

WILLIAMS CANYON PROJECT

January 28, 2006 Meeting Minutes

Welcome Comments from Patricia Malone. Welcome Karla Whittenburg, the new COW appointed Board member. Thanks to Rick Rhinehart for all your dedication and hard work over the years. The age limit for Manitou Cave is up to the discretion of the Trustee. Tomas will post the change to the web site.

Winter Meeting Minutes

The September minutes were approved. Jon Barker will check on prices for the plaque to remember Walt Rubeck. The dedication could be in March. Tomas has two jacks to go with the rescue caches.

Treasury Report

Treasurer Bob Stucklen provided an update on project finances. The present balance is \$1,509.91.

Committee Reports and Discussion

Communications Committee- Content is needed for links on the site. Tomas reminded us to use the cavers distribution list for dig announcements.

www.Cavers@wcp.coloradocaves.org. Instead of using a password protected site for sensitive material, we will just use email.

Conservation Committee- Dan had been working on the bridge in Breezeway Cave. Dan has the old bridge removed and has hauled in new parts. The approach to the bridge has been somewhat cleaned. There was discussion on a changing area to keep Holey Waters clean; taking your dirty outer layer off or putting on a tyvek suit to cross the ladder and bridge. Thanks to all who have helped. The alarm is working again. John McLean brought set ups for alarms for 2 other caves. Tomas will seal the 2 jacks and put them in the rescue cache locker at COW. Two caves still need jacks. Tom Dotter may teach a class on color matching before the next COW restoration night.

Survey/Cartography Committee- Paul would like to put brass caps at the cave entrances to complete the overland survey. Paul will check on prices. We discussed possibly photographing the caps in place, so others will know the location. Paul wondered if there was interest in a survey and mineral inventory class. He will send out an email.

Science Committee- Fred will return the bones from LSM back to the cave.

History Committee-Rick Rhinehart and Donald Davis and Jeremy have been discussing ideas for the 125th anniversary of Cave of the Winds. It will be held the first weekend in June. Tomas will put a link on the WCP site for this event.

Ad Hoc Training Committee-Lee Fielder is working on the Trustee training presentation.

Dig Committee- Updates were given for current digs; Apollo-Ron will refill the hole, Sniders has seen a little digging, Centipede is going well- lots of forward progress is being made, Twin Tulip is on hold, Donahue-still digging, Wintergreen Dome on hold and the LSM-Lower Twilight Zone still going and also crews are digging to make a connection in the Lobby area. Cave of the Woods-on hold for the winter. Dig forms are submitted at the September meeting.

National Natural Landmark Proposal

Rick is collecting digital photos, especially beaded helictites. It will be finished and submitted in 2006.

Other

Jeremy reiterated the rule changes for being a trustee; age limits, 3 person minimum, certification requirements and liability issues. You must be 16 years old to cave in Breezeway, 13 for Hucca Cove, Narrows and minor caves and it is up to the trip leader in Manitou, Sniders and COW proper.

The Charter states that a Trustee does not have to belong to a grotto, but must be a member of the NSS.

Jeremy talked about working together on the digs. It is unacceptable to recruit people who need to do community service hours.

Tomas will send out the updated trustee list with contact information.

Announcements-

In 2007 Glenwood Caverns is hosting the National Cave Association meeting for cave owners and managers.

A Cave Rescue Seminar will be held on April 22-23, 2006. Check out the web site. www.Coloradocaverescue2006.org

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

The next meeting will be April 29, 2006 at 10:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

LP Lawrence, WCP Secretary