

Minutes of the Kansas City Area Grotto



November 2025 Business Meeting

Tuesday, November 18th, 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

Attendees were Bill Gee, Rick Hines, Dillon Bond, Shane McCurdy, Dani Leonard and others.

Zoom attendees: Jim & Julie Cooley, Mike Kovacs, Kohl Mitchell, Corey Ellis & Peter Schengelberger

Officer Reports:

President: Bill Gee started the meeting by introducing Dillon Bond for his presentation on Toby Cave and Firey Fork Cave trip(s).

Vice President: Vacant

Treasurer: Jim Cooley: The financial report can be viewed via KCAG member email sent out prior to the meeting.

Secretary: Vacant

Quartermaster: Nathan Taylor had no updates to provide. He can be contacted about borrowing any equipment.

Novice Trips: Vacant

Presentations: Dillon Bond made a Presentation on his recent trip to Toby Cave & Firey Fork Cave. Jim Cooley stated that he might re-survey Toby Cave.

The Guano: KCAG does not currently publish a newsletter. When we did, it was called *The Guano*. Back issues can be viewed on our website. If someone would like to resurrect this effort, please contact Bill Gee or Jim Cooley for details.

White Nose Syndrome: See <https://caves.org/WNS/> for the most current map of the spread of WNS.

Organization Updates:

Presidents Update: Vacant Officer positions were discussed . Bill Gee offers to remain as the President of KCAG, Jim Cooley will remain as the Treasurer & Nathan Taylor will remain as Quarter Master. Elections will be held in December for the Secretary and Vice President.

Trip Reports and Other News:

Carroll Cave Bat Census:

The trip was discussed. Fauna Counts, Bat Guano Sample and Swabs were done and the Rescue Cache(s) were serviced. A 'test' dry bag will be used to experiment with various containers to keep lighters functional at the bottom of the ladder area.

MCKC & the Carroll Cave Cable System

Rick Hines and Bill Gee discussed the removal of the cable system in the Carroll Cave shaft entrance initiated by the MCKC's new cave management recommendations for Carroll Cave.

MSS:

Kohl Mitchell discussed the upcoming MSS meeting at his farm in Laddonia, MO. Meeting on Saturday and Caving on Sunday March 21 thru 22nd, 2026. More to come as the date nears.

Stark Caverns: Map QC

Geronimo Cave: Map QC

New Business: Jim Cooley has a limited trip ticket targeted for Dec. 20-22 Contact Jim for the details

Unfinished Business: No unfinished business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm

Novice Trips: We need volunteers! C'mon Cavers! Contact Bill Gee or Jim Cooley for Recommendations and Access Permits

Upcoming Trips and Events

Check with the trip leader before you set out to attend any of these events.

December 13th: KCAG Christmas Party hosted by Rick Hines

2026 July 6th through 10th: NSS Convention in Corydon, Indiana.