

# Grotto meeting

August 10, 2015

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

Meeting Place : Chesters Hamburgers

## Visitors

Kurt

Aaron

Matt

Joseph - from Meetup.com

John Park -from meetup

J.R. - Larissa his fiancé referred him.

Mike – from meetup

Jack

## Treasury Report

Provide by Pam Campbell

\$5,462.14 total

## Organizational News

**TCMA** – Gregg Williams – they had conference call on Thursday. They are looking at buying caves.

Update on 09 Well – There has been no change. They are also looking at purchasing Kiwi Cave. It would be a dig project.

**TSS**- no news per Marvin Miller

**TSA**- TCR coming soon. Kurt Menking said election process starting soon before TCR.

**NSS**- search is on for a new AVP to replace Geary Schindel.

**Bracken**- no news. Journey thanks grotto for donation. When done he will do a presentation.

## Old business

None

## New business

- Houston grotto is buying haul system for Deep and Punkin. We are looking at a skid for Deep for possible rescue. Linda said she had one in Austin. We should have something at the cabin since it is so far out. Look at straps to see if we need to replace.

- Our projector has technical difficulty. It is an old VGA connection. Changing out cable is expensive. Bennett looked into other options. New one would be between \$400 and \$700. Rob will go and pick up some adapters to see if they will work. Rob wants motion to purchase. Bennett made a motion \$100 for cable adapters and Rick seconded for Bennett to buy cable adapters.

### **Announcements**

- Joe Ranzau said there will be a Wine tasting before TCR. Location to be determined.
- Marvin Miller- BT Price died on July 11. Owner of main entrance of Twinkies Palace. He left everything to Texas A & M. We will see how our access will work out in the future.
- Honey Creek project going through interesting time. Owner originally said no. We can no longer have trips until we repair road. We need a bobcat or some piece of equipment to dig and smooth road.

### **Upcoming trips**

- September 12 - Linda Palit- Honey Creek - bill Steele is checking leads
- September 5 & 6 - Marvin Miller - Government Canyon starting back up soon. Looking for sinkholes, karsts and features.
- August 21 and 22- Next weekend Deep and Punkin
- September 19 – From 12-8 Airman’s trip.
- October 9 & 11 – John Kennedy announced Colorado Bend trip.
- Second weekend of every month Bat Loco fest tomorrow night at 8. Downtown.
- Hydro geo workshop coming soon. Still working out modules. Vendors will be there as well. Catered meals for dinner. Volunteers should get with Gregg.

### **Trip reports**

- Last weekend. Deep cave trip 230 meters were surveyed. Various teams surveyed various areas. Joe Mitchell, Jill Orr and Don remarked trails. They also watched bats fly out of cave. There were masses of crickets there as well and then they just took off. Marvin Miller’s team did 120 meters. Most did 30 meters. He found some LW flags. There was a room below and they couldn't figure how to get done there but then he heard voices. Joe Mitchell was below him he could see his light from a little space. Bennett's team was in cave 14 hours. Wades team went to Crystal Waterfall and Metropolis. Was hard to find which lead they should have been following. And then tied into some well-traveled paths. Total 5518.3 meters of cave.
- Silver Tip cave. Graham went caving which had a 14 mile backpack in. They used pack horses. Re-Surveyed Silver tip cave. Went to draft a map and not enough survey notes. 1050 feet deep.
- Jim Kennedy went to Punkin cave to survey with others. Mapped 219 meters on western side of cave. Punkin is cold and dry. More trips coming up.

- Bennett went to Logan's this weekend. The new rope is working great. Small group.

Gregg Williams adjourned meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Jim Kennedy held presentation tonight