

Williams Canyon Project

National Speleological Society

Winter Meeting

Cave of the Winds

Saturday January 31, 2009 10:00 am

WELCOME

Jeremy – Needs to find replacement on the board for Laura

- Anyone interested contact Jeremy
- Laura was an appointee also on the conservation committee.
- Don Meeks thought Marty was doing it

General Announcements or News

- Per Jeremy new locks are being installed on Narrows
- There was an attempted break-in
- Possibly replace hinge pin with Allen Screw, but hinges are the current deterrent

Nominations and election for Interim Conservation Committee Chair

- Tom Dotter was nominated by Mark Maszlin
- Tom asked what the position entailed
 - Make recommendations to the Conservation Committee
 - Report to the board on status
- Tom received unanimous approval

SPRING MEETING MINUTES: LP Lawrence/Donita Hilfinger

LP read the minutes

Carey Hunter motioned to approve the minutes as read

Tom Dotter seconded

Minutes were approved as read

TREASURY REPORT: Bob Stucklen

Current balance = \$2,088.87; No activity since 10/1/07; Of the 646 copies of Caves of Williams Canon, 280 remain

No change since last meeting

About 880 books left; Fred Luizer transferred 77 books to Bob Stricklen

Max took books to give to Mary; Mark Maszlin to transfer 3 boxes as well

2009 BOG MEETING UPDATE: Rick/Dan/LP

Floyd (chair) handed out notes

SoCoMoGro meeting in March – Marty to do a “What is a BOG” presentation

Need volunteers for transportation and rooming. Have 10 spaces

Friday evening party at CoW

Saturday at Pikes Peak (?)

- Party at Johns; \$100 for beer and soda for Saturday set aside

Sunday is trips & Museum; Scoping session to be added with lunch

- Contact NSS to help with costs for Sunday

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COMMITTEE UPDATES

Communications Committee: Tomas/Dan

Anyone not receiving the Project mailings please email Tomas Dawson and he will remedy the situation

- o tdawson@quikweb.com

Rules and regulations updates on web site?

- o Jeremy has not done (not present)
- o Meetings and agenda for 2008 not posted Tomas has not received

Conservation Committee: ???

Tom Dotter was requested to come prepared in the future ☺

LSM Lobby entrance update

- o Rick Speaect took measurements for gate; Hope to finish today. He will be taking the used gate.

COW – Tom Dotter

- o Restoration/Lead removal worked last night;
- o Carey lead on Historic Entrance
 - Want to mitigate mud build up at the door.
 - Looking at options.
 - After clean up plus at an environmental door
 - Fred Luizer noted that 2-3 species of bats have gotten used to the air flow (over the last 40-50 years). Make changes in the summer so hibernating bats aren't affected
 - Rick Rinehart would like himself and Donald to be along as historic reference and review

Rescue cache pads hung?

- o In Pedros – rats aren't currently eating anything more

Survey/Cartography Committee: Paul Burger/Tom Dotter

Paul's report was attached to the meeting agenda

Four caps have been installed

Hole started at Narrows until the drill died

If can do 4 or 5 per day, then should make good time.

Tomas offered the loan of a Hilti drill with about 18 hole life

Science Advisory Committee: Fred/Mark

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Dilation Cave – insect update, think section results?

- Fred Luizer noted that they were not like mud balls formed in water. Is a coarse grain in the center with mud on the outside
- Fred has access to a wind tunnel to test theory of wind speeds required.
- There was more cave that what we see today. Potential dig site

Jerry Elliot's proposal update

- Has some photos of "found microscopic stuff" in Huckies near suicide dig area

Manitou Cave out-gassing/Manitou Springs Memorial Foundation (?)

- Max reported for Mary
 - Built circuit board, working to shrink in size

History Committee: Rick Rhinehart/Donald Davis

Write up attached to Agenda

Sent e-mail to Ute Indian Shaman to find Indian sites

Suggested to Jeremy to have Karla do a site survey

Dig Review Committee: Steve Kumpf

Dig Committee members: Lee, Mike, Donna

Update on digs and permits

- Approved all digs submitted
- Centipede dig was not re-submitted
 - Donald would like to continue the dig
 - He was informed he needs to resubmit the paperwork(can copy previous paperwork and change dates)
- Donald pointed out that there is a possible dig to the left side of the Centipede dig
- Lee asked to be removed from the committee; Rick Myers and Bob Sacko to join
- Max noted that the sandbag wall was collapsing in Centipede

RULES AND REGULATIONS AND CHARTER UPDATE: Jeremy

Junior Trip Leader Program #20 in Charter-need to update?

One trip / two years to maintain Breezeway trip leader status

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Floyd – new pod cast?

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Commercial announcements

- Mark Maszlin
 - Headed up the committee to produce the 'Caves of Williams Canon' book.
 - Still have 280 books (8 boxes at 16 books each) to sell
 - In the previous meeting, it was decided to wait until 2011 convention
 - Mark would like to put out another edition
 - First motion presented: Sell remaining 280 books at \$5 apiece and dedicate to the 2nd edition publishing
 - Karla seconded the motion
 - Today anyone can buy through the end of the next meeting. Then, the rest can be sold to commercial
 - 1 opposed, motion carried
 - Cost to purchase 2nd edition is about \$4,000
- Mark Maszlin motioned to form a committee to look into publishing a 2nd volume (new book) of Caves of Williams Canon
 - Tom Dotter seconded
 - 2 attendees opposed; motion was carried
 - Mark Maszlin is the Committee Chair
 - Rick Speaect is also part of the committee as is Tom Dotter

Red Canyon Grotto

- Not sure of the status of the Red Canyon Grotto;
- No representative was present.
- Rick Speaect asked them who their representative was and reminded them of the meeting and got no response
- Not sure of the grotto's status

There was a report of broken concrete at Huckies

- Please check and report to the conservation committee

The webbing at the entrance (cargo net) of Pedros needs to be repaired

Use of the trustee list

- General caving announcements are okay
- Conversations to be kept to the subset of personnel in the conversation. Do NOT reply to the list.

a Snaggy dime has new books, NSS shirts and NSS hats

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tom Dotter

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Mark Maszlin seconded

Meeting was adjourned at 11:26 am