
WILLIAMS CANYON PROJECT

NATIONAL SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Fall Meeting

Cave of the Winds

September 25, 2004 — 10:00 a.m.

A G E N D A

WELCOME

- General announcements or news.
- Comments from the Zarina

ANNUAL REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF TRUSTEE AND PARTNER FORMS

APPOINTMENT OF WCP BOARD MEMBER

WCP SPRING MEETING MINUTES

Discussion: Rene Neely

Minutes of the last meeting from our Project Secretary.

WCP TREASURY REPORT

Discussion: Bob Stucklen

Update on project finances from Treasurer Bob Stucklen.

RULES AND REGULATIONS UPDATE:

Discussion: Open

At the Spring meeting, new rules for digging were proposed and approved. Rick suggests review and discussion of the rules to resolve conflict between “exploratory” digs and new rules requiring prior review by dig committee members before the dig begins. The entire section #4 in the Rules and Regulations is cumbersome and confusing.

Review new trip regulations for Cave of the Swirling Mists.

The proposed amendments to the Project Rules and Regulations concerning participant discipline were voted on and passed at the Spring meeting. The new amendment closely reflects section 22 of the Project Charter. Redundancy is good?

CHARTER UPDATE:

Discussion: Open

Section 8 of the Charter was added defining the appointed committee chairs of the Project. This revision is awaiting approval.

The Williams Canyon Project Charter has been approved and revised to reflect changes to the Project Chair position. This position can be filled from the full Project membership (Electorate). All positions except Chair are elected by a majority vote of the Project Electorate. The Chair position is elected by a majority vote of the Project Board. Any eligible Project Partner or Trustee may fill Project official positions.

A suggestion to eliminate the Vice Chair position was voted on and approved. In the event of the Chair being unable to attend a meeting, the Cave of the Winds Representative will cover.

PROJECT COMMUNICATION GUIDELINES

Discussion: Open

Common sense over ruled development of more rules and regulations concerning communication. Without the approval of Grant Carey, there will be no discussion of cave projects or caves of Williams Canyon with the general (noncaving) media. No posting of entrance photo's online which identify a cave.

NATIONAL NATURAL LANDMARK PROJECT PROPOSAL

Update: Rick Rhinehart, Mark Maslyn

- Has a committee been designated to develop a formal nomination? Has a timeline been established for submission?

COLORADO CAVE PROTECTION ACT UPDATE

The new law went into affect on August 4 and provides for penalties for individuals who deliberately damage caves and cave gates. Representative Rippy rocks!! Rick made a sign to be posted at gated cave entrances. COW management was to prepare a new sign detailing the law to be posted at the commercial cave entrance.

- Looking for methods to post Rick's sign and volunteers to do it!!
- Update on COW sign.

WILLIAMS CANYON PROJECT SURVEY SECTION

Update: Paul Burger

Survey and cave inventory activities in the canyon.

WILLIAMS CANYON PROJECT CONSERVATION UPDATE

Cave Restoration Update: LP Lawrence

Open discussion of any conservation efforts in the canyon.

Update on dust accumulation problem at Hallowed Ground.

Gating:

Huccacove: Floyd Fernandez found the lock at Huccy's removed with a drummel tool. No graffiti was noted but a few beer bottles and a wet spot of unknown source near the Buffalo Room was observed. The jack gate was not penetrated. The lock was replaced immediately.

Narrows: The alarm at Narrows isn't functioning due to dead battery. However, Ernie Ekles (SoCoMoGro) may be able to provide a battery.

Breezeway: Everything is functioning at this time. All trustees and partners eligible for Breezeway should familiarize themselves with how the alarm works and communication with the cave upon entry. Perhaps Jeremy could go over this.

Swirling Mists: The gate is in place and intact.

Longview: Four dirt gates protect this cave. A jack gate was never installed.

Manitou Cave: No problems at this time.

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Cave of the Swirling Mists Dig: Steve Kumpf

Continued digging in the Cave of the Swirling Mists in upper Williams Canyon. Dirt, dirt, where to put the dirt? He jack gate is in place (an agility test?).

Longview Cave Dig: Dan Sullivan et al.

Due to difficult dirt removal and a section of delicate formations, this dig has temporarily halted. Some theorize Longview is on a collision course with the Majestic Hall extension of COW and may propose a dig there (or however you go about starting a dig in the canyon these days).

Rescue Cache: Update: has it been relocated?

Manitou Lower Stream Passage Dig: Donald G. Davis

Plans for resuming this dig in the fall?

Breezeway Wintergreen Dome Dig: Fred Luiszer

Update

Proposed Project- Narrows Cave: Dan Sullivan considering a small dig to open an area above Millies Office for a rope practice area.

PROPOSED DIGS:

Golden Room Dig: Chas Lindsay and Jim Braswell

This dig is in Huccove and an official dig proposal has been submitted for Board approval.

CAVE OF THE WINDS TOPICS

Discussion: Jeremy Stiles

Jeremy Stiles of the Cave of the Winds management may have some topics for review and consideration by the Board and Project Trustees and Partners.

OTHER TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

- Archiving Williams Canyon Project Documents
- Topics from the Floor
- Date for next meeting: January 29/April 24?
- Adjournment

2004-2005 Board Members

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Colorado Grotto

Front Range Grotto

Northern CG

SoCoMoGro

COW Contact

To be announced

Tom Dawson

Richard Rhinehart

Carl Bern

Renee Neely

Bob Stucklen

Mike Frazier

Jeremy Stiles

Project Chair

Cartography Director

Conservation Coordinator

Rescue Coordinator

Science Committee

Patricia Malone

Paul Burger

LP Lawrence

Steve Reames

Fred Luiszer

Mark Maslyn

Donald Davis

Harvey DuChene

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