

Bexar Grotto Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:00 by Jessica Buckles
November 14, 2016

Visitors

42 attendees

Mio Kitano - kitmio@gmail.com add to membership- she came to the last minute
Lauren Waldrup

Treasury Report

Provided by Pam Campbell
\$16,043.86 Total Funds

Organizational Reports

NSS- no news

TSS- Marvin Miller Nothing to report

Bracken- bats have not left yet. Too dark to see them though. They have been prepping the site for the rappel course. They may have a day to help clean up edge lips etc. there is also a shelter cave about six feet down.

TCMA- Gregg. Still working on Wilcox property. Close to being finalized. Old tcc headquarters. Board of elections are live Now.

TSA- hill country state natural area. Rob bissett met with lead guy and will organize a little more before project begins. Meeting will be at government canyon on January 9th/10th

Old Business

No old business

New Business

Aaron Wertheim - we have been generous with our donations and he is suggesting a team that could create a budget. Keep things focused. Aaron would like to head that up. We will start with seven people to lead this venture. The committee will hash out details and then bring it to the grotto. He would like to finish proposals by March. Aaron will send an email out to get volunteers.

Tom Florer- we are giving away the Carl award soon. We will need to vote on the winner soon. Nominee is chosen by grotto officers. New caver within past 12 months and have caved 3 times in that year. Free NSS membership. Have until December 1st to nominate.

Geary Schindel brought our presenter for the night. It is a 3D presentation. Edwards Aquifer is giving him some money for the pilot. Geary would like to know if we would like to fund some endeavors like this one. Looking for donations in the future.

Jessica received an email from Casey Culpepper. He was asking about sponsorship for a couple of guys to go to cave rescue course. NCRC. They are spending their own money and vacation. Asked for a grant for three people at \$450 per person. That is just the registration fee. Gregg Williams made a motion and Sue Schindel seconded it. All in favor. No nays.

Announcements

Sue Schindel has new t-shirts!
Christmas party December 17th at the Schindels.

Upcoming Trips

- November 19- Rolling Oaks Cave Preserve Work weekend this weekend 9-1- See Bennett Lee-
- During thanksgiving - Quantana Rue Mexico- Allan Cobb and Peter Strauss
- December 3-4 - Government canyon with Marvin Miller
- December 2,3,4 - Aaron Wertheim organizing Deep and Punkin
- December 17th - Christmas party
- January 7-8- Government Canyon
- January 21- polar bear swim at Cave Without a Name

Trip Reports

- Aaron and Victoria went to Powell's cave. There was a lot of graffiti in the cave. Aaron led a crew to remove graffiti. Scrubbed most of it off.
- November 5th-Government canyon with Marvin. Gary White took some with him since Marvin wasn't available. Saturday was good but it rained on Sunday. Marvin and others ridge walked an area. Another team did a dig. They worked on a dig and air flow was blowing out the lighter.
- Deep and Punkin trip- Greg Mosier dropped Punkin for first time.
- Leah went with Joe Mitchell and others to Robber Barron.
- Amy Cantrell went to Mexico ranch. 123 meters deep with a water passage. They surveyed the cave. 50 meters of water.
- Bennett went to the oldest house in Helotes where there was supposed to be a tunnel between the two homes. There was a cave right by their house.

Presentation

Christmas Card Contest
3 D Mapping and Photorealistic Virtual Environments