

Bexar Grotto Meeting

Date: February 8, 2016

Jessica Buckles called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Visitors

Ruth - Meet up

Ernest - Meet up

Nathan - hikes a lot

Kevin - went to Logan's Cave

Todd Godfrey - knows Michelle Bryant

John Williams

Treasury report provided by Pam Campbell

Total \$11,655.19

Minus \$200 for Push Program that Don Arburn mentioned

Organization Reports

TSS - Nothing new

TSA - Nothing to report

TCMA - Closed on Avery Ranch cave recently. Purchased for \$24,700. Self-financing. Donate items at Spring Convention. Recurring donation system up and running. Easy to donate.

NSS - Nothing to report

Bracken - Fran not at meeting to report

Old Business

- Geary Schindel - he had mentioned a conservancy that the Edwards Aquifer started. Edwards Aquifer Conservancy. It will help with education and research. About a year ago, they started collecting donations from other groups. Educational purposes for kids and an outreach program. Gregg asked if they would be a constant contributor of the Hydro Geo. He is asking Jessica Buckles to go to the board to discuss all of the good things the hydro geo is doing. They do have a board of directors. He said they are pretty conservative with their money. No administrative costs. They now have a webpage up to view. Gregg Williams made a motion to donate \$500 and Michelle Smith seconded. All were in favor.
- Shirts - Bennett put design on line to vote. Most chose the new design. Bennett has done research as to how it will look on shirts. We voted for \$700 for shirts and all I's. Wade will be ordering since he is t-shirt chair.

- We voted to stay with Chester's and if we go over capacity we will switch to new location.

New Business

- No new business

Announcements

- Party at Sue and Geary Schindel's house at 7:00 p.m. to celebrate Tonya Leach on her new job. It is also Sue's Birthday.
- Gary White says we need programs for April and May
- Leia Hills spoke to Oran Knox. He said he would be willing to give another cave tour at Natural Bridge Caverns. He would prefer to do it in March.

Upcoming trips

- April 9, 2016 - Robber Barron open house
- February 12-13 - Deep Survey Trip - Joe can put you on a waitlist
- February 20-21, 27th and March 5th and other trips are full for the See My Shovel
- February 27th at 9:00 - training for Robber Barron
- March 5th & 6^h - Government Canyon with Marvin Miller
- March 11 - 13 - Deep work weekend with Don Arburn - installing the showers
- Aaron Wertheim is trying to work on a Spring Creek trip in March.
- April 22 - 24 - TSA Spring Convention in Rock Springs
- May 1 - Bamburger - First weekend in May - Prep on April 30th

Trip report

- Marvin Miller went to Government Canyon - eight people on Saturday. Joe Shaertl took some on a ridge walking trip. Marvin took others to a sinkhole dig. Some came back on Sunday to help. Luciano was with them and he is the one that discovered Lilyhammer cave. They did some blasting in one cave. A new caver went with Marvin and helped. Leia Hill went with Marvin. It was her second time. She said it was beautiful and looked like a commercial cave.
- Leia Hill also went to Bracken Bat Cave. She wore the respirator in order to go in.
- Lindsey Adamoski went to Punkin and did a false rescue for practice. It was Tonya Leach's first drop
- Steve Gutting went caving with Joe Mitchell. He went to some old caves and surveyed one. Joe Mitchell was the only one that could fit. There are several other caves in that area with old information. TSS was happy they were able to update the information for the one cave.
- Geary Schindel went to Sonora again and dug in a cave that was blowing air. They are looking as a potential dye trace area.

- Geary Schindel also went to Puerto Rico and did some exploring on some Magotas. They saw a couple of sea caves. They went to a 400 foot open free fall pit. They were able to look up it since they entered from another area.
- Sarah Gorton went to Whirlpool a couple of weeks ago. They were doing white nose testing.

Meeting adjourned by Jessica Buckles at 8:08 p.m.

Presentation By: Gary White