



Ozark Highlands Grotto

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Ozark Highlands Grotto Business Meeting December 3rd, 2008

Chris St. George opened the meeting at 7:15PM with 14 members present.

Secretarie's Report: Bill Copeland brought a copy of the November report. Everyone agreed that reading the minutes was unecessay and agreed to accept them as written.

Treasurer's Report: None.

MCKC Report: Bill Heim reported that the MCKC meeting date has moved to December 13th. He also said the the required number of applicants (250) has been reached for the "Missouri the Cave State" licience plates. He said that if you applied for one, ylou will be notified when the State has them printed so you can transfer your plates.

New Business: None.

Old Business: Bill Copeland reported that the "old" website has been now been taken down, but our new site (www.theohg.com) is up and running thanks to Andrew. Charley Rey reported that he talked to the Library and reserved our meeting room for all of 2009. Thanks Charley.

Officer Elections: the following members were nominated for 2009 officers:

President-Chris St. George

Vice-President-Charley Rey

Secretary/Treasurer-Joyce Nuemann

MSS Representitive-Terry Sherman

Jesse Pointer made a motion and Charley Rey seconded to accept the list of nominiees complete, and to elect them for the 2009 term. A show of hands was unanimous for their acceptance to office.

Past Cave Trips: November 1st; OHG members Todd Heintz and his friend Gary Hambrick, Bob Stratford, and Bill and Bonnie Heim partici[ated in the 14th Annual Turnback Cave bioinventory and cave clean-up, Bob Stratford said a few dead bats were seen, and no trash was found. Bill said both gates were intact. They traveled the Main passage and the Cat's Eye passage. Thanks to the MDC and Mike Skinner for sponsering this yearly trip.

November 8th: Bill Copeland, Eddie Simmons, Aaron and Jeremiah White along with members of KCAG started the process of rebuilding the roof at the Sweatt Schoolhouse across the road from the backdoor entrance to Carroll Cave. The Carroll Cave Conservancy leases the schoolhouse along with an acre of land as a camp for Carroll Caver's. Before the building deteriorated any further, KCAG member Terry DeFraties planned the make-over which has been in the planning stages for several years. We sealed all of the cracks in the poured walls with mortar, cleaned the interior of debris, and secured mos of the new top plates with anchors. We also pulled the old brick chimney down. It will be rebuilt when we begin phase two next year. **November 21-23rd:** OHG members, Randy and Melanie Rosebrough, Julio Bongo, and Tom and Cheryl Gray went to Ennis Cave in Arkansas for the Rose family annual Thanksgiving feast. Melanie said no one caving, it was cold, but they all pigged out on some wonderful food. Melanie reported that there was about 40 total attendees.