewis
 - f) Jack Peters
 - g) Jake Keitel
 - h) David Foran
 - i) Bill Gee
 - j) Pic Walenta
- 4) Secretary - motion made and February minutes were accepted unanimously
- 5) Reports:
 - a) President – DJ Hall reports special announcement and special business coming later in the meeting. We surveyed Waynesville High School for use during the NSS Convention. It seems to be an ideal venue. Dj presented the survey. The 2015 NSS Convention is scheduled for July, 2015.
 - b) Vice President Report – Jim Cooley has nothing vice-presidential to report.
 - c) Treasurer Report – Pic Walenta did not arrive until later in the meeting.
 - d) Quarter Master Report - Pic Walenta did not arrive until later in the meeting, but DJ reviewed the list of grotto gear with those present, and who has what.
 - e) Missouri Speleological Survey Report – Jim Cooley reports described the MSS for the visitors, and how it maintains the database of known Missouri caves. There is an MSS meeting on Sunday, May 4th, at the Power Mill Research Center on the Ozark national Scenic Riverways in Shannon County, MO. On Saturday, there will be project caving (monitoring caes for the national Park Service, and perhaps some cave survey) and float trips. All are welcome to attend – it's about a six-hour drive from Kansas City. Jim also pointed out the copies of *Missouri Speleology* that were for sale.
 - f) Carroll Cave Conservancy Report – CCC President Bill Gee has nothing new to report. The CCC Annual Meeting will be held July 26th at the Camdenton County Fire Station. Election of officers will be held; Bill Gee must step down as president due to term limits.
- 6) Committee reports
 - a) Novice Trips – Austen Peters (not present). DJ reports no trips or activities since last meeting. Austen is planning one for in the next month or so.
 - b) Cleveland Cave Restoration – Dave Mead, Project manager. Dave reports counting 95 bats last week. Two dead ones were seen.
 - c) Hickory County – Gary Johnson, Project Manager. The Clymore Cave survey has gone over 1000 feet. When the landowner was contacted in 2008, he initially refused access, but eventually warmed up. Gary contacted the landowner again in 2012 and got access.
 - d) Cloud Nine Ranch Survey Project – Jim Cooley reviewed the status of the current project. Lee Krout not at meeting.

- e) Fund Raising– Pic Walenta and Andy Isbell were not present.
 - f) Presentations– No reports.
 - g) Website – Sam Clippinger was not present.
 - h) Welcoming & Publicity – Heidi Fletcher was not present.
 - i) Out of State Trip – Committee Chair position is vacant.
 - j) MVOR – The next one will be held
 - k) Missouri White Nose Syndrome report– Jim Cooley reported that WNS hit Missouri HARD this winter, with many counties now positive/confirmed for WNS infection. Updated maps are periodically sent via the website e-mail feed. **Be sure to get on the KCAG mailing list (you DON'T have to be a paying member) at kcgrotto.org.**
 - l) The Guano – KCAG's newsletter has been moribund for some time. Our new editor is relocating to Oregon, so we need a new editor for our on-line journal.
 - m) Party/Picnic – The annual KCAG Picnic will be at Rick & Kay Hines's property in Stillwell, same as for the last many years, on June 21st. All are welcome. Bring vertical gear, swimsuits, covered dish, sunscreen, chairs, beverages, etc.
- 7) Member Cave Trip Reports
- a) DJ Hall reported on a trip to Piquet (pronounced P-K) Cave.
 - b) Jim Cooley reported on the Lewis Cave regating project. Lewis Cave is now managed by the Missouri Cave and Karst Conservancy (Jim Cooley serves as the Lewis Cave Access Manager) and is available for caver trips. During the regating, Cooley, Bill Gee, Ken Grush and Mark Jones located a pit cave on the nearby Mark Twain National Forest, and surveyed it. There is also a spring cave on the property, and landowner Zach Worrell reports that he has found yet another cave in the area.
 - c) Jack Peters reported on the Cleveland Cave bat count.
 - d) Matt Kuehnert reported on a trip with Venture Scouts to Perkins Cave.
- 8) Unfinished business
- a) None.
- 9) New Member nominations – None.
- 10) New business
- a) DJ's Special Announcement mentioned at the beginning of the meeting: Member Kyle Lewis will be moving to Colorado to work as a firefighter for the Bureau of Land Management.
- 11) Upcoming Events
- a) NSS 2014 Convention will be held at the NSS Headquarters in Huntsville, AL July 14-18, 2014. DJ is going and looking for someone to car pool, and share a hotel. (Sane people do not camp out in Alabama in July.)
- 12) Upcoming Cave trips
- a) April 11-14 Big Mouth Survey Oregon County (Cooley)
 - b) April 15 Unload steel in Pulaski County for gating Allie Spring and Mill Creek Caves (Cooley)
 - c) April 16 Loading gating gear Powder Mill (Cooley)
 - d) April 17-18 SPG will be gating Fitzpatrick Cave in Christian County south of Springfield. All are welcome to come help build the gate, and to explore the cave. (Cooley)
 - e) April 19-22 We will be regating CLEVELAND CAVE, near Osceola, MO. This will be a BIG KCAG grotto event. There'll be a wild catfish AND turkey fry. Big party! (Cooley)
 - f) April 23-27 We will be gating Allie Spring and Mill Creek Caves for a private landowner in Pulaski County near Dixon, MO. These are VERY cool caves, which we are surveying now.
 - g) April 26 Paintball at DJ's.
 - h) May 3: Cave monitoring & float trips on the Ozark National Scenic Riverways (Cooley)
 - i) May 4: MSS Meeting (Cooley)
 - j) May 16 – 18: MVOR & MCKC Meeting near Cassville, MO.

- k) July 19: The Onondaga Cave Historic Lantern Tour, Onondaga Cave State Park. This is a BIG KCAG party, where KCAG members all act in an evening pageant as figures from the cave's history. See Pic Walenta (e-mail Picwalenta@aol.com , or call 816-665-5588) to sign up.
 - l) September 12-15: Gating Texas County Bear Cave, on the Ozark National Scenic Riverways for the National Park Service (Cooley).
 - m) September 19 – 21: Gating Wallace Cave, on the Ozark National Scenic Riverways for the National Park Service (Cooley).
 - n) October 31 – November 7: Gating mine entrances at the Silver Mines Recreational Area near Fredrickton, MO for the Mark Twain National Forest. The weekend of November 1-2 KCAG members Terry DeFraitess, Darla White, and Jay Kennedy will be conducting High Line Rescue Training in conjunction with this project.
- 13) General Announcements & Presentation – none.
- 14) Adjourn. After-meeting get-together at Waldo Pizza, 7433 Broadway (75th & Wornall).
- 15)

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) Fundraising: 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 : Vacant.
- 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 : Heidi Fletcher
- 9) Welcoming: Responsible for making guests and visitors welcome at all events.
 - a) Chair : Heidi Fletcher
- 10) Out of State Trip Organizer
 - a) Chair : Vacant.
- 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 : Vacant
- 14) Christmas Party/Picnic
 - a) Chair : Rick & Kay Hines
- 15) Missouri Speleological Survey: KCAG's representative to the MSS Board of Directors is Jim Cooley.