

Bexar Grotto Meeting

May 26, 2014

Meeting called to order by Gregg Williams at 7:00 p.m.

Presentation: None.

Visitors

John found us through meet up.

Jose found us on meet up website as well.

Treasury Report

3 renewals

Petty Cash \$262.84

Checking \$1284.63

Savings \$2635.09

Total \$4182.56

Organizations

TCMA - Nothing to report

TSA - Nothing to report

TSS - Nothing to report

NSS -Team 404: The idea is to have 404 members who donate \$25 a month to cover mortgage for NSS headquarters. You can get shirt if you join. Convention coming soon and will be in Alabama at facility. Can we donate again from the grotto? Rob made a motion to donate \$300 a year. Kim seconded motion. We will also donate a Brick along with the money. Pre-registration for convention open until June 1st.

Announcements

- Bracken Bat Cave June 23 around 5 at cave. Potluck dinner. Meeting will be held there.
- Memorial Day - members that served in the past. Acknowledge our veterans.

No old biz

New biz

- Zach is talking with firefighters about going into Robber Barron on June 22 or June 28. Need people to protect cave. Call Zach if you want to go and help with firefighters.
- Bennett set up meet up group. 6 months is \$12 a month. \$144 a year. Sue made motion to pay Bennett back. Greg made another motion. Vote accepted. Already got several people to sign up.
- Tom got email from Jill. He read it. Request for Texas Cavers articles.

Trip reports

- Rob went to Bracken to collect bugs.

- Bennett, Wade, Pam and Geary went to Logan's to lead rescue team through. They wanted to do mock rescue but after surveying they realized they needed to rethink rescue for caving situation.
- Marvin went to Longhorn Caverns. Also looked for Dead Mans Hole. East of 281 south of Marble Falls. Back in Civil War times they hung people and threw them down into cave. Bones have been found in the past.
- Trip to Property in Medina near Paradise Canyon. Pam, Kim, Gary, Geary and others dropped into cave. Kim and Pam's first vertical drop.
- Zach went to Cave Without a Name to take photos for their two year anniversary.
- Crystal and Sarah went to Robber Barron. Their first trip.
- Karst survey at Honey Creek. USGS surveys go in a straight line. They found one cave. Vertical pit. Rattlesnakes were in pit.
- Rick went to Childress area to look for bat caves with Fran. Sinkholes everywhere. Of the nine caves they found three of them will be good for study for hybernacular caves during the winter. They were gypsum caves. They take on huge volumes of water during rain.

Upcoming trips

- June 14-15 09 Well. Multiple drops. Must have vertical gear.
- Hills and Dells trip before to work on drops. Bennett will arrange.
- June 7 Pete Strickland Pond Party
- June 7 Honey Creek clean up. Need wetsuit. Clean up on property first.
- June 21 Vertical night at Bennett's next Monday

Meeting adjourned at 8:04