

Bexar Grotto Meeting

Date: August 22, 2016

Jess Buckles called meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Visitors

- Rocka - from Romania and just moved here. Found us on Meet Up
- Sophia - Found us on Meet Up
- Zach
- Issac - Meet Up
- Robert - Meet Up
- Tara - Meet Up

Treasury report provided by Pam Campbell

Total \$8,479.56

Organization Reports

TSS - Marvin Miller - They had a meeting on Saturday. He brought books back from the meeting if anyone is interested.

TSA - Rob Bissett is trying to set up a committee. He needs someone to help with elections. If you are interested see Rob. We also need an editor for the Texas Caver magazine.

TCMA - Gregg Williams announced we are close to closing on Wilcox Property. Old TCC headquarters. It was donated them. Includes a couple of caves and a house on the property. They are always looking for new acquisitions. Bennett also posted some new photos on Avery Ranch on Facebook. Matt Turner is the preserve manager. Pam Campbell has a fundraising raffle ticket for TCR. There are 50 tickets for \$20 each.

NSS - They donated six different books for the Hydro Geo Workshop.

Bracken - Fran Hutchins was here. They had a bat flight on Saturday with the news. The event turned out great with clear skies.

Old Business

- Jessica Buckles asked Wade if he has ordered shirts. He needs money to reorder. Wade was out this week so we will ask him at next meeting how much money he needs to order. On hold for now.
- Trailer - Official grotto trailer - it has been tossed around to buy one. Rob Bissett would be in charge of buying it. He would like to get options and then take it to committee to make the final decision. On hold for now.

New Business

No new business

Announcements

- TCR is coming up in October. Don Arburn discussed the various events.
- Bill Steel contacted Jess Buckles about a grant funded by the Bexar Grotto. It is a huge mapping project in Mexico. He would like to do an annual trip. He will give a presentation about the project in the next few meetings. Jess Buckles will forward the email to the Grotto list. It is called Huatua Cave otherwise known as the PESH project.
- Geary Schindel discussed the Hydro Geo. He explained the details of the event. It will be held at Cave Without a Name. Sign up with Cory if you want to attend as a volunteer.

Upcoming trips

- Work Project at Deep and Punkin on Labor Day Weekend.
- August 28 - Dig at LaChance Sinkhole in New Braunfels. Call Geary Schindel if you are interested. Geary is double checking to make sure it is not full of water.
- September 9, 10 & 11 - Deep Survey Trip - Full - contact Joe Mitchell for waitlist
- September 16, 17 & 18th- NCRC Course - already full - will be held at Punkin/Deep.
- September 30 - October 2 - Hydro Geo weekend
- October 8 & 9th - Marvin Miller will start Government Canyon again. It will be once a month thereafter. They explore and survey the caves. They then report to the park. They have 60 caves. They also have lots of sinkholes and cave potential.
- October 13-16 - TCR Convention - Price is going up a little bit this year. The theme is Magical Forest Creatures. Don Arburn discussed the various events that will take place. No glass containers.
- Mike Harris has a group going to Bexar Grotto and he needs three people that know the cave to help.
- Kurt Menking is having a birthday on August 27th. It will be at Kurt's house. Please RSVP.

Trip Reports

- Bennett went to Avery Cave in Austin and took photos. It is one large room that is very pretty.
- Geary Schindel went to a ranch north of Hondo. One cave was covered in Crickets. Bennett gave a brief report of one of the caves. There were several caves on the property. There were other caves that Geary Schindel gave a brief report. We may do a Grotto trip out there after hunting season and do a service project. They have a large hunting cabin there as well.
- Geary Schindel went with Rick Corbell and Fran Hutchins. Fran went into two nice bat caves. There are two more caves to explore. These were north of Hondo.

- Matt, new caver, went to Robber Barron with Gregg Williams and others. They went to the Last Passage as well.

Program Announcement

Annalisa Peace will be presenting Managing Natural Resources in the Heart of Texas: Challenges and Opportunities.

Meeting adjourned by Jess Buckles at 7:47p.m.