

Bexar Grotto Meeting September 8, 2014

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

Visitors

Jess and Rob

James guest of Gary white

John, who went to Robber Barron

Jason, who saw flyer from hydro geo

Matt from PA

Treasury Report

Checking \$823.60

Savings \$2,635.09

Petty cash \$483.84

Total \$3,942.53

Organizations

TCMA

Two candidates for board of directors

Nominations close in September

Send articles to Linda plait

Looking for caves in their price range to purchase

Insurance is half the budget

NSS

Trying to buy new river cave

We won bid Spring BOGG 2015 meeting. Board of governors come to town. Held at Edwards Aquifer.

Friday night party beforehand. Hosting Cavers if possible. Held on March 7th.

TSA

They will have a meeting at TCR

TSS

Books for sale. Talk to Marvin

New website

You can send cave report on line

TCR

Don Arburn needs volunteers for TCR. Let him know if you can help.

New Business

- San Antonio College invited us to hear George Veni present Living with Karst on September 18th at 6 pm.

- Joe Mitchell says Grotto knee pads are in bad shape. He wants to make motion to get new ones. Should we split costs with TCMA? We need about 15 sets. Linda motioned. One Nay, by Don Arburn.
- October 18 & 19. Students coming in like last year and go to three caves. Wurzbach, Robber Barron and Logan's.
- Update on Hydro Geo Conference. Geary gave report. 225 registered to attend. 10 on waiting list. Volunteers should still sign up and pay 30 dollars. \$4,000 in sponsorship commitments. Needs someone to type up press release or call media to let them know. Rob is running logistics. Volunteers needed for all three days. Don came up with t-shirt design and Gregg is working on pricing.

Old Business

No new business

Trip reports

- Small group of kids went to Robber Barron.
- Found cave at deep. Just dug a little but have not gotten in. They need to do more digging.
- Geary and Sue Schindel went to Maryland and went to Old Timers reunion. 2,000 cavers attended.
- Geary went caving with high school friend who is now property manager at Geary's first cave.
- Lori and mike went to decorated caves. Caverns of Sonora.
- Some Cavers went to Arkansas to cave several caves. Little bear which has a formation called rain tree. Very unique. Chili bowl which had lots of crawling and climbing. Unique wall of crystals coming out of wall. Every Labor Day they organize this trip.

Upcoming Trips

- **November 1** – Robber Barron open house. This is a good fundraiser for TCMA. It gets the public interested in caves. Around 250 – 400 people are expected to show up.
- Marvin hosts the Government Canyon walk – they walk the whole property. There is quite a bit that has not been walked. They found a new cave last time. Any skill level welcome. Email Marvin at mlmiller@ttbc.com.
- **September 20 and 21** – Deep Survey Trip. Call Joe Mitchell if you want to go.

Adjourned by Gregg Williams at 8:00

****Jacob was supposed to do the program but he did not show. Bennett was able to show photos from the Arkansas caving trip from the prior weekend.***