

Kansas City Area Grotto
September Regular Business Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 10, 2014 – 7:00pm to 9:00pm
Arthur Mag Conference Center – 4920 Cherry, KCMO

- 1) Call to order by DJ Hall at 7-ish pm- present agenda
- 2) Recognize Visitors
 - a) Austin Toler
 - b) Steve Caulfield
 - c) Dave Roger
- 3) Regular Members
 - a) Austen Peters
 - b) Rick Hines
 - c) Pic Walenta
 - d) John McGuire
 - e) DJ Hall
 - f) Jack Peters
 - g) Tom Clark
 - h) Angie Clark
 - i) Andy Miller
 - j) Jake Keitel
- 4) Secretary - motion made and the prior month's minutes were accepted unanimously
- 5) Reports:
 - a) President – DJ Hall reports - Did a caving 101 presentation recently.
 - b) Vice President Report – Jim Cooley reports - Jim is out doing gating work for the National park Service on the Ozark National Scenic Riverways, last week and this week.
 - c) Treasurer Report – Pic Walenta reports a balance of \$951.41 in the bank. Bought the helmets for a total cost of \$1,305.00.Round of applause for Pic and the helmets. The helmets turned out to be a lucrative thing for the grotto because Moosejaw on the Country Club plaza has extended a 15% discount to all cavers from the KCAG. They also have a rewards system so we now have \$119 in points.
 - d) Quarter Master Report –Pic Walenta reports - Jack has all of the lights except one. DJ has one helmet and light.

Caving Tip! Explore – Study – Protect!

- e) MSS Report – Jim Cooley was not present. MSS had a meeting last Sunday at the Powder Mill Research Center. Pic was down there and they published a new Mospeleo. CRF donated the money. Jim might be convinced to do the Guano. MSS elected a new president, Dan Lamping, and a new Vice President, Scott House. It was a very short meeting.
 - f) CCC Report – Bill Gee reports - 30 or 40 active members. DJ recently resigned as access chair for Carroll. Trip leader training coming up in a couple months or so.
- 6) Committee reports
 - a) Novice Trip – I have nothing to announce. Jack took two novice trips in the last month. One was to Perkins cave, and it was just Jack and the rest of the trip participants were

novices. It was a very muddy cave. There was also a novice trip to Cleveland last weekend. We had a few novices that all had a good time.

- b) Cleveland Cave Restoration – Dave Mead - Not here.
- c) Hickory County – Gary Johnson Reports - Not here.
- d) Cloud Nine Project – Lee Krout reports - There are a few slots open on the upcoming survey trip.
- e) Fund Raising–Pic Walenta reports - She will be placing an order for the polo shirts if anyone wants to get in on it. They are \$35. They come in grey, black, and safety orange. Pic and Rick have been talking about reviving our calendar. We are hopefully going to have one by 2015. If anyone wants a date that is highlighted with a photo just give Rick the dates. We are thinking of doing an 18 month calendar. Pic contacted Sam Clippinger to put a thumbnail on the website for the apparel, but she has not heard back from him yet.
- f) Presentation – Boy Scout group 510 out of Belton will have a presentation on September 29 and on October 6. Oct 10-12 they will be camping all weekend at Cleveland Cave.
- g) Website – Sam Clippinger reports - Not here
- h) Welcoming– Position open.
- i) Publicity – Position open.
- j) Out of state Trip – no discussion

Caving Tip! – Beware of the Hazards of Caving!!! ROCK!!!

- k) MVOR – Coming up October 3-5
 - l) Missouri White Nose – Jim Cooley reports - Jim is not here, but we have an updated white nose map as of September 3.
 - m) Guano – Position is open, but it will hopefully be filled by Jim Cooley! Try and write something about your trip!! Designate someone as your trip reporter! Take some good photos!
 - n) Party/Picnic – Christmas party is tentatively scheduled for December 6th.
- 7) Member Cave Trip Reports

There was a Bear Cave (TEX-061) gating trip Starting September 2nd and running through September 7th that went really well. Twenty-three volunteers participated, including several KCAG folks.

Caving Tip!! – Decontaminate your gear!

8) Upcoming Cave Trips

- October 10-12: Cloud 9 Ranch survey and biological collection trip. Contact Jim Cooley, coolstoi@kc.rr.com.
- October 13-17 (all weekdays): Carrico Cave gating, Dade County. Private lands cave, funded by Missouri Department of Conservation and the US Fish & Wildlife Service, project manager is Jim Cooley. If interested, . Contact Jim Cooley, coolstoi@kc.rr.com.

- October 18-20: Pulaski County survey trip in Allie Spring and Mill Creek Caves. Requires wetsuit, involves 850-foot-long watercrawl. Contact Jim Cooley, coolstoi@kc.rr.com.
- October 31-November 7: Silver Mines Cave gating (mine closures) project, with HIGHLINE/VERTICAL RESCUE training by Dr. Jay Kennedy and Terry DeFraities. Contact Jim Cooley, coolstoi@kc.rr.com.
- Thanksgiving long weekend: There will be a four-day backpack and ridgewalking effort, probably on the Irish Wilderness, probably including some survey. Contact Jim Cooley, coolstoi@kc.rr.com.

9) Upcoming Events

- September 13: Over the Edge Lincoln Nebraska
- September 20: Paintball @ DJs..
- October 18: Over the Edge Jefferson City MO
- October 9 – 12 TAG Fall Cave-In – Near Trenton Georgia – South of Chattanooga 10 hour drive from Kansas City

10) General Announcements –

- Pic nominates Sherry and James McKnight to be members of the KCAG. All in favor! They're in!
- NCRC Orientation to Cave Rescue – we have volunteered to host one sometime in the Spring. It is a two day course, the first of which is spent in the classroom, the second of which involves a mock cave rescue. Very soon we need to nail down a location. DJ has not had any further correspondence with the NCRC in the last month since he is waiting on some materials.
- Missouri is hosting the NSS convention July 13-17, 2015.

11) Presentations

- a) Rick Hines showed a video of Alexander Cave.

Adjournment. (Waldo Pizza – 7433 Broadway - 75th and Wornall)

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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 : Open
- 9) Welcoming: Responsible for making guests and visitors welcome at all events.
 - a) Chair : Open
- 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
 - a) Editor : Open.
- 14) Party/Picnic
 - a) Chair : Rick & Kay Hines