
Minutes of the 2016 GSS Annual Meeting (Unapproved)

The 2016 Georgia Speleological Survey Annual Meeting was called to order by Chair Nancy Aulenbach at 10:35 a.m. on Saturday May 14th, 2016. The meeting was held at the SCCi Frick's Cave Preserve, Walker County, Georgia. Nancy welcomed everyone and introductions were made. 16 people were in attendance.

Attendees

Joe Abbot	Clint Garner
Eli Abercrombie	John Klayer
Marty Abercrombie	Tripp Lichtefeld
Brent Aulenbach	Carol Moltz
Nancy Aulenbach	Tom Moltz
Scout Aulenbach	Charles Neiswenter
Michael L. Coulter	Shanon Neiswenter
E.T. Davis	Doug Strait

Brian Williamson, GSS Bulletin Editor, was not able to attend the meeting. Nancy reported for Brian that the Bulletin was finished, but was not yet printed. Two draft copies were passed around at the meeting. The Bulletin will be mailed to the membership once they are printed. [GSS Bulletin printing was further delayed due to the printer misplacing the box of Bulletins and having to reprint them. They were mailed out on June 20th, 2016.]

Nancy thanked the SCCi and E.T. Davis for allowing the meeting to be held here and for the use of the facilities.

Marty Abercrombie moved to approve the minutes from the 2015 meeting and Doug Strait seconded the motion. All approved the minutes.

There were 68 members in 2015. This was an improvement over the 63 members in 2014. Signing up members was thwarted in 2014 due to the GSS not being able to set up at the 2014 TAG Fall Cave-In due to

rain, which is when many members renew their membership.

Officer's Reports

Chair – Nancy Aulenbach: Two new caves were turned in this year. Carl Anderson continues managing the cave data listing database for the GSS. Discussed how to turn in caves on the GSS Website.

Vice Chair – Marty Abercrombie: No report.

Treasurer – Brent Aulenbach: GSS has \$2401.71 in the bank account and in cash at the time of the meeting. Brent had just transferred the GSS bank account over to his name from the previous Treasurer Paul Aughey just before the meeting. While he was able to get an account balance, he was not able to get access to this year's online account statements in time for preparing the Treasurer's Report, so there was some uncertainty in some of the expenses.

Income: Membership dues is the largest source of income annually. Sales—predominantly map books—brought in \$300+. There were also several small donations. Total income was \$1476.95.

Expenses: Printing of the GSS Bulletin is not included in Treasurer's Report. GSS is using the printer the Dogwood City Grotto is using for their grotto publication, which has been cheaper than Kinkos and will hopefully keep a \$1500 account balance to avoid monthly account fees of \$12. Brent will confirm that \$100 donation was made to the SCCi, as it was not on the Treasurer's Report. If the donation was not made to the SCCi, a check will be sent. [Brent did forget to send in the donation to the SCCi.]

[After receiving the monthly account statements, several corrections to the

Treasurer's Report were necessary. On the assets side, the balance did not include an \$81 check deposit that was made when the bank account balance was requested a few days prior to the meeting. On the expenses side: the \$12 monthly bank fee for balances less than \$1500 only occurred in 2 months instead of the reported 6 months (Brent had assumed fee was applied when balance got below \$1500 during a month, but was applied only when average monthly balance was below \$1500), which reduced expenses by \$48, and; Brent calculated \$33 in tax for printing of 2015 GSS Bulletin, but taxes were included in the \$510 estimate.]

Old Business

- Nancy related that many members are confused that the GSS Bulletin title reflects the previous year rather than the current year. Nancy motioned to change the Bulletin to reflect the current year. Clint seconded the motion. 12 voted in favor of the motion. Motion was approved.
- *T-Shirts*: Jerry Wallace will be asked to re-draw the artwork, hopefully in time to have shirts ready for the TAG Fall Cave-in.
- TAG joint-state Survey Booth at the TAG Fall Cave-in was a success last year.
- 80's and 90's GSS Bulletin compilations needs proof readers after type setting is complete. Proof reading volunteers: Tom Moltz, Michael Coulter, Tripp Lichtefeld (vol: 2015), Brad Barker, and Marty Abercrombie.
- *GSS Wiki website*: Marty reported that Andy Zellner and Will Urbansky are making progress on this.

Survey Updates

AL/GA Cave: A dome climb was recently completed by Ron Miller, but the last 15' could not be achieved due to crappy rock and mud. A ledge was viewed on the

opposing wall and Ron Miller may start a new climb there. The cave stands at 2+ miles with some mop-up survey needed.

Fricks Cave: Cave still has three leads in the back of the new extension. Survey will be resumed in the winter if water conditions are low enough.

New Business

- GSS archives currently reside in the Aulenbach basement. Tom Moltz has "a backup archives" at his property in Lafayette. Brent requested any electronic links or anything concerning GA caves for the archives.
- Clint Garner expressed interest in offering to take over the electronics database activities if Carl Anderson does not want to continue this.
- Clint has concerns about access of data by nonmembers.
- GSS patches will be looked into.
- Tom Moltz motioned to donate \$200 to The Southeastern Cave Conservancy, Inc. (+ \$100.00 if last year's donation was not made). Clint Garner seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved. [Brent sent in the additional \$100 for the missing donation to the SCCi.]
- Yahoo Group is not being used, Brent is not currently a moderator and needs to be added if the Yahoo group is not dropped. Yahoo will be dropped and moved to a Facebook Page.

Elections

- Chair – Clint Garner
- Vice Chair – Marty Abercrombie
- Treasurer – Brent Aulenbach
- Secretary – Shannon Neiswenter

12:40 Meeting adjourned.

Meeting minutes taken by Marty for absent Secretary Brian Williamson. Additional notes added by Brent are indicated in square brackets.