

## **Grotto meeting**

**February 24, 2014**

Meeting called to order by Tom Florer in Gregg Williams' absence at 7:00

Presentation given by Ben Hutchins on Big Bend Ranch State Park

Visitors – Reece Thompson, Chris S. and JR Sawyer

### **Treasury Report**

Report given by Pam Campbell

\*Added \$15 in dues

<b>Petty Cash</b>	\$235.84
<b>Checking</b>	\$449.29
	\$1.64 dividend increase
<b><u>Savings</u></b>	<b><u>\$2633.47</u></b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,318.60</b>

### **TCMA**

Wes Schumaker resigned. Denise Pendegrass replaced him.

### **TSA**

Kurt Menking reminded everyone about Spring Convention. First week in May at Cave Without a Name  
They also need articles for the Texas Caver.

### **NSS**

None

### **TSS**

They had board meeting. New board members were elected. Joe Mitchell told us a little about this organization. It is run by board of directors. Joe was just elected to board. They collect cave and Karst information as well as publish information. They conduct training sessions as well. Joe wanted to know the perception of the TSS in the caving community. They have a great library.

**Bracken** – Fran Hutchins reports that the bats are back. The flights are weak right now. They are creating new birding trails. They are also still negotiating purchase of the land. They will be having a fundraiser soon. They will also be having Pig trappings soon.

### **New Biz**

None

### **Old Biz**

We are still working on switching the bank accounts. Tom Florer needs to get FEID number.

### **Announcements**

- Bennett Lee's dad, Ted, will be turning 70 and they will be holding a party for him on March 29<sup>th</sup> at the Dreamland location from 11 – 3.
- Dr. Penny Boston will be holding a presentation this Wednesday at 7:30 at Trinity University.
- Kurt Menking announced that the daughter of one of the Honey Creek owners died.
- We paid for Port-a-Potty for the tank haul at Honey Creek for \$100. Motion to pay – motion granted.
- Shatterproof – fundraising. They will be repelling off building. They need covers that have rope experience to volunteer. They can repel for free.

### **Trip reports**

- Joe Mitchell reported on Deep cave survey. It went well. Next trip is May 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Tom Florer announced a trip to several caves with students from Lamar University. They visited Wurzbach Bat Cave, Logans and Robber Baron. They made a \$110 donation.

### **Upcoming trips**

- Government Canyon trip this weekend per Marvin Miller.
- Honey Creek need more haulers and surface crew.
- Joe Mitchell is planning a Robber Barron trip on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. The open house will be on November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Fran Hutchins going to Cibolo Bluffs Karst Survey on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Next to Bracken. Meet at 9:00.
- First weekend in May will be the annual fundraiser at Bamberger Ranch.
- March 8<sup>th</sup> – Honey Creek haul in
- March 22 – Honey Creek haul out
- March 15 – Genesis Cave - need vertical experience.
- April 19<sup>th</sup> – Logan's survey trip

Adjourned 7:57 by Tom Florer