

Georgia Speleological Survey Members' Meeting

April 29, 2006

University of the South

Sewanee, TN

10am Central

Those in attendance, (there were some people floating from TCS, GSS, and ACS meetings since all 3 surveys were meeting together this year):

Jim Hall

Shane Snyder

Steve and Sharon Brewer

Mark Baade

Tom Moltz

Joel and Sharon Sneed

Brent, Scout, and Nancy Aulenbach

John Klayer

Mike Hopkins

Preston Forsyth

Avis Moni

Dave Hughes

Jerry Wallace

Marty Abercrombie

Kris Green

Bill Putnam

Daniel Briedis

Old Business:

Daniel Briedis gave the treasurer's report. He reported the GSS as having \$3,091.16 before the 2004 GSS Bulletin went to press. [The printing cost for 150 Bulletins was \$597.21]

Kris Green turned 54 today. After the traditional song had been sung, several "old" jokes were delivered to Kris. [I guess that would fall under, "old business".]

John Klayer reported that he was called by Scott Carmine, [GSS Vice-Chair at the time of the meeting] regarding a letter he received from the Southeastern Cave Conservation Incorporated regarding need for GSS to pay our annual dues to them. Scott was surprised to receive the note, as the GSS always pays dues on time. Bill Putnam, [speaking on behalf of the SCCi] clarified things by saying that dues are due in September of each year, but paying them at the TAG Fall Cave-In is fine.

Mike Hopkins talked about Vulcan Quarries on Pigeon Mountain. Apparently quarrying will continue until U.S. 27 is completed, then the state of Georgia will buy the land for the small price of 3 million dollars. Everyone talked about the need to send thank-you letters to all of the politicians, etc. who helped make this happen.

Joel Sneed showed his book, *Pleistocene Fossils of Kingston Saltpeter Cave in Bartow County, Georgia* that debuted at the 2005 NSS Convention.

New Business:

Jerry Wallace, [editor of the GSS Bulletin at the time of the meeting] apologized to everyone for taking so long to get the 2005 Bulletin out. But it was at this meeting and ready for the taking.

Tom Moltz talked about his new new find, Biscuits and Gravy Cave near Glory Hole. Nice cave, good landowner access- just contact Tom to visit the cave.

Elections for the 2006-2007 GSS Executive Committee were held. The newly-elected EC is as follows:

Chair-Nancy Aulenbach

Vice-Chair- Brian Williamson [also the new editor of the GSS Bulletin]

Secretary- Sharon Brewer

Treasurer- Brent Aulenbach

Congratulations were given to the new EC, and thank-you's were given to the out-going EC for their commitment during the past year.

Some More New Business. . .

Bill Putnam, [speaking on behalf of the SCCi] reported that the SCCi has received the deed to 3 of the entrances to Byer's Cave from Steve Brock. Access to the cave is still at Sue Mart unless there is a special reason for a group to need closer access. The SCCi would have to approve and arrange such a need beforehand.

Jerry Wallace briefly touched upon the subject of a new species of spider that was recently found in Byer's Cave. [Which is reminder to us all to cave softly.]

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Aulenbach [GSS Secretary at the time of this meeting]

Current GSS Chair