

# Grotto meeting

July 27, 2015

Gregg Williams called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Meeting Place : Chesters Hamburgers

## Visitors

Courtney

John who went to robber Barron

## Treasury Report

Provide by Pam Campbell

\$5,427.14 total

## Organizational News

- TCMA no news
- TSS no news
- TSA no news
- NSS - Geary Schindel is no longer administrative vice president. Bexar grotto earned the merit award for the hydro geo workshop.
- Bracken- Bennett Lee worked on cameras today.

## Old business

Missy Eagan went to check out a mailbox for us to have a physical address. Bexar Facts runs \$132 per year. We need a physical address for all business. It is the Keller Jackson and 410 location. We are concerned that this one could close one day but Allen Montemayor said it has been open for many years. Post office and UPS should always be open. We will postpone voting for now until further information can be gathered.

## New business

Kimberly Hartzog was able to get \$500 donation from HEB in the form of gift cards.

## Upcoming trips

- Tom Florer is supposed to be taking people through some caves but he will be unavailable and can't put it together. Sam Houston University wanted to come November 14-15. No one else so far is able to volunteer. We will ask again in a couple of weeks.
- July 30 - trip with Geary Schindel at Good Horse Ranch
- August 7 - Deep Stone Ranch geo assessment with Geary Schindel
- August 8 - There is a Deep trip this weekend for fun. No survey.
- August 21-23 Logan's beginner trip

## Trip reports

- Marvin Miller set up trip for Houston grotto and one member showed up. Aaron, Vicki and Richard Silver went to Lillehammer cave. Marvin Miller and Steve Gooding went to another cave on property to dig. Went into Five Way Pit. Marvin was the only one that could fit. No airflow that day. They will dig again. Surveyed about 10 meters. Aaron could not get harvestmen out. They could not go into cave.
- Chris Lafferty went to Tunnel and Spring cave during convention. There is a short swim in the beginning. He also went to Carol Cave twice. Similar to Honey Creek. They had to rappel down and climb a ladder to get out.
- Geary went to Bosnia and Croatia and other places. Walked along some sharp karsts with bedrock all around it. They went into a lot of other caves. Then a week later they went to England. Sue visited some friends and Geary went to a conference. Visited four major karst areas.
- Rob Bissett went river rafting with his son Journey at The Valley of the Salmon River. They found lots of shelters. Found some small caves as well. It was nice to see no signs of civilization. Lots of hot springs.
- Tom Brown went to Long Horn caverns. They had a good tour guide.
- Morgan Adler went to Cascade Caverns. She went on the adventure tour.
- Gregg Williams and Jess Buckles went to 8 caves in Belize. They were collecting samples for some of Jess' research.
- Bill Steele was one of the luminaries and he gave a speech and it will be on the web soon.
- Nathan Summers is doing a presentation on several caves such as Ogle, Christmas Tree and others

Gregg Williams adjourned meeting at 7:53