

Bexar Grotto Minutes – 8/13/18

Call to order: 7:00 pm

Visitors: Roxanna, Ken,

Treasurers Report: \$14,159.66

Birthdays:

Organizational Reports:

TSS/TSC-(“*Texas Speleological Society; Texas Speleological Center*”) Marvin Miller – Nothing. Sept. 8, Board Meeting;

TSA (*Texas Speleological Association*): Nothing. Running for TSA Officer; looking for a president and a vice president; see Rob Bissett for more info.,

TCMA (*Texas Cave Management Association*): Art Auction at TCR this year; talk to Lindsey Admoski; TCR is in October; looking for board members;

BCI (*Bat Conservation International*): Meeting August 27, at Bracken; Bats are going strong; NSS: NSS Newsletter (Directory); NSS Convention July 30- August 3.

NCKRI (*National Cave & Karst Research Institute*): Dr. George Veni’s trips to DC have paid off; got a half a million dollar boost in funding; adding 100 + new hires?

NSS (*National Speleological Society*): nice program on fossils/caves; NSS Convention is in Montana July 30- August 3.; Geary brought a map on environmental considerations for first responders; see Geary Schindel for more info./questions.

Hydro Geo Workshop: Up and running; volunteer registration coming up; see Geary Schindel for more info;

Committees:

Old Business – None at the moment. **Greg Moiser sent an email about the MDP filed with the city of Bulverde, which was rejected, for Honey Creek Cave ranch area. Read this email—public action is necessary. City of Bulverde passed a buffer. Something about a drainage system, treated waste water, its under a techinal review. Making a motion 2nd to research best price for petzel head lamps, \$750 limit**

New Business – Jill Orr mentioned that she thought the Grotto email list wasn’t being kept up; so Jess Chadwick has volunteered to help keep track/up with grotto list; Sunny mentioned the Bexar Grotto calendar and there were no trips listed on the online calendar on website. She is offering to coordinate with someone to get the trips and dates posted on the calendar.

Upcoming Trips

- Date TBD: Spring Creek Cave
- Robber Baron Cave beginner trip (August 14)
- October 18, 19, 20 TCR
- 8/27: Grotto meeting at Bracken Bat Cave (Pot Luck Dinner) bring food!
- October 5-7 Hydro Geo Workshop at CWAN
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*** (Contact Jill Orr for questions about upcoming trips, or if you have a trip to a cave you would like to visit with the grotto).**

Trip Reports:

- **Ladies trip underground trip in Robber Baron**
- **Deep cave trip (stargazing), lead by Ellie Watson, excellent caving trip,**
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Program: Mike Harris and Geary Schindel on the NSS convention.

DECEMBER 10—Christmas party??? GET THINKING AND TALK TO GARY WHITE!

Meeting adjourns at 8:00 p.m.

DOES ANYONE KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT NATRUAL BRIDGE CAVERNS and the BEAR PIT? NEED SOME INFO FOR A RESEARCH PAPER I'm DOING. LH.