

## **Bexar Grotto Meeting**

Date: January 11, 2016

Gregg Williams, Chair Person called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### **Visitors**

Catherine & Aspen -she has attended before

Peter - interested in bats

Colin - UTSA student

### **Treasury report provided by Pam Campbell**

**Total           \$11,655.19**

**Collecting Dues today - Announcement made by Pam Campbell**

### **Elections - Nominations for 2016 Bexar Grotto**

**Each officer explained their duties and then elections were held with a raise of hands.**

**Secretary** - Michelle Smith (All ayes)

**Treasurer** - Pam Campbell (All ayes)

**Vice/Program Chair** - Rob Bissett (All ayes)

**Vice/Co-Program Chair** - Gary White (All ayes)

**Vice Trip Chair** - Aaron Wertheim (All ayes)

**Chairperson** - Jessica Buckles (All ayes)

### **Organization Reports**

**TSS** - Meeting in Austin this Saturday.

**TSA** - Annual business meeting yesterday. Rob Bissett is now an officer. They have \$14,000 in funds. They want to increase their projects in Texas. Formation of project at Hill Country State Natural Area and Guadalupe State Park. He will be working with Marvin Miller and Crash Kennedy and asking for volunteers to run these programs. He would like to get younger people involved so that others can learn about caving.

Government Canyon - 10 trips last year. 17 work days. 568 volunteer hours. Six cave surveys and finished one cave map. For 2016, Marvin Miller's plans are extensive so get with Marvin to find out more.

Colorado Bend State Park - 98 participants - 12 per trip. 497 drive time. 726 volunteer hours in park. 36 new caves and karst features and five new caves they are mapping. Extended Fitz cave.

He would also like to work on Amistad Reservoir

Convention April 23<sup>rd</sup> in Rock Springs. Rob will be asking everyone to volunteer.

Crash Kennedy will be in charge of it. Rob talked to Kurt Menking regarding Honey Creek. We need to do more work on the roads to renew our relationship. Rob wants to let us know that TSA is helping. He is asking what Bexar Grotto is willing to do for them.

Rob needs programs for Spring Convention. Jill Orr has agreed to stay on as editor and she needs trip reports.

**TCMA** - None

**NSS** - None

**Bracken** - January 16<sup>th</sup> 9 -1, Karst survey. They are surveying new parts of the area. Some hilltop work. Be on time. January 24<sup>th</sup> - Resistivity test in Bracken. Looking for bottom of guano pile. They only got to 19 meters last time. He will need help with gear.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

- Do we want to sponsor the tank haul? Ellie Falgout has asked if we would be interested in purchasing the toilets. Sue made motion and Bennett seconded. So approved. Not sure of price yet. Around \$250
- Edwards Aquifer is starting a new foundation that will be used to generate revenue and manage funds that government agencies cannot do as easily or quickly. Help support endangered species and offer grants to plug wells, etc. Only been around for a couple of months. Mike Harris made a motion to donate \$1,000. Everyone thinks that may be too much. Aaron has asked Geary Schindel to get more particulars about the organization.
- Aaron Wertheim is asking that Bexar Grotto to help pay for renting a skid loader and dump truck. He thinks it may be north of \$1,000. He has asked that TSA help as well. They need road base. Need a full weekend to get it done. Pam may be able to get the haul donated. She is asking Aaron to provide additional details.
- NSS IO report - need report by end of the month. Tom Florer will do it for us.

### **Upcoming trips**

- Geary Schindel - Trip to do Karst Survey this week end. He needs two or three people in Sonora. He also has access to some land in Rock Springs that may have three caves on it. Just let Geary know if you are interested.
- January 16 - Logan's Trip - Contact Bennett Lee if you are interested. Meet at 9 a.m. at Dairy Queen
- January 23 - Logan's Trip with Fire Department and Casey Culpepper.
- February 6 - Bennett Lee will just do Punkin all day long and will not be going to Deep. He plans to do vertical all day.
- February 12 - 14 - Deep Survey Trip
- February 20, 27 and March 5 - See My Shovel Tank Haul - Full - Ellie Falgout is the contact.
- February 6 & 7 - Government Canyon

- March 11, 12 & 13 - Deep work trip. Involves digging, painting, etc.
- April 9<sup>th</sup> - Robber Barron Open House - Contact Joe Mitchell to volunteer.
  
- April 22 - 24 - Spring Convention
- May - First weekend is Bamberger - Contact Fran to volunteer.

### **Trip report**

- Jess Buckles - went to Deep for UTSA students. Nine students and one professor.
- Fran went to Camp Bullis to survey some caves. Used to be a bat habitat and they are now going to clean it out so bats will go back in.

Meeting adjourned by Gregg Williams at 8:10 pm. Motion to adjourn.

Presentation By: None due to elections