

Minutes of 2013 Annual Meeting

Meeting called to order:

At approximately 10:30 AM, Chairman Marty Abercrombie brought the meeting to order. Marty thanked the SCCi and E.T. Davis for allowing us to hold the meeting at the Frick's Cave Preserve. Time was allotted for members to review the minutes from last year's meeting. The minutes from 2012 were approved as presented.

Treasurers Report

Paul Aughey proceeded with the Treasurer's report for Fiscal Year 2012. He reported that the beginning balance for last year was \$1,819 with revenue of \$686 and expenses of \$1,210. The ending balance was \$1,294. Revenue was generated from 42 memberships that were sold and bookstore sales. The map CD sales were partially responsible. A discussion ensued regarding folks just joining to get the listing and map books. For expenses, the largest expense was the Bulletin at \$1,098. Grants were also made to the SCCi in the amount of \$100 and \$12 in fees was paid to the NSS for website hosting. Total ending assets of the GSS are \$1,443. The 2012 treasurer report has details.

Bulletin Report

Brian Williamson reported on the Bulletin. He thanked those that sent him articles, photos and materials. The highlights included the rising costs of publication. Following a brief discussion, the membership generally agreed that the paper published Bulletin is a nice feature of membership. Brian mentioned that materials could be sent to him year round at the address in the Bulletin.

Archives (Paper and Electronic)

Brent Aulenbach reported that four (4) new caves were turned in this year. Brent mentioned that cave locations could be turned in on the GSS website on the automated pdf form. Following your email of the form, He stated the member would get an email confirmation with assigned number. He asked the members to include datum and GPS readings in their entries. A brief discussion ensued regarding entrance photos. Brent indicated the archives welcomed such photos in whatever format they exist.

T-Shirts

A discussion ensued regarding the GSS T-shirts. Members mentioned that Horizon Graphics did the job last. Jerry Wallace did the artwork last which the membership generally liked. Members mentioned that e-files are needed for the graphics and that printer may have same; that Jerry Wallace might examine same to see whether an update is needed. Following a discussion on fabrics and colors, it was generally agreed that test shirts look good on blue fabric.

Eighties Bulletin

Brent reported on the history of reprints. The GSS started in 1966. The Bulletins were first published in 1971. The GSS was abandoned and restarted. There is a nice book of the seventies Bulletins which is needed a reprint. The archives have the seventies proofs. Brent mentioned that now we want to put the eighties Bulletins into a book. Discussions ensued on priorities. Aughey recommends that the 80's Bulletin reprints receive priority. Following discussion, the membership generally agrees. The GSS is going to need assistance with layout since it was typed on paper at the time. Things are starting to progress. We will email materials to those agreeing to assist. We also need help highlighting what needs to go in the index. Let Brent know if you can volunteer.

Frick's Resurvey

Brent Aulenbach gave a report on the Frick's resurvey. The resurvey has extended the known cave with [14,318] feet surveyed and [185 feet] vertical extent. The SCCi will consider a permit to allow the GSS back into Frick's. As White Nose syndrome progresses (bat fungal infection), the permits would take the White Nose risks into consideration and require strict decontamination protocols. Paul Aughey mentioned the trip reports are in the 2012 Bulletin. Paul also mentioned that young Scout Aulenbach was the first human to do a connection between Frick's and Little Frick's through the handshake passage between the caves.

Byers Resurvey

Marty Abercrombie gave a report on the Byers Resurvey. The resurvey is over 1 mile in length. The known cave to be resurveyed is estimated at two (2) miles in length with many challenging passages to be surveyed. A report on some of the surveys is included in this year's Bulletin.

Alabama-Georgia Cave Survey

Brent Aulenbach gave a report on the Alabama-Georgia Cave Survey project. Brent reports that the dome climb is progressing in the 165-foot dome. The climb is being conducted by [Shane Snyder, Ron Miller, Mike Greene, Paul Aughey, Cathy Borer, and Brent]. The climb is estimated to be 80 to 90 feet up to a ledge/lip. He hopes the next trip will put the climber over the lip to realize major passage potential. The cave located 400 feet in Alabama, is now over the two-mile distance mark.

New Business

With regards to donations, discussion ensued regarding this year's donations. With regards to the SCCi donation, after much discussion the amount of \$100 was generally decided for the SCCi grant.

With regards to dues to pay for increased costs, much discussion of a dues increase took place and the possibility of variable charges depending upon venue. Following discussions, a rate of \$15 was agreed to for all types of memberships, venues, etc. A combined motion of \$100 for the SCCi donation and of \$15 for the dues increase

was made by Alan Padgett and seconded by E.T. Davis. The motion passed unanimously.

Marty Abercrombie initiated discussion regarding a grant for purchase of gear, particularly a Bosch or other Disto type laser distance measurement device to assist the resurvey projects. There was much discussion followed by a motion from Steven Brewer and a second by Alan Padgett to authorize \$150 for a grant for the device(s).

Elections

Ed Pratt made a motion to keep the same slate of officers. The motion was seconded by Joel Sneed. The motion passed unanimously with the slate being:

Chairman - Marty Abercrombie; Vice Chairman - Brent Aulenbach; Secretary – Brian Williamson; Treasurer - Paul Aughey

Meeting adjourned at approximately noon.