

Meeting Minutes for KCAG - Jan 20, 2026

Attendees – In person:

Bill Gee
Jim Cooley
Julie Cooley
Dillon Bond
Nathan Taylor
Kristen Vogel
Bailey Martinez
Jason Jakary
Ray Petersen
Will Simms
Allyssia Seymour
Emery Cashen

Allen Deuschle
Laurie Deuschle
James Bohan Sr
James Bohan Jr
Freddy Benning
Dani Leonard
Amaan Mims

Attendees – On Zoom:

Peter Schnegelberger
Shane McCurdy
Rick Hines
Cory Ellis

6:31 pm – Called to order

6:32 pm – Dillon Bond gave a presentation on a couple of his recent cave trips.

On the morning of Dec 9th, 2025 Dillon joined Jim Cooley and Peter Schnegelberger, where they loaded up a John Boat to visit multiple bluffside caves, located within Lake of the Ozarks State Park. Their goals included doing quality checks of existing cave maps, and then doing some new cave surveying. While visiting the caves they did a basic biological inventory, as well as human impact assessment. Accessing some of the bluffside cave entrances required steep, somewhat treacherous approaches. The three caves visited were: Goose Tunnel Cave, Buzzard Slot Cave, and Two Buzzard Tunnel Cave.

On Jan 7th 2026 Dillon joined the Lake of the Ozarks Grotto, to visit Rock House Cave (historically aka, Jim Henry Cave). Dillon recounted some of the history regarding the cave, including Jim Henry and his family's use of the cave as a home for many years.

7:04 pm – Newcomers introduced themselves:

Ray Petersen
Will Simms & Allyssia Seymour
Emery Cashen
Allen Deuschle & Laurie Deuschle
James Bohan Sr & James Bohan Jr
Freddy Benning
Bailey Martinez

7:12 pm – Elections

The current slate:

President – Bill Gee

Vice President – Steve Wahlen

Secretary – Shane McCurdy

Treasurer – Jim Cooley

Quartermaster – Nathan Taylor

7:14 pm – Kristen Vogel made a motion to approve the slate, and it was approved unanimously

7:15 pm – Treasures Report

KCAG TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1/20/2026 GROTTO MEETING				
BANK ACCT	Check#	To/From	Amount	Balance
11/18/2025		STARTING BALANCE		\$3,521.68
12/16/2025	Deposit	Wynne, Shane	\$105.00	\$3,626.68
12/17/2025	Auto WD	Checks & Deposit Slips	(\$55.61)	\$3,571.07
12/26/2025	Deposit	Kohl Mitchell 2026 dues	\$15.00	\$3,586.07
12/26/2025	Deposit	Cliff Gill 2025 & 2026 dues	\$30.00	\$3,616.07
1/15/2026	Chk# 135	MSS affiliation dues - Two yrs	(\$50.00)	\$3,566.07
1/20/2026		ENDING BALANCE		\$3,566.07
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Paypal		To/From		
11/18/2025		STARTING BALANCE		\$446.82
1/20/2026		ENDING BALANCE		\$597.74
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Petty Cash		To/From		
11/18/2025		STARTING BALANCE		\$214.00
	Cash	Jim Harmon dues	\$15.00	\$229.00
1/20/2026		ENDING BALANCE		\$229.00
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Total KCAG balance:			\$4,392.81	

7:16 pm – Secretary Report

Shane introduced himself briefly as the new Secretary

7:17 pm – Addressing the newcomers, Bill and Jim spoke about the dynamics of caving in this region, as well as the role MSS and MCKC plays with protecting caves and cave access.

7:31 pm – Project updates

Geronimo Springs Caves

Cloud Nine Caves

7:34 pm – Quartermaster Report

Nathan spoke about what equipment is available, as well as how to access it to borrow.

7:38 pm – Trip Reports

Bill Gee spoke about a data logger trip to Carroll Cave. Five of the team members were new to Carroll Cave, and they visited a few more interesting places to get acquainted with the cave.

Three flood events were recorded in the data that was retrieved.

Shane McCurdy went to Carlsbad NP, and spent a week project caving within the park and outside it on BLM land.

Corey Ellis spent three days on a survey of Blue Spring Cave, TN, where they got quite a lot of work done.

Jim Cooley recounted some project caving and survey that was done over the course of three days in Shannon County.

7:58 pm – Upcoming trips and events

2026 Jan 30th – Roanoke Cave trip is full

2026 Feb 8th – Cleveland Cave trip is full

2026 April 17-19 – Spring MVOR at Shriner's Campground near Waynesville. More information will be available around early March.

2026 July 6-10 – NSS Convention in Corydon, Indiana. NSS Web site for more information. There is also a promotional video on YouTube

2026 July 11-15 – MAYBE! Trip to TAG for three days of caving. Contact bgee@campercaver.net for more information.

2026 September 18-20 – Fall MVOR at Riverview Ranch. More information will be available around early August.

2027 June 14-18 – NSS National Convention in Del Rio, Texas.

8:07 pm - Voted in Dillon Bond as KCAG member

8:10 pm - Adjourned