

Bexar Grotto Meeting July 28, 2014

Meeting called to order at 7:01p.m. by Gregg Williams

Visitors

Jake from Connecticut

Nina

Annie Clark is the guest speaker. She is a geologist.

Treasury Report

Checking \$796.60

Petty cash \$374.84

Savings \$2,635.09

Total \$3,806.53

Organizations

TCMA

Nothing to report

NSS

Over 1,000 people attended the convention. Very successful convention.

TSA

Nothing to report

TSS

Board meeting on Saturday. They are starting to create publications that are not scientific. Introduction to local caves will be coming out later this year.

Bracken

Fran will be out for a while due to illness. Nothing new to report.

New Business

Logan University wants to go caving again, sometime in October or November. They need volunteers.

On September 27 and 28 the Texas Hydro Geo workshop will be held. Geary Schindel is putting it together. This is a program where people can get some field experience. It is for students or anyone interested in this field. It will be taught in modules. So far one hundred or so people seem interested. Rob made Motion for the Bexar Grotto to support the event- Missy Egan seconded it.

Old Business

No new business

Trip reports

Chris Lafferty was at the convention. Chris, Tom Rogers, Gary Donham and others caved several caves including War Eagle, Bluff River and Ellison. Ellison has a 586 foot drop. The cave was pretty dry.

Geary was shown a cave and may need volunteers to go back. It was on a ranch near Utopia. There were different levels to it. He didn't have enough equipment as it was just a recon visit.

There was a trip to Deep that several cavers attended. To begin, Wade had a blow out to start the trip. Then as they got to the cabin he had another flat. While in the cave they went to hall of masks and forest of columns. They then went to square ceiling room as well as the metropolis and butterscotch rooms. Onward to the Crystal castles and then they took the short cut to crystal waterfall. Several people also dropped into Punkin. They spent night and headed home in the morning.

Upcoming Trips

August 2 - On Saturday there will be a dig trip with Marvin at Spring Branch in a sink hole. They will meet at 9 at Rittiman road. There is a crack in the wall six to eight inches wide. It will be a hard rock dig.

August 16 - there will be a trip to Robber Barron.

Bennett is trying to put a course together regarding rope and equipment education.

Adjourned by Gregg Williams at 7:42.