

Bexar Grotto Meeting

November 9, 2015

Gregg Williams called meeting to order at 7:00

Visitors

None

Treasury report

Total \$11,934.84

***We are selling t-shirts and bags tonight. \$1.00 each for bags.**

Organization Reports

TSS - no news per Marvin

TSA - Rob Bissett will be the new president. Flyers are at the front. TSA brochures are available.

TCMA - Elections are being held. Tomorrow is last day to turn in your ballot. They were looking at acquiring Kiwi Sinkhole. Another party bought it. We don't know if they are caver friendly.

NSS - Nothing to report

Bracken - Fran Hutchins- still have bats. Season is over. Maintenance work now being done. December 12 will be a karst survey. Bring lunch. 9-1 Rob Bissett also wants to schedule a work day in January. Maybe have a party after the work is done.

Old Business

- Joe Mitchell- he does not want to buy cheap lights. He will check all equipment and see what is needed. Maybe remove straps and attach lights on the helmet. We will revisit next meeting.

New Business

- Tom Florer- time to nominate Carl P. award. One year membership to NSS or TSS. Winner will be announced first meeting in December.
- Tom Florer also got a letter from a guy in a robotics group. He wants someone's help to design a robot. We will ask him to come to a meeting.
- Upcoming Grotto party- we will ask Schindels if they want it at their house. We voted to provide them money. We gave \$100 last year. Let's give up to \$150. Gregg made motion for \$150. Seconded by Kurt Menking. Geary Schindel needs help on the grill.
- Collect Christmas photos and judge next meeting.

- Should we cancel last meeting of the year. We will discuss?
- Marvin Miller - this Saturday November 14th at 7 p.m. appreciation for Government Canyon. Any past volunteer is welcome.

Upcoming trips

- April 9 - Robber Barron open house
- This Sunday- Evelyn is leading trip on Sunday at 12:45. Email her if you are available.
- December 5 & 6 - Government Canyon. Call Marvin Miller if interested
- December 12 - Bracken cleanup
- November 21 - Rob Bissett- going to Mexico for a trip. Multi-year project. Emphasis this time is to rig and resurvey Montemayor. 1500 feet. No survey notes. May have been destroyed. Look at all past rig points. Must be vertical proficient.
- December 12- Christmas party at 6ish

Trip report

- Survey trip at deep cave. Smaller than normal. 4 teams of three. Gregg Williams, Pam Campbell and Don Arburn were on a team. Did a loop underneath lunch rock. Couple of leads that may go to Anna's ballroom. Stream of water which you normally don't see. Resurveyed old stuff. Marvin Miller, Aaron W. and Victoria were on a team. Near Miller Time. Worked on some prior leads. They found a whole room but more like a passage. Bennett Lee, Jake and Jacqueline were on a team. Tied into Bear Scratch. There is probably 50 more meters in that area to survey. Joe Mitchell, Amy Morton and Tom Rogers. Did a lot of work. Got in and it ended in 5 meters. They did some loops that connected to others. Flagging tape was destroyed due to crickets. Very wet in cave. More leads that need hammering and opening up. Named one room the Bermuda Triangle. The other room as called the Ghost Room. Total new length is 55 meters. It is now the seventh longest cave in Texas.
- Marvin Miller- Saturday was Government Canyon. Joe Schaertl was the only one that showed up. Found an entrance during karst walk. Joe went down first. Takes on a lot of water. There was a rattlesnake on a rock. 7.6 meters deep to floor. 3 meters wide on the entrance. Went to a sink once they were done exploring that entrance. Need to remove some larger rocks.
- Bennett Lee and Pam Campbell went caving. Greg Passmore is working on a movie at CWAN. Bennett and Pam helped. Work on more in December.
- Geary Schindel went craving in West Virginia. He went to Donaldson cave which was his first cave.

Meeting adjourned 7:59 by Gregg Williams

Casey Culpepper gave presentation