

WILLIAMS CANYON PROJECT

January 29, 2005 Meeting Minutes

Welcome Comments from the Czarina, Patricia Malone.

It was clarified that trustees not holding current CPR and First Aide certifications can vote but not lead trips. A trip now must have 3 people. Patricia cautioned us about email content. Emails can be submitted as evidence in a legal case. New Board members Ryan Gosciejew and Matt Higgins were welcomed. New partners Dan Sullivan, Carolyn Cronk and Al Collier were congratulated.

Fall Meeting Minutes

Rick Rhinehart read the old minutes. Correction to the autumn minutes, Steve Kumpf was asked to make his Dig Proposal more specific for The Land of the Swirling Mists.

Treasury Report

Treasurer Bob Stucklen provided an update on project finances. The present balance is \$1,104, this includes \$620.17 in the rescue cache fund. LP Lawrence added \$60.00 and Bob Cronk added \$80.00 from book sales. Bob has been keeping track of the rescue cache funds also. WCP has reimbursed money for the caches. Receipts were turned in and COW should send Bob a check soon.

Rules and Regulations and Charter Update

Patricia reviewed the Log Book use. There are sections for the caves and blank waivers. Put waivers in alphabetical order and make sure everyone has a current waiver on file. There is a rescue cache logbook also. It will contain maps with the cache locations. There is a maintenance form. If you use anything in the cache document it on the form. Also document it on your trip log. The caches are there if you need them, but please write down what you use so it can replace.

Dan Sullivan was elected as the Dig Committee chair. The Dig Committee has been meeting to streamline the dig rules. Dan went over the changes. The major change was to not allow the usual 3 preliminary digs in Breezeway, the Mammoth Extension of Huccacove Cave and COW without having Board approval. Carl Bern made a motion to approve the changes. Rick will make the changes and Tomas will put them on the web site.

Committee Reports and Discussion

Dig Committee-Jon Barker was voted on to the Dig Committee and Mike Frazier was removed from the committee at his request. A dig proposal can be submitted on the form or as a narrative as long as all of the pertinent information is included. The Dig chair will notify the Conservation chair as appropriate for dig considerations. Updates were given for current digs, Centipede, Twin Tulip, the Golden Room, Donahue, Wintergreen Dome and the Lower Twilight Zone.

Communications Committed-Tomas will chair the committee with Carl Bern and Rick Meyers as members. Rick Sprect would donate 10-12 UHF Motorola radios. They are SP10's. A license is required to operate them. Maybe COW can use them.

Conservation Committee-Tom Dotter organized a restoration session at COW on 1/28. Approximately 100 old lead anchors were removed and holes filled. Dan has been stockpiling water by the ladder in Breezeway for a cleaning project of the Holey Waters area. John Mclean will make a walkie-talkie for the Narrows alarm. It will go through the existing Breezeway alarm to notify Jeremy. Thank you to Ernie Echols for donated batteries and to Tomas Dawson for assembling them. Dan will check on the Narrows battery and alarm system operation.

Survey/Cartography Committee-Donald Davis was nominated and approved to be a member of this committee. Donald has survey data up to 2003. Any updates can be submitted to Donald. The Land of the Swirling Mist survey project needs a sketcher-Gerry Estes

volunteered. Copies of the maps of Williams Canyon can be purchased from Paul Burger for \$10. As soon as the overland survey is finished all the maps can be tied together and Paul will give you the new CD at no charge if you buy the current one now. Paul would like to offer a sketching class. If 5-10 people show interest class dates will be discussed. Paul has mineral inventory packets. These can be emailed. If you are surveying, mineral inventory should be included.

History Committee-Rick Rhinehart was voted to be the chair of this new committee. Carolyn and Bob Cronk and Donald will be members.

Colorado Cave Protection Act

No trespassing signs have been put inside all the caves, except The Land of the Swirling Mist (soon). A sign has been posted in COW in the gift shop. Thanks Dan and LP.

National Natural Landmark Proposal

Rick would like digital photos. He has lots of historic photos but not too many present day ones. He can put them on CD. Ways to catalog them were discussed. Tom Dotter will donate a fireproof safe to store the CD's in.

Grievance in The Land of the Swirling Mist

Patricia read the grievance and read Jeremy's email about LSM. Lots of civil discussion followed. A motion was made and approved to have no reprimand and Max and Jenn will clean up the dump area with supervision from the conservation committee members.

Other

Carl Bern will streamline some confusing parts of the Charter.

Lee Fielder will work on an orientation/training program for new Trustees.

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.

LSM is on COW property and under the direction of the WCP. COW will stand behind the 2001 survey in any boundary disputes.

Rick Meyers torched off the lock on LSM. He will be reimbursed for acetylene. A new lock is in place. Any ideas to prevent future problems are welcomed.

Carl handed out call-out cards. Email any corrections to Carl. Hand out cards to grottos. Carl will be reimbursed \$51.

Next meeting-April 30th.

Respectfully submitted,

LP Lawrence, Secretary