

Bexar Grotto Meeting

Date: November 23, 2015

Gregg Williams called meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Visitors

Amy – new to area – Meet up

Treasury report provided by Pam Campbell

Total \$11,956.84

Organization Reports

TSS – Nothing to report

TSA – Nothing to report

TCMA – Officers were elected. Jay Jordan reelected for board. Denise Pendergrass, Joe Ranzel, Leejay Graves, Jay Jordon, Drew Thompson are all on board.

NSS – Nothing to report

Bracken – Nothing to report

Old Business

- Per Tom Florer – We need to nominate someone for the Carl Ponebshek Award. Officers will decide the winner and announce first week in December. Send emails to Gregg in order to make decision. Award is to encourage people to join the NSS.
- Collect Christmas photos for the Christmas Cards. Decide tonight. We decided on a photo from Bennett with a piece of cave bacon. We have asked that we receive a copy of the card since we have never seen one before.
- Remind Brittany that we will be canceling last meeting of the year.

New Business

- Bill Stiver used to be a caver here a while back– called Rick Corbel and said he had a lead off of Donaldson by ST. Mary's. Does anyone know of any caves in this area? No one knows of anything. Rick will tell him to come to town so we can check it out.

Announcements

- Christmas party coming up at the Schindels. Donate food to pantry upon arrival for Sue's clients. Bring a dish for the potluck. We will also be doing a white elephant.
- Officer nominations will be the first week of the year for the Grotto.

- Geary Schindel is looking for people to volunteer for the Edwards Aquifer. Grapevine Cave. They are going to try to install tube into the cave so they can do a series of dye testing. Possibly this Sunday. He wants to do as soon as possible.
- Geary Schindel has a cave about 30 years ago that Edwards Aquifer gated. It got buried by a flood. They dug it out but now it is buried again. They want to map the cave and monitor for Dye monitoring. It was not well explored when gate was put on. Just a sketch map. They want to dig the gravel out. Called Ruhe Sink.

Upcoming trips

- April 9, 2016 - Robber Barron open house
- November 21, 2015 - 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 5 & 6, 2015 - Government Canyon. Volunteer Research Center. Main gate and then first right. Closed gate. Open and then go to ranch house. Call Marvin Miller if interested.
- December 12, 2015 - Bracken karst survey.
- December 12, 2015- Christmas party at 6ish
- January 2, 2016 - Genesis trip - possible trip. Bennett Lee is trying to set this up.
- February 19-21, 26-28 and March 4-6 - tank haul at See My Shovel Cave. Need vertical gear and wet suit.

Trip report

- Mike Harris, Gary White and Joe Mitchell went to Robber Barron and took some college students into the cave. Air was pretty good. Bats were also seen. Rock had fallen and fell right in front of the gate.
- Mark Childress took some students to Deep. Pam Campbell and Bennett Lee helped as well. Dropped Punkin. Don Arburn and Gill Ediger were there at the cabin.
- Geary Schindel went to Sonora. He met Jackie Thomas. Popped down a small hole. Dug around a little and there were a lot of air. They were soaked from the rain. The air shows it is in a good location. Hopefully owner will ask us back.

Meeting adjourned by Gregg Williams at 7:40 p.m.

Presentation by: Christmas Card Photos