

**Kansas City Area Grotto**  
**July Regular Business Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 – 7:00pm to 9:00pm**  
**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) Dave Wolden
  - b) Kathy Pratt kpratt@tripmate.com interested in Novice trip
- 3) Regular Members
  - a) Dave Mead
  - b) Rick Hines
  - c) DJ Hall
  - d) Jack Peters
  - e) Bill Gee
  - f) Matt Kuehnert
  - g) Cliff Gill
  - h) Pic Walenta
  - i) Jim Cooley
  - j) Jenny Bentz
  - k) Nathan Taylor
  - l) David Foran
- 4) Secretary - motion made and minutes were accepted unanimously
- 5) Reports:
  - a) President – DJ Hall reports - Gratitude to Rick Hines for hosting our picnic. NSS meeting next week.
  - b) Vice President Report – Jim Cooley
  - c) Treasurer Report – Pic Walenta reports a balance of \$1,188.94 in the KCAG bank account. \$1,459 balance. \$50 to Cooley for MSS trip. Purchased t-shirts \$423. New polo shirts available in any color, and can be made one at a time. Cooley modeled.
  - d) Quarter Master Report –Pic Walenta reports Pic has the awning, stove and bash kits. Jack has helmets and lights.
  - e) MSS Report – Jim Cooley reports. Explanation of MSS: Find caves, register caves, survey caves. Next meeting Sept 7 at Powder Mill Research Center, on the Current River, in conjunction with gating Texas County Bear Cave in Mountain View, MO.
  - f) CCC Report – Bill Gee reports Annual CCC Meeting July 26 at the fire station in Camdenton. Restoration trip after meeting, contact DJ. Photo trip on the 27th.
- 6) Committee reports
  - a) Novice Trip– Jack Peters: tentatively planned for August 16th may be camping at Carroll Cave school house down the road.
  - b) Cleveland Cave Restoration – Dave Mead: Gate is complete, would like dates for more restoration trips.
  - c) Hickory County – Gary Johnson not present.
  - d) Cloud Nine Project – Lee Krout was not present. Cooley suggests next trip will be mid to late September or October. Field mapping 80% complete, map drafting 25% complete.
  - e) Fund Raising–Pic Walenta reports on t-shirts, please buy one (or more!).

- f) Presentation – Venture scout trip in Raytown. Caving in general then cave safety. Introductory rope work. Trip tomorrow at Cleveland Cave, rappel in the morning and cave in the afternoon. DJ, Jim Cooley, Jack, Brian Saur, Big Joe.
- g) Website – Sam Clippinger not present.
- h) Welcoming– Heidi Fletcher not present.
- i) Publicity –Heidi Fletcher not present.
- j) Out of state Trip – No committee chair.
- k) MVOR – No committee chair.
- l) Missouri White Nose – Jim Cooley reports WNS continues to spread, little brown bats seem to not be dying off as fast in New York state, where it all started in 2006.
- m) Guano – Editor position is currently vacant.
- n) Party/Picnic – Rick shared pictures!!! A great time was had by all.
- 7) Member Cave Trip Report
  - a) June 2 Bill Gee trip with college group into Carroll cave.
  - b) June 3 LDS group started rappelling and caving tradition.
  - c) June 6 novice trip to Breakdown and Fitzpatrick. Jon Beard of Springfield Plateau Grotto led the trip.
  - d) June 10 Troup 494 into Cleveland
  - e) June 29 Bill Gee cleanup trip to Goodwin sink. This sinkhole drains into the spring at HaHaTonka State Park, ten miles away (reason for cleaning).
  - f) MVOR: DJ, Bill Gee and Jack Peters went. Trip to Spanish treasure cave.
- 8) Upcoming Events
  - a) October 3,4,5 MVOR
- 9) Upcoming Cave trips
  - July 15-18: Lewis Cave & Worrell Spring Cave survey
  - July 18-19-20: Onondaga Lantern Tour
  - August 15-17 and/or 22-24: Benton & Camden County cave surveys
  - August 16 Novice trip and MCKC signage installation to Perkins Cave, Camden County.
  - September 3-7: Texas County Bear Cave Gating (need help!)
  - September 7: MSS Meeting at PMRC/ONSR project caving
  - October 13-17: Cloud 9 Ranch Surveys (during the week, tentative)
  - October 10-12 and/or 17-20: Piney Creek Wilderness and/or Irish Wilderness backpacking and survey
  - October 31-November 2: Silver Mines Cave gating (mine closures) project, with HIGHLINE/VERTICAL RESCUE training by Dr. Jay Kennedy and Terry DeFraities.

- 10) General Announcements – Helmets REI says we have to be tax exempt Petzl Elios Backwoods 10% off Ebay Eastern mountain \$52 20% off. Dave Wolden has contact at Petzl, will check on price. Helmets used in cave so none are available for rappelling. Matt has friend that may be able to get better price.
- 11) Presentations
  - a) Jim Cooley presented a Powerpoint on recent project trips, and upcoming attractions. Highlight: The Girls Gone Gatey slide.
- 12) Adjournment. (Waldo Pizza – 7433 Broadway - 75th and Wornall)
- 13)

### **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 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) Party/Picnic
  - a) Chair : Rick & Kay Hines