

Grotto meeting

May 25, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:00 by Gregg Williams

Visitors Jason – moved from New Orleans
 Rebecca – moved to San Antonio last week
 Jason Micheli

Treasury Report

Report given by Pam Campbell

Part of our total is derived from collections for the Hydro Geo

Total \$6,129.19

Organizational Reports

TCMA

Bennett – no news

TSA

No one in attendance

NSS

Deadline for reduced NSS Convention registration is June 1, 2015. There will be plenty of caves lined up for visits during the convention.

TSS

No one in attendance

Bracken – Fran not at meeting

Old Business

Bennett Lee has checked into obtaining a mailbox for any Grotto correspondence. Some organizations we deal with require a physical address. USPS offers a small P.O. Box for \$56 annually. UPS will offer a physical address and text when mail has arrived for \$180 annually. We have postponed vote until next meeting due to small attendance on Memorial Day.

Bennett Lee is also setting up Google Groups with a google drive and calendar. It should be available soon. Grotto email list will be available to everyone as well.

Announcements

Bernadette asked about the benefits of joining NSS. Geary Schindel provided some details about the organization. They have the largest library of caving in the world. You can obtain discounted equipment.

They are funding the white nose syndrome research. They offer a monthly newsletter. You also have to be a member to go into some of the caves.

Trip reports

- Rob Bissett took his scouts to Deep/Punkin. He said they did real well. Rob also asked how to go about funding for new beds/futons at the cabin at Deep. Pam Campbell suggested he speak to Don Arburn.
- Mike Harris and Chris Lafferty went to a private ranch. There was about three caves on premise. They went into two of them. One of them had bad air. Another sinkhole looked promising. Valdena Farnos is a sinkhole with a 150 drop that was flooded with water. They also visited the Secco sinkhole as well.

Upcoming trips

- June 6 – 7 – Honey Creek Clean up and Swim Through for workers. Could be postponed if roads are muddy. Meet at shaft at 9:00. Rob Bissett made a motion to supply a toilet for the weekend. He will call Ellie to see if she needs one. Chris Lafferty seconded the motion. All I's.
- June 12-14 – 09 Well trip. Vertical cave and must be a member of TCMA.
- June 20 – Pete's Pond Party starting at 2:00
- June 22 – Bracken – Grotto meeting - only current Grotto members and family can join.
- July 4 – Possible Bamberger July 4th appreciation cook out.
- July 11 – tentative – Natural Bridge - \$13 to attend. Oran Knox will be giving the tour. He is one of the original people that discovered the cave.

Presentation by Rob Bissett regarding NSS Convention
Adjourned 7:40 by Gregg Williams