

Bexar Grotto Meeting

Date: October 10, 2016

44 Attendees

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

Visitors

Stephanie Conley - went to Hydro Geo

Treasury report provided by Pam Campbell

Total \$8,561.23

Organization Reports

TSS - Marvin Miller - nothing to report.

TSA - Business meeting on Sunday at 9:00 per Rob Bissett. There is ongoing process for election of officers. When you get the email, please vote.

TCMA - Gregg Williams - looking for nominations for TCMA board members. Let Gregg know. Traditional Sunday morning meeting has been moved to Saturday morning 9:00 instead at TCR. See Pam Campbell if you want to buy a raffle ticket.

NSS - Nothing to report.

Bracken - No Bracken news.

Old Business

- Sue will be ordering the t-shirts for the grotto.
- 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.**
- 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 Hauatla Cave otherwise known as the PESH project. He would like \$1,200 to support the trip. This money would go towards ropes. Other organizations support the project. This grants was stated as a multi-year grant. Rob Bissett feels it is a little steep for one project. We have asked that we table until we see a presentation. Jess Buckles will get with Bill Steele for a presentation. Ron Rutherford has volunteered to do a presentation if we need him to.

New Business

No new business

Announcements

- We need to pay our tabs by 9:00 p.m. and vacate the room by 9:15.

Upcoming trips

- 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 - Paradise Canyon Park - The theme is Magical Forest Creatures. No glass containers. There will be a new contest this year - change your clothes in a sack contest. There is also rope competition and survey competition.
- October 22 - LaChance Sinkhole dig in New Braunfels. Contact Geary Schindel.
- October 28 - Freetail Brewery has an event to support bat conservation.
- October 29 - Robber Barron trip- See Aaron Wertheim- 9:00 a.m.
- November 5 & 6 - Marvin Miller has a Government Canyon survey scheduled. They do this project once per month.
- May be a Powell Cave cleanup soon. No set date yet.
- Allan Cobb mentioned that Peter Straus is doing a trip to Kantaroo in Mexico. During Thanksgiving and Christmas. Talk to Allen Cobb about it. Caving here is safe.
- December 2,3,4 - Deep/Punkin fun trip
- December 17 - Grotto Christmas party at the Schindel's - 6:00 p.m. We will have a White Elephant exchange. We voted to give Sue Schindel up to \$100 for ham, etc.
- November 6 - Joe Mitchell needs help at Robber Barron.

Trip Reports

- Saturday - Kori went to Whiskey River Ranch Cave for potential for TCMA to purchase. It ended up being an impressive cave that opened up into one main room that opened to another room. Full of other rooms. The owner ran electricity into the cave. Bennett found a new way from the bottom of the cave to the top. Very pretty cave.
- Marvin Miller had Government Canyon this weekend. He had six people show up. He taught his daughter, Leah how to sketch. They are about 2 meters deep but still holds promise. Then on Sunday they went to Big Dome Cave. He put his daughter through a small entrance since no one else could get through. They also worked on Gibbons lead.
- Mike Harris took a fire department to Robber Barron. It would be the team that would rescue in that area.
- Hydro Geo has been completed - 252 registered people. There were modules and cave trips that occurred during the event. Geary Schindel said it went well.

Jess Buckles adjourned meeting at 7:41p.m.

Program Announcement

Tonight Allan Cobb will do presentation on Hawaii Lava Caves
November 14th - bring photos for Christmas cards