

2004 GSS ANNUAL MEETING
Meeting held at Fricks Cave, Georgia

7 May 2004 at 10:54am

Chairman Scott Carmine welcomed everyone and thanked the SCCI and E T Davis for allowing us to meet at Fricks.

Treasurer Allen Padgett reported balance of \$2508.55 before the start of today's meeting and this does not reflect the postage for the 2003 GSS Bulletin printing or mail out. He also reported the inventory of items to sale.

The map book CD for 2003 quantity is	0
1998 GSS Bulletin	0
1996 GSS Bulletin	1
1970's Hardbound GSS Bulletins	12
Previous year's Bulletins	20

Vice Chairman John Klayer no report.

Secretary Holly Bunch the minutes from the 2003 annual meeting are available please review and share additions or corrections. Later in the meeting we returned to this topic with Brian Williams motioning to adopt with second by Sharon Brewer. The majority voting affirmative to accept the minutes as written.

Electronic Archives Carl Anderson we returned to this subject later in the meeting. Carl reported we still need good locations for several known caves. Georgia has 574 caves as of this meeting with 7-8 karst features added. Last year we had 564. Carl brought 25 data listings and 5 CD's due to technical problems. This years CD has seven more maps with the Fricks Cave line plot and he has started scanning several books containing South Georgia and North Florida cave surveys. The GSS website cave location report form has had four users mostly Brent Aulenbach. Carl is also, scanning 20 pencil drawings of caves to add to the electronic archives.

GSS Bulletin for 2003 Jerry will get them printed and then they will be mailed out to all current members. Jerry is three pages away from completion and apologized for not having it completed. Scott Carmine will need your current name and mailing address in order to do the mail-out when the bulletin is completed.

Old Business nothing reported.

New Business

Fricks Re-survey Brent reported they will need a fourth season due to more passage and delays due to high water levels. The survey is over 10,000 ft. with three trips this year January, February, and March. They are now into virgin passage following a small upstream passage that encountered a 20 x 40 ft room with a dome of unknown height and 8 ft drop-off. Brent encouraged anyone to participate especially those wanting

to learn to survey. Brian Williams reported on the handshake connection of Little Fricks and Fricks not humanely possible to cave thru. Brent reported he was unsure of history of the connection but did report it was an awkward slot with flagging connecting them on the survey. Brent reported over 45 participants in the survey. Drafting in the computer of the map has begun. The three-year proposal is now a four-year but the SCCI is fine with this.

Glory Hole Project John Klayer reported on gate vandalism and water flow causing an influx of sediment. They are rebuilding the gate and an article will appear in the GSS Bulletin 2003 issue. A photo album was brought to show the progress with this project. The financial report explains a cost of \$1333.82 for the gate with a deficit of \$308.82 and more funding for additional cleaning of formations in back of cave, metal work and welding to secure the entrance gate, and water diversion at the low part of the sink. Money has been obtained from individual donations, DCG, Middle Georgia Grotto, and SERA. A brief discussion of who owned the cave The Gannis family per Nancy Aulenbach. Jerry Wallace made motion to donate money to Glory Hole Project (A brief discussion of outlying expenses in near future include mail-out of bulletin, the 1980's book, printing of next years bulletin 2004, and t-shirts.) \$400.00 with option to modify by Executive Committee was the seconded motion from Brian Williams. The majority affirmed the motion.

Cave Index Files Obadiah Brooks reported he has edited twenty caves thus far and will continue to work on this project.

1980's GSS Bulletins Hardback Edition Scott Carmine discussed it was difficult to gage the cost but probably outside our expenses to do a hardback edition. Perfect binding would be much less expensive with an initial set-up \$200 with estimated cost of \$30-35/book. The previous issue was sold for \$25. Allen Padgett wanted to discuss adding the big Ellison's Map that was published in the The Georgia Underground. Holly Bunch reported the 1970's Book was xeroxed at Kinko's then sent out to be bound at another company. She also contacted Jim Whidby of Tennessee about cost of printing but this is challenging due to uncompleted project, which happens when you call anyone to get quotes on pricing. Sharon Brewer asked about a CD format instead of printing the book to reduce cost. Kris Green wanted to know whom this was available to. Scott stated obviously GSS Members and possibly NSS members, which would be a broader audience. Allen Padgett suggested pre-paid orders for those interested in a hardback copy. The group present when poled numbered 17 who were interested in purchasing a hardback copy. Eric Crisp brought up deleting cave locations in the book so it would be safer for printing and prevent potential misuse of the information. Holly Bunch stated this changes what was written in the bulletin originally and was not in favor of altering the content. She also, reported the more difficult this project becomes the more time it would take to finish. The 1970's book according to Brent Aulenbach can wind up in Speleobooks etc... especially if we do exchanges. Brian Williams, Brent Aulenbach, Varie Justin, and John Klayer would edit one bulletin from the 1980's.

T-Shirts Scott Carmine we are out of t-shirts. Dan and Jerry have no report. The shirt would be expensive with color shirt and color design. The Executive Committee would make the final decision. The goal was the TAG fall cave-in. Holly Bunch expressed concern that the two items not coincide the 1980's GSS Bulletin Hardback and t-shirts.

Website Scott Carmine thanked Brent Aulenbach for managing. The meeting minutes, Fricks trip reports, GPS data, treasurer report, constitution, officers, and cave submission report form. Brent has had problems getting newer data on the site due to NSS server problems that are now corrected.

Donation to SCCI Scott Carmine recommended we continue this tradition. Holly Bunch reported we donated \$200.00 last year 2003 and the same in 2002. Brent Aulenbach made a motion to donate \$200.00 to the SCCI and Scott Carmine seconded and the majority voted in the affirmative so the motion carried.

GSS Patch Scott Carmine reported a suggestion from a caver for a patch to be made. Brent Aulenbach reported they had considered in the past a bumper sticker with the GSS emblem. Sharon made motion to look into making bumper sticker.

Survey instruments Scott Carmine reported we have survey gear if you want to rent. Obadiah Brooks has the GSS survey gear from last year. Brent needs data form for the website from Dan Barnick.

Landowner information if you have any please contact Jerry Wallace. Jerry reports receiving no landowner information over the last year. This potentially could be submitted with the new cave report form.

Paper Archives Brent and Nancy Aulenbach have added TAGNET and DCGNET postings. Exchanges received were about 20.

Georgia/Alabama Cave Brent Aulenbach the cave is over 8,000 ft most of it under Alabama. Brent would welcome help in surveying this cave.

Kingston Saltpeter Cave Book Joel Sneed publication is in process and should be finished over the summer. The identity of a tooth is still in debate with the paleontologist and anthropologist. The tooth is undergoing Scanning Electronic Microscope testing. The animal bones date to the Pleistocene period at 12,500-12,700 BC. If the tooth is human then a massive archeological dig will ensue. There have been suggestions this is a child's tooth, which is why it has been difficult to identify.

Brian Williams reported on a nearby cave 400-500 ft in length with a ~50 ft pit on the old Historic Tatum Place with a new landowner. This owner is having problems with the golf course on top of the mountain. He reports problems with only one of the two streams flowing down. One stream fills with sediment that then fills up the valley. The landowner reports that every time they regrade he gets sediment in the one stream. Also, there is an issue according to ET Davis of development onto 200ft of his property. This owner according to Brian has spent ~\$600000.00 in litigation with the golf course. Brian suggested the SCCI should contact him. Eric Crisp reports the State refuses to intervene outside the Chatahoochee region. Scott Carmine suggested contacting Walker County Environmental management. Bob Bullard is a new landowner near Fricks who wants information about caves. E T Davis and Brian Williams are working on this issue.

Nominations

Treasurer Allen Padgett is vacating his position. Nominations were opened. No filing of taxes is required. Jerry Wallace nominated Daniel Briedis who agreed and then Sharon Brewer seconded with the majority answering in the affirmative. Daniel Briedis is the treasurer.

Secretary Holly Bunch is vacating her position. Nancy Aulenbach was nominated for secretary by Holly Bunch and seconded by Sharon Brewer with the majority answering in the affirmative. Nancy Aulenbach is the secretary.

Vice Chairman John Klayer is vacating his position. John Klayer nominated Scott Carmine with Holly Bunch seconding and the majority answered in the affirmative. Scott Carmine is the Vice-Chairman.

Chairman Scott Carmine is vacating his position. Scott Carmine nominated John Klayer and Holly Bunch seconded with the majority voting in the affirmative. John Klayer is the Chairman.

GSS Bulletin Editor Jerry Wallace agreed to do the 2004 issue.

The meeting ended at ~ 12:22pm

Attendance: Carl Anderson, Brent Aulenbach, Claire Scout Aulenbach, Nancy Aulenbach, Mark Baade, Sharon Brewer, Stephen Brewer, Daniel Briedis, Obadiah Brooks, Holly Bunch, Kristen Carmine, Scott Carmine, William Dean Clemmer, Heath Colauey, Eric Crisp, E T Davis, Greg Eck, Kris Green, Debra Guy, Lin Guy, Mike Hopkins, Dave Hughes, Varie Justin, John Klayer, Kathy Mackay, Chris McKinley, Kelly Norwood, Allen Padgett, Joel Sneed, Sharon Sneed, Tim Sneed, Shirley Sotona, James B. Stephenson Jr., Jerry Wallace, Brian Williams, and Jim Youmans.

Submitted by Holly A. Bunch 36898