

Bexar Grotto Meeting

February 9, 2015

Gregg Williams called meeting to order at 7:00

Visitors

Reed

Amanda Miller

Treasury report

Total \$5,445.62

Announcement

Kurt Menking mentioned that February 15 is the deadline for submitting articles to the Texas Caver.

Organization Reports

TSS – Marvin Miller – nothing to report

TSA – Kurt Menking – there is a meeting this week at Colorado Bend State Park. Also, there will be caving there Saturday and the meeting is on Sunday.

TCMA - Bennett Lee – the repairs for Ezell's gate are coming up. There will also be a Whirlpool cleanup in Austin later in March. This will be announced later.

NSS – Geary Schindel – he wants to remind everyone of the upcoming Board of Governors meeting on March 7th.

Bracken – Nothing to report on Bracken

Old Business

- We will be meeting on Tuesday regarding our tax exempt status. More to report later.

New Business

- Geary Schindel – Reminding everyone about Kitty/Kurt's party on Friday March 6th for the BOG meeting. It will be a Potluck. They will be providing the main course. It will be burgers. Bring sides that compliment burgers. Kimberly Hartzog made a motion to provide them with \$150 for food/drinks. Linda Palit seconded the motion.

Upcoming trips

- February 21 - Garry White - he will be offering a practice session for rappelling at Dies Ranch Cave.
- March 28 – There will be a karst walk on the new property that Bracken Bat shares due to the recent purchase. BCI board meeting will be in the area as well. He wants everyone to walk in

obvious places to show the board members the volunteers. Discuss with Rick Corbell if you are interested.

- February 18 – Joe Mitchell will give a Walls workshop to show how to enter data after a cave survey. It will be held at Geary Schindel's house.
- March 11 & 25 - Drafting class given by Joe Mitchell as well. Held at Geary Schindel's house.
- March 8 – Ezell's gate repair scheduled
- March 21 – Rolling Oak Preserve work day from 10 – 4.
- March 22 – Whirlpool cleanup from 2 -4
- March 27 – 29 – Deep work day. Several projects will be done during the weekend.
- April 21 – 26 - TSA Spring Convention at CWAN – Mallory is looking for programs.
- February 15 – Geary Schindel is organizing a trip to Utopia cave for survey trip.

Trip report

- Government Canyon trip this past weekend. Joe Shartel and others attended. Leia also went to Lilly Hammer Cave and she gave a report on their trip. We have asked her to write up an article regarding the trip.
- Richard Silver, Marvin Miller and Casey went to Government Canyon on Sunday. They got the entrance wide enough to fit. Not really big enough to be a cave. About 4 meters deep. There were bones at the bottom of the pit. If they discover it is human bones, they will not go back.
- Spring Creek – There were several cavers that went on this trip including Bennett Lee, Pam Campbell, Jake Kirk, Tom Rogers, Gary Donham, and others. Bennett went back to take photos but it was too wet to get any photos. Overall it was a good trip.

Meeting adjourned 7:51 by Gregg Williams