
WILLIAMS CANYON PROJECT, NSS

Autumn Meeting

Cave of the Winds,
September 26, 1998
10:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. Board Review of Trustee Applications

A G E N D A

WELCOME

? Any general announcements or news.

APPROVAL OF NEW TRUSTEES FOR 1998-99 SEASON

? Review of closed meeting of Board

? Approval of new 1998-99 Trustees

? *Discussion:* Open positions? What about Trustees who could not make the meeting? Should the project host an orientation session for all Trustees in October?

NARROWS CAVE GATE

In July 1998, the gate to Narrows Cave was discovered by Gary Berdeaux to be breached by unknown vandals. Examination of the cave showed relatively minor vandalism— trash, some graffiti, destruction of some property. Repairs were scheduled by the Cave of the Winds on the gate in August.

? *Discussion:* what can be done to strengthen the gate and protect the cave?

1998-99 CAVE PROJECTS

Narrows Cave: Dan Sullivan

Continuation of digs within the cave system for 1998-99.

? *Discussion:* 1998/99 dig objectives.

Breezeway Cave: Randy Reck, Evan Anderson

A variety of dig projects were underway in the spring of 1998 which are expected to continue this season. They include:

? Little Mountain Room Dig

? Rattlesnake Canyon Climb/Dig

? Any other projects?

? *Discussion:* Dig logistics.

East Wall Project: Rick Rhinehart

Following last year's efforts at Twin Walls Cave, work began on Kirk + Debbie's Dig to the south of Twin Walls. This season, efforts at this dig are expected to continue, along with continued investigation of other prospects on the east wall of the canyon.

? *Discussion:* project logistics.

Other Canyon Dig Projects

? *Discussion:* Any other digs planned for canyon caves in the 1998-99 season?

WILLIAMS CANYON PROJECT SURVEY SECTION

Update: Paul Burger, Tom Dotter

Survey of minor canyon caves; Narrows Cave survey update; laser theodolite survey.

? *Discussion:* Current projects; available maps.

WCP ANNUAL REPORT

Discussion: Mark Maslyn

Continuing efforts for a Williams Canyon Project Annual Report.

? *Discussion:* Latest developments, project timeline.

WESTCLIFFE PUBLISHERS BOOK OPPORTUNITY

Discussion: Rick Rhinehart

Westcliffe Publishers of Englewood is a publisher of fine coffee table photographic books on the outdoors. They are the publisher of John Fielder's many photographic books of the West (Fielder is considered to be one of the top landscape photographers of the late 20th century). The marketing manager of the company is interested in a photographic book on Colorado caves and contacted various cavers, finally finding Rhinehart through RMC. Rhinehart proposed a book on six distinctive Colorado caves: Cave of the Winds, Breezeway, Fairy (Glenwood Cavern), Fulford, Spring and Hubbard's. Indications are that the publishing house will market the book with their other photographic books (through bookstores like Barnes + Noble) – this is not a guidebook. Suggested price is about \$30, projected size is 124 pages with about 100 photographs. They'd like cavers to write some copy, and are interested in using caving photographs by the best Colorado and NSS photographers. No cost to cavers. The book would be out for Christmas 1999.

? *Discussion:* Is this book something that should be done? If we choose not to participate, will they publish anyway without our help? What are the dangers to the caves? Any benefits (to commercial operations)? Financial considerations (Westcliffe proposed donating a percentage of the sales to RMC, the grotto, etc.)?

CAVE OF THE WINDS TOPICS

Discussion: Susan Berdeaux, Grant Carey

Cave of the Winds staff may have some topics for review and consideration by the Board and Project Trustees.

OTHER TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

? Topics from the Floor

? Upcoming Meeting – early February 1999?