

GSS meeting minutes 2010.txt

2010 GSS Annual Meeting Minutes

May 1, 2010

Fricks Cave Preserve

Attendees:

Marty Abercrombie

Brent Aulenbach

Nancy Aulenbach

Steven Brewer

Adam Byrd

E. T. Davis

Leila Elble

Tom Moltz

Kelly Norwood

Ed Pratt

Josh Pratt

Jonny Prouty

Doug Strait

Brian Williamson

Call To Order

Jonny Prouty called the meeting to order at 10:25am. Members were given time to review the 2009 annual meeting minutes. It was noted that Tom did a good job with the previous years minutes. Nancy made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ed seconded the motion. The minutes were voted approved as written.

Treasurer's report:

Brent gave a treasurers report. Copies of the detailed treasurers report were available at the meeting. Here is a summary:

Beginning balance	\$2,720.89
Revenue	\$1,452.00
Expenses	\$2,080.86
Ending Balance	\$2,092.03

Revenue came from memberships, bookstore sales, and a donation from Larry O. Blair. Expenses were for postage/mailing, supplies, bookstore supplies, logo jackets, grants, memberships, and website. For more detail see the 2009 Itemized Treasurer's Report.

Old Business

80's Bulletin

Brent reported the 80's bulletin development had stagnated. Brian stated that a future 90's compilation would be much easier since most of that data is in electronic format.

Brent noted that a lot of work had previously been done by typing in the articles. It was unknown as to the status of individual articles and the status of the work done as a whole. Brent has most of the original photos and a lot of the original maps. He may do optical character recognition (OCR) scan on the 80's bulletins and files and start from scratch.

Brian offered help with the editing and suggested an index across all bulletins. There was a brief discussion on applications and formatting techniques. The discussion ended with Brian offering to edit the 80's bulletin and Ed assisting.

Archives

If you have any data, maps, or articles, send them to Brent to be archived at Brent and Nancy's. Brent and Nancy have the paper archives and you can schedule an appointment with them to see them.

Brent is trying to get all data, maps, etc.. in electronic format.

Brian asked if our data is online. No was the answer from Brent. The ACS data is on line.

ET mentioned someone with server space available to help make it possible.

Jonny had checked into the ACS server software and said that it would be usable as-is for GSS use. It is free software.

Brent brought up the point that there are copyright issues to consider when putting our data on line. Newspaper articles for example. These should probably be dealt with.

Jonny stated the ACS system tracks users and the data requested.

E.T. explained some security options such as frequency of use by user and too many hits. E.T. said he would be willing to help and felt we should move in that direction. He will talk to Will Urbanski and Angela Morgan (web masters with the ACS).

An electronic address list was discussed, concerning bulk email send out's. ET volunteered to pursue this.

A motion was made to make ET the webmaster as far as Administrative duties.

E.T. said he would be willing to study feasibility of online data access and could manage storage and access.

A motion was made that E.T.'s dues to the ACS be paid by the GSS to further investigate their system. The motion was seconded and voted in.

Electronic Archives / cave turn-in

Brent described Carl Anderson's duties. Carl handles the electronic archives. Among other things he serves the following needs:

1. Handles cave turn-in data
2. Checks turn-in data to ensure it is a new cave.
3. Issues cave number.
4. Documents data in archives and listing.
5. Collects all maps and data for electronic format.

Carl has moved out-of-state and has taken a job with the census bureau. He will not have time to perform some of these functions. Brent volunteered to take turn-in data, assign new cave numbers, and update files. This would take some burden off Carl and get the cave number assignment back on track. Tom made a motion to that effect, Steven seconded. The motion was closed and voted in.

Web site

Brent has been running the web site. He got a new computer with web page software. It works well with pictures and layouts. Brent is in the process of updating the web page. In a month or so we may see a new web page.

Steven had a question on GSS data access with concerns of access being too easy. Brent clarified the GSS policy, which is that data can only be released to GSS members that are NSS members. This affords some layer of protection.

Donations

Steven suggested we should give the SCCi a donation. Brent said we usually give \$200. Use of the Fricks site is a consideration since it saves paying for a meeting place. Steven made a motion the GSS donate \$500 to the SCCi. The motion was seconded and opened for discussion. The following sums up the discussion:

1. Brent felt like it was a little too much since we have other goals and our balance was down from last year.
2. We need money for other things like printing the 80's bulletin.
3. We also support the SERA Karst Task Force.
4. Last year we supported the NSS WNS fund and would want to consider it this year.

After some discussion Doug motioned we change the amount for the SCCi to \$200. Brian seconded it and the motion passed.

WNS Donation

Discussion ensued on the WNS. The question was asked, "What does the NSS do with WNS donations?" Brent said that the NSS used the money in a more caver-oriented manner. An example is cave soil samples. The NSS decides how that money is spent. Nancy stated the money goes directly to WNS research.

Brent made a motion we donate \$100 to the NSS WNS fund. Nancy seconded and the motion passed. There were at least two oppositions and one abstained vote noted by the secretary.

SKTF Donation

A motion was made to donate \$200 to the SKTF, which was seconded and voted in.

GSS up to host SERA WBM

The GSS is next on the list to host the SERA Winter Business Meeting. A discussion ensued on weather or not we want to do it. Do we have enough volunteers? Nancy volunteered to spearhead hosting the meeting. The next question was asked, "Do we want to have the GSS meeting in conjunction with the SERA WBM." Ed made a motion that we do that. Nancy seconded it and the motion was passed. There was some discussion on who we could get for a speaker. Tom suggested that the group spearheading the come up with a speaker. Brent said that was a decision the GSS as a whole could make. After some discussion it was decided that Nancy and volunteers could present ideas to the GSS membership for a vote.

Election Results:

Chair - Nancy Aulenbach (nominated by Brian)

Vice-Chair - Marty Abercrombie (nominated by Ed and seconded by Doug)

Treasurer - Brent Aulenbach (nominated by Nancy)

Secretary - Ed Pratt (nominated by Tom)