

Williams Canyon Project
National Speleological Society
Spring Meeting
Cave of the Winds
Saturday April 25, 2009 10:00 am

WELCOME

Jeremy – Needs to fill board position

- o Anyone interested contact Jeremy
- o Still have 1 position open
- o If no volunteer, then Jeremy will appoint

General Announcements or News

- o None

SPRING MEETING MINUTES: Donita Hilfinger

Donita read the minutes

Tomas Dawson motioned to approve the minutes as read

Floyd Fernandez seconded

Minutes were approved as read

TREASURY REPORT: Bob Stucklen

Current balance = \$1,734.34;

Two payments

- o \$36.80 – Breezeway
- o \$500 – Donation to BOG meeting

\$182 received from book sales; 226 books remaining

- o 3 cases of 16 books each to Jeremy for promotion at \$5 each
- o Motion was made by Mark Mazlin
- o Motion seconded by Tom Dotter
- o Motion passed
- o Jenn will let Bob know how many books are left
- o Jenn will work with NSS bookstore

2009 BOG MEETING RECAP: Rick/Dan/LP Floyd

It was awesome!

Organized & fun – Per others inputs

Record number of participants at the meeting

Received \$250 from Colorado Grotto for heaters. A little bit left over

Dan Sullivan donated waffle machines

LP donated batter

Dan wants donated money, \$162.05, to go to SoCoMoGro

- o Floyd made a motion that we accept Dan's wishes to donate money to SoCoMoGro
- o Marty seconded the motion
- o Motion passed

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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: tdawson@quikweb.com

- Tomas is putting new pictures up
- Would still like content
 - Per Jeremy, Tomas can pull some stuff from the monthly newsletter to add to the web site
 - Tomas wants to include history. Rick Rinehart has electronic format to send to Tomas to pull some stuff out.

Rules and regulations updates on web site?

- Jeremy sending to Tomas now, including chapter updates
- Meetings and agenda for 2008 not posted Tomas has not received

Rick put up a facebook page that people can post to

Conservation Committee: Tom Dotter .

COW – Tom Dotter

- Lower cave entrance
 - Carey Hunter is the lead
 - About ½ dozen people showed up in to help with the research
 - Job is bigger than anticipated
 - 30 ton of rock and debris to be moved to prevent further build up & funnel water out
 - At the previous meeting there was 10” of frozen water.
 - A lot of work to do
 - Future rock and dirt moving party – Will talk to Jeremy on plans before scheduling work party
 - Tomas wondered about historical grant to restore the road. Jeremy believes the cost will be high but if someone wants to chase it, then he will support it. – Restore for historic purpose only, not for road traffic may keep costs down.
 - Jeremy – Historic: Brick walkway under the door, about 3.5’ down. Just opened up 5-8 years ago when employee got a wild hair during off hours
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- Rescue cache pads hung?
 - Can’t get there to chekc

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- Cargo Net (Pedros)
 - Floyd has someone who will donate a net
 - Jeremy suggests just removing [the existing net] so it doesn't give false sense of security. Cut down the old until the new can be put in place
 - Possibly put in a hand line instead

Survey/Cartography Committee: Paul Burger/Tom Dotter

No update

Science Advisory Committee: Fred/Mark

Dilation Cave – insect update, thin section results?

- No updates (Mark Mazlin)

Jerry Elliot's proposal update

- Distributed his proposal
- Found new microfossil in Huckie's (LSM)
- Mark Mazlin motioned to do proposal before the calcified area
- Paul Ryan seconded the motion
- Motion was approved
- Jerry can't begin til end of May

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

- Mary did research on carbon dioxide sensors that Mark wants to put into lower Manitou cave. Cost is about \$300. To standardize data logger then we can record the data points. Data collection of about 3 months every 20 minutes. Data logger and CO2 tester. Maintenance similar to Fairy loggers. Due to heat required, has a sleep mode to help extend the life of the battery. May need a cave battery. Put in back of Friday the 13th.

History Committee: Rick Rhinehart/Donald Davis

Rick writing Cave of the Winds newsletter

- Can sign up to receive from/at cow.com
- 1896 building found on USGS web site

Ghost Hunting Society in Denver and wants to check

Dig Review Committee: Steve Kumpf

Dig Committee members: ~~Lee~~, Mike, Donna – Not readily available

Update on digs and permits

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- Tomas, Bob Sanko, Rick Myers –Up to 1 or 2 more can join
- Donald still not submitted and per e-mail will not be digging

Requested review on “Gollum” dig – Ron Thompson

- Experimental dig (can do 3)
- 300-400’ North of LSM, 50-60’ lower
- Dry entrance; Before Frank Hill, also known as Pinnacle Cave
- Jeremy would like GPS information and survey marker information
- Discuss the location next time

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

Jeremy sent updates to Tomas

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Jerry Elliott’s Land of Swirling Mist Study Proposal – See earlier in notes

CCRN Equipment – Tarp in Breezeway CCRN would like CoW to replace pad

- Marty – Tarps to be used for cave rescue have made way to breezeway project. Marty has seen 2 tarps at least. Locks have been changed to minimize change.
- Marty motioned CoW pay \$20 to reimburse CCRN for the 2 tarps at \$10 each. Rick seconded the motion. Motion was approved

Commercial announcements

- Jenn Scott
 - a Snaggy diMe
 - Back issues of RMC at \$5 each

Tomas – Lower Gate: Shank appears to be ¼” longer. Jeremy believes locks are the same as the old one.

Jeremy - Black metal box is there for the fire department. Do not mess with.

Jeremy – Don’t paint gate. No extra effort for sign. Looking at maybe putting trail markers on main trail and update waiver accordingly. To promote waiver signing and keeping people on trail and away from caves. In process of updating waivers.

Red Canyon Grotto

- Rick talked to Ken Dagaforth (secretary)
- Rick thought Carrie Conner was assigned as the Representative for Williams Canyon Project, but wasn’t
- Katie was the WCP representative until she left the grotto

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- Rep has to be an NSS member
- Tony Clamente will check with the grotto to get a rep

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tom Dotter

Steve Kumpf seconded

Meeting was adjourned at 11:11 am