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# WILLIAMS CANYON PROJECT

## NATIONAL SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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*Winter Meeting*  
***Cave of the Winds***  
*January 29, 2005 — 10:00 a.m.*

### A G E N D A

#### **WELCOME**

- ❑ Comments from the Zarina
- ❑ Comments from Jeremy

**WELCOME NEW WCP Board Members:** Matt Higgins and Ryan Gosciejew.

**CONGRATULATIONS to new partners:** Dan Sullivan, Carolyn Cronk and Al Collier.

#### **FALL MEETING MINUTES**

Notes from Fall meeting (Rick Rhinehart?)

Appointment of Project Secretary. (LP/Dan have volunteered to take notes for this meeting)

#### **TREASURY REPORT**

Treasury balance as of 9-25-04 is **407.97** Project agreed to share minimum balance requirement with NCG (\$250.00/each).

Update on project finances from Treasurer Bob Stucklen.

#### **RULES AND REGULATIONS AND CHARTER UPDATE:**

Steve Kumpf and Gerry Estes approved new trip regulations at the fall meeting for Land of the Swirling Mists.

The Dig Committee revised sections pertaining to digs. Dan Sullivan (Dig Committee Chair) will give a brief review of the revisions. Upon approval, updated Rules and Regulations will be available on the web site.

Section 8 of the Charter defining duties of the committee chairs was approved at the fall meeting. It was decided the committee members vote on a chair and report at the winter meeting. Reports from Committees and discussion follow. Suggestions to combine committees have been brought up. Should we form a committee???

Jeremy may have revisions.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSSION**

**DIG REVIEW COMMITTEE:** Dan Sullivan appointed as Chair. Mike Frazier resigned. The other members are LP Lawrence, Fred Luiszer and Lee Fielder. Dan will review current approved and pending permits. Discussion?

**COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE:** Jonny Slumpff resigned which leaves Tomas Dawson as sole committee person. Volunteers? Update from Tomas. Rick has suggested the committees create web pages for the WCP site and he will provide details.

**CONSERVATION COMMITTEE:** LP Lawrence is Chair and members are Floyd Fernandez and Dan Sullivan. Update from LP. Gates and alarms intact and functioning? Thanks to Ernie Echols and Tomas Dawson for batteries for Narrows alarm.

**SURVEY/CARTOGRAPHY COMMITTEE:** Chair is Paul Burger. Tom Dotter is a member? Survey data for LSM and Longview was sent to Paul, thanks Donald. Tom was waiting for Paul to make a trip up here to finish the overland survey. Paul sent an update in October and reads as follows. It is posted on the web site.

**SCIENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** Fred Luiszer, Mark Maslyn, Donald Davis. Update from Fred.

**DISCUSSION:**

- ❑ Rick has suggested a history section for the Project and will give details.
- ❑ It would be good to get more and different people involved on the committees.

**COLORADO CAVE PROTECTION ACT UPDATE**

The new law went into affect on August 4 and provides for penalties for people who deliberately damage caves and cave gates.

- ❑ No Trespassing signs are posted in all gated cave entrances. Thanks to Floyd, Ryan, Dan, and LP.
- ❑ Jeremy-Update on COW sign to be posted at the commercial cave entrance.

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**NATIONAL NATURAL LANDMARK PROJECT PROPOSAL**

Update: Rick Rhinehart, Mark Maslyn. Rick has suggested an electronic photo registry and will give details.

**MANITOU LOWER STREAM PASSAGE “CENTIPEDE”:**

Update: Donald G. Davis

**WINTERGREEN DOME:**

Update: Fred Luiszer

**GOLDEN ROOM DIG:**

Update: Chas Lindsay and Jim Braswell

**LAND OF THE SWIRLING MISTS:**

A grievance was submitted to the Board about the Skullduggery Dig. It is my opinion (Zari), the primary problem was confusing rules and a lack of structure. In response, the Dig Committee and interested members revised dig sections of the Rules and Regulations. Jeremy put a hold on digs until the permits are approved. However, the portion of the grievance addressing damage to the cave by the dig will need to be resolved. The issue is open for discussion and the membership will vote on any disciplinary action. A clean-up/restoration trip will be scheduled as soon as the cave is accessible.

Concern was expressed about the safety of the entrance leading to the lobby. In response, all caving activity was put on hold until this problem was resolved. The Board and Jeremy approved a temporary, joint effort dig to find a way around the existing entry through the Twilight Zone. If no bypass is found after a limited number of trips, the existing passage to the lobby will need to be stabilized.

The topic about involvement of WCP in LSM has resurfaced. I will give a brief synopsis with discussion to follow.

The lock at LSM was vandalized to the point it had to be torched-off. Discussion: reimburse Rick Meyers for the bottled gas he used. Max brought up the question of a trip being trapped inside the cave. Ideas?Discussion.

**PROPOSED DIGS:**

The Dig Committee Chair has outlined the proposed digs. The Board will review and determine status of the proposals today. Results will be posted on the web site ASAP.

### **RESCUE FALL OUT:**

COW is requiring CPR and First Aid Certification for all trustees and partners. At this time trustees of 28 are certified. Certification can be purchased for between \$45.00 and \$65.00 and generally is good for two years. I have information and will arrange classes for a group.

Three people trip minimum.

Revised call out list: update Carl

**Discussion:** Rules and Regulations review for all trustees and partners beginning after the Fall Meeting in 2005. Thereafter, only required for new trustees. A video has been suggested. Ideas? Volunteers?

Rescue Caches have been constructed and placed in the gated Williams Canyon Caves. After this meeting and a short break, Dan Sullivan will eviscerate a cache to show us its contents. Maps will be available with cache locations. Should all trustees be required to know where these caches are by physically locating them and signing a document to this effect (rescue-caching)? All associated documentation will be explained. A profound thank you to all involved: Todd Warren, Dan, LP, Lee, Mike, Ryan, Chris, Tomas, Jerry Morrison, Floyd, Daniel, Bob Stucklen, Rick M. and Jeremy.

LP is putting together a training session in February: update LP.

**Discussion:** perhaps a series of training's? Resources in our caving community are rich e.g. Stu Marlatt, Steve Reames, LP Lawrence, Todd Warren, Rob Whittenburg, Ken Newton, Carl and Amy Bern, etc. Some training sessions are in place e.g. Todd in conjunction with Mike Zwata offer vertical training in the Summer, Tom Dotter offers vertical training in his garage on a regular basis, Colorado Cave Rescue Network offers a two day Cave Rescue Seminar every two years. Perhaps an ad hoc committee can be formed to schedule various training's open to all cavers. I believe this would be far more useful from a safety standpoint than buying a certification. Max suggested other training sessions such as history, etc.

### **CAVE OF THE WINDS UPDATE**

Jeremy Stiles

#### **BRIEFLY**

- Williams Canyon Project Documents are archived upstairs at COW and are available to all.
- CCRN Rescue Cache has not been moved. Does everyone know where it is and how to access it?
- Date for next meetings: April 30<sup>th</sup> and September 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Adjournment

#### **2004-2005 Board Members**

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Colorado Grotto

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COW Contact

LP Lawrence

Tom Dawson

Richard Rhinehart

Carl Bern

Matt Higgins

Bob Stucklen

Ryan Gosciejew

Jeremy Stiles

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**Science Chair**  
**Dig Committee Chair**  
**Rescue Coordinator**

**Paul Burger**  
**LP Lawrence**  
**Fred Luiszer**  
**Dan Sullivan**  
**Steve Reames**