

## **Bexar Grotto minutes - 5/14/18** (by acting Secretary Tom Florer)

**Call to order:** 7:03 pm

**Visitors:** Luke Holbrook and a colleague of his named Andreas...somehow they met Geary and he put them in contact with das grotto. Rick Coleman and Michael McMann - UTSA students.

**Treasurers Report:** Treasurer no esta aqui tonight, but sent a report that the balance is the same as last meeting. Still one check outstanding (not yet cleared the back).

### **Organizational Reports**

**TSS/TSC:** Joe Mitchell reports they have had their first meeting at the new facility.

**TSA:** no report.

**TCMA:** Linda Pallit reminds everyone about the Save the Caves event in Austin on 6/16.

**NSS:** Geary Schindel reports that membership actually seems to be climbing. They are having trouble finding a contractor to finish needed work at the new HQ. Reminds all members to vote in the current election.

**BCI:** no report.

**Committees:** no reports.

**Old Business - none**

**New Business - none**

### **Upcoming Trips**

- 6/2: See My Shovel trip. See Jill if interested. Vertical competency required, though there are horizontal caves on the property. Open to everyone, but Jill needs a headcount by 5/25.
- Date TBD: Spring Creek Cave
- 8/12: Stargazing out at Deep & Punkin.
- 5/15: Open trip to Robber Baron - great for beginners.
- 6/21: Cricket count at some cave I didn't catch the name of.
- 8/14: Bat Loco at the Camden Street bridge on the Riverwalk
- 8/27: Grotto meeting at Bracken Bat Cave

### **Trip Reports**

- Jesse and Marvin went to Big Dome Cave at the last Govt Canyon worktrip. Lots of harvestmen, and there were snakes in the entrance. Built a rough gate to try and keep javalinas out of the cave.
- Alan Montemayor explored a mineshaft deep within the bowels of Grand Canyon National Park.
- Jesse: did her first vertical cave at Hills & Dales.

- Jill: went with Geary to pull some charcoal packets from the stream passage at Cave Without a Name.
- Bennett: took a bunch of folks to the LaChance sinkholes in New Braunfels. Reports that new holes are opening up.
- Geary and Benji spent several days at Seco Creek Sinkhole, taking about 6,000 pictures.

**Program:** Geary on karst landscapes in Slovakia and that area

Meeting adjourns at 7:38 pm