

WILLIAMS CANYON PROJECT

September 24, 2005 Meeting Minutes

Welcome Comments from Patricia Malone. A thank you was given to Tomas Dawson for going to the New Orleans area and helping after hurricane Katrina. A thank you was given to Chris Sobin and Rob Whittenburg for holding CPR classes for WCP trustees.

Winter Meeting Minutes

LP Lawrence read the April minutes. The minutes were approved. There was discussion about having an annual award for discovering new cave. It would be named in memory of Walt Rubeck. No motion was made. It can be brought up again in the future if necessary. Jon Barker will check on prices for a plaque that won't corrode inside Narrows Cave. This plaque is to remember Walt Rubeck. Mark Maslyn will write the text. COW will match up to \$50.00 of this project.

Treasury Report

Treasurer Bob Stucklen provided an update on project finances. The present balance is \$1,609.91. Max, Jenn and LP added \$120.00 from book sales. There was discussion on using WCP money to fund the CPR and First Aid certifications. Everyone is covered for now. It is tabled for now. Tomas has two jacks to go with the rescue caches. Rick Speact has a porta power. RMC Magazine is in financial straits. The magazine has covered lots of discoveries in Williams Canyon over the years. NCG has donated \$100.00. Rick Rhinehart made a motion for WCP to donate \$100.00 to RMC. The membership voted to donate \$200.00. Jeremy stated COW will match that.

Committee Reports and Discussion

Communications Committee- Applause was given to Tomas for the website. Only Tomas can post items to the website. Everyone can post to the forum on the discussion board. Content is needed for links on the site. There was discussion on having a password protected site for discussion of sensitive issues. Dave Lester, Dan Sullivan and Tomas Dawson will look into suggestions and ideas. Tomas will come up with a listserv distribution list for email.

Conservation Committee- A group got together for restoration in COW on 9/23. Many people were interested in helping rebuild the bridge in Breezeway Cave. Dan may head up this project. Tomas will seal the 2 jacks and put them in the rescue cache locker at COW. The Goo in the caches has expired. It was decided no action is necessary at this time. They do not need to be replaced.

Survey/Cartography Committee- Paul will try to have the digitized portion of the map CD available in the spring. It will contain COW, Hucca Cove and Manitou Cave. The overland precision survey still needs to be completed. In addition to surveying a cave Paul has packets for mineral inventory documentation. Caves of WCP map CD can be purchased for \$10.00 from cavemonpaul-at-hotmail-dot-com.

Science Committee- The bones from LSM are still being examined.

History Committee-Rick Rhinehart and Donald Davis have met with Grant. They have been discussing ideas for the 125th anniversary of Cave of the Winds. It will be held the first weekend in June.

Ad Hoc Training Committee-Lee Fielder stated he needed Power Point for the presentation on trustee orientation. He gave a verbal presentation. The final presentation will be finished, including pictures for the January meeting.

Dig Committee- Updates were given for current digs; Apollo, Sniders, Centipede, Twin Tulip, Donahue, Wintergreen Dome and the Lower Twilight Zone. Dig forms are submitted at the September meeting. There was concern about the dig spoils of Apollo cave being visible from the Visitor Center. There was a motion to do a surface survey to determine the proximity to Hucca Cove. After that, the dig committee will reevaluate the proposal and report to the Board. This was seconded and approved.

National Natural Landmark Proposal

Rick is collecting digital photos. 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.

We discussed developing packets of material on the sections, ex. digging, safety, conservation. It would make it easier to find specific information without having to go through the whole charter. Donald will help condense the Charter. It has sections written by different authors and it long and repetitive.

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

If you are visiting other caves, please be on your best behavior and be respectful of other caves.

Rick Rhinehart is retiring. This will be his last meeting as a board member.

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

Announcements-

Everyone is welcome to attend the memorial for Walt Rubeck, Greg Miller and Steve Dunn. It is at 5:00pm.

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

SCMG is having their auction October 5th.

Ron would like help digging at Donahues”.

There will be a cave rescue seminar held in the spring of 2006.

The next meeting will be January 28, 2006 at 10:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

LP Lawrence, WCP Secretary