

WILLIAMS CANYON PROJECT

April 30, 2005 Meeting Minutes

Welcome Comments from Patricia Malone and Jeremy Stiles.

Welcome Back Fred Luiszer is the new Front Range Grotto. Thanks to outgoing rep. Matt Higgins.

Winter Meeting Minutes

LP Lawrence read the January minutes. Dan Sullivan made a motion to remove the minutes posted on the discussion board and post them on the WCP web site with the other minutes. Second-Kerry Hunter. Discussion followed. Motion approved. Tomas will put a link from discussion board to the WCP site. Tomas will also post the new dig rules.

Treasury Report

Treasurer Bob Stucklen provided an update on project finances. The present balance is \$1,439.91. WCP has reimbursed money for the rescue caches. LP Lawrence added \$160.00 from book sales. We discussed some ways to use the money such as paying a percentage of the CPR/ First Aid cost. We decided to let the money stay in the bank for now. Chris Sobin offered to teach CPR/First Aid.

Rules and Regulations and Charter Update

Rick Rhinehart reminded us that a written report from each committee chair should to be turned in at the April meeting. The report summarizing the activities of the various committees is helpful in submitting the year end report to the NSS. No motion was made to change this to be a requirement in the Charter. At this time the only committee required to write a report is the Dig Committee.

Committee Reports and Discussion

Dig Committee- Updates were given for current digs, Centipede, Twin Tulip, the Golden Room, Donahue, Wintergreen Dome and the Lower Twilight Zone. No digging is allowed without the trip leader. Dig forms are submitted at the September meeting.

Communications Committee

Conservation Committee-Tom Dotter organized a restoration session at COW on 4/30. He had to cancel the session. Dan brought a model of an air curtain. They have been placed in areas where digging has opened up a passage and increased air flow in a cave. Rattlesnake Canyon in Breezeway Cave needs a 30' rope. It has been removed and cleaned. It molds quickly and should be staged at the top of Sidewinder Squeeze.

Survey/Cartography Committee- Tom and Paul held a survey class. Tom taught the intro and Paul taught the in cave portion. They will try to finish the overland survey this summer.

History Committee-Rick Rhinehart reported that some photos are on a CD. They are not categorized yet.

Ad Hoc Training Committee-Lee Fielder stated he was in the preliminary stages of organizing ideas. He will have guidelines and maybe a video completed in September.

National Natural Landmark Proposal

Rick is collecting digital photos.

Other

Carl Bern will streamline some confusing parts of the Charter.

Ways were discussed for cavers to have a list of names and contact information for other cavers. We will use the one at COW for now. We can use the WCP web site to announce upcoming trips and projects.

A motion was made and approved to continue digging a bypass at LSM to eliminate the safety issue. If a bypass is not found, the present route will be made safer.

Walt Rubeck Memorial-tentatively scheduled for September 24th at 5:00pm. Plaque-Ken Kreager suggested affixing it to the wall inside the door of Narrows Cave. Walt was instrumental in digging and exploring Narrows.

A digging award was discussed and tabled until next meeting.

Rick talked about reorganizing the WCP. He will post his ideas on the web site.

Motion was made to have 6 of 8 representatives' approval for the joining of a new grotto to the WCP. Now, 5 of 8 is required. Seconded. Vote 1 for and 5 against.

Dan and LP showed the rescue manikin to the group.

Meeting adjourned 12:15 pm.

The next meeting will be September 30th.

Respectfully submitted,

LP Lawrence, WCP Secretary