

Minutes of the Kansas City Area Grotto
July 2025 Business Meeting
Tuesday, July 15th, 2025 – 6:30 to 8:30 P.M.

Meeting held at the Anita B. Gorman Conservation Discovery Center,
a Missouri Department of Conservation facility at 4750 Troost, Kansas City, and via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by grotto president Bill Gee. The following members and guests were also present:

Josh White
Dillon Bond
Dustin Schmidt
Shane McCurdy
Rick Hines
Jim Cooley
Julie Cooley
Kristen Vogel

Nate McWilliams
Richard Raber
Ma Blushwood
Matthew Junck
Jason Jakary

Program- Josh White gave a presentation on his time at the 2025 NSS Convention in upstate New York.

Officer Reports

President- Bill Gee reported the grotto has 2 open positions- VP and Secretary.

Vice President- Vacant

Treasurer- Jim Cooley reported the bank balance is \$4,240.99

Secretary- Vacant

Quartermaster- No update

Novice Trips- Kristen Vogel has a novice trip to Cleveland Cave planned on Saturday, July 26th. Kristen will be stepping down as novice trip leader this month.

Carroll Cave- Rick Hines reported that the mower is in the shop for repairs.

MSS/MCKC- the next meeting will be October 5th in Boone Co, MO

Trip Reports

- Jim Cooley reported on a Shannon County expedition in June. Bill Gee experimented with Topodroid survey tools during the expedition.
- Bill Gee reported on the Carroll Cave data logger trip. There were 2 flood events from April recorded.

New Business- No new business.

Upcoming Events

- The Grotto Picnic will be at Rick Hines' on Saturday August 9th. He needs help making ice cream the day before.
- MVOR will be Aug 28-31 in Waterloo, Illinois
- Cleanup at Rocheport Cave Oct 10-12

Unfinished Business- No unfinished business. The meeting was adjourned.