

Bexar Grotto minutes - 9/10/18 (Tom Florer filling in for JoAnn DeLuna)

Call to order: 7:00 pm

Visitors: Nick (heard about us through Joe Scharl), Greg (heard about us through Good Sports), Michael (works at Natural Bridge Caverns), Zack & Tea (they know Arron Wertheim).

Treasurers Report: Balance is \$.08 more than at last meeting.

Organizational Reports

TSS/TSC: Nothing to report...not even books to sell.

TSA: Spring Convention will be April 5-7, at Schreiner Park in Kerrville.

TCMA: Nothing to report

NSS: Geary Schindel reports that the budget is ready for approval at the next BOG meeting, and preparations for this summers' convention are coming along nicely. We had been losing members, but seem to have reversed that trend.

BCI: No report.

Announcements

- Girl Scout cookies are here, courtesy of Kayla Mitchell. This makes everybody happy.
- Grotto officers have not yet been updated on the NSS website, due to technical issues that have yet to be resolved on the NSS's end.
- Marvin Miller states that the resource specialist at Government Canyon wants to give the grotto a shameless plug at a talk she's giving. There is a possibility that Bear Cave will need a resurvey.

Old Business

- Austin Cave Festival: Mike H has contact info. Will be at Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center. TSA and TCMA will be there.
- Discovery Day at Natural Bridge Caverns is this weekend. Marvin and Emily will be there. We'll have a table from 10-5.

New Business

- None.

Upcoming Trips

- Rob Bissett reports a dig at the LaChance sinkhole in New Braunfels on 3/23. Bring digging implements, and tell Rob if you're interested in coming.
- Geary Schindel says there will be vertical training at his house this weekend.
- Marvin Miller reports that the next Govt Canyon trip will be March 2-3.

Trip Reports

- Marvin Miller reported on the February Govt Canyon trip. They checked out Little Rocks Cave - there's a dig in the back with blowing air. Entrance had filled in and had to be dug open again.
- Marvin, Leia, Lisa, and Leah checked out cliffs along San Geronimo Creek...they looked at lots of holes.
- Lost Pothole: did some rock shaving to make it easier to navigate. There's one more rock that needs to be moved, but it's tough to get to so it's still there.
- Greg Mosier et al went to Amazing Maze Cave. He reports it's just like Robber Baron x5, ad on three different levels. Very cold weekend for camping, but hot in the cave.
- Arron checked out some caves on YMCA property north of Kerrville. They dug a bunch of junk out of one cave.
- Geary et al visited another fissure cave in Medina County...there's more to explore there. There were also zebras and other exotics on the ranch.

Program: NSS 2017 Convention Photo Salon CD.

Meeting adjourns at 7:41 pm