



of the National Speleological Society

*2528 Montgomery Ave
Roanoke, VA 24015*

BLUE RIDGE GROTTTO MEETING MINUTES

October 15, 2010

Al Stewart
Susan Burr
Haley Pope*

Pat Sims
Dave Socky
Tom Tracy*

Chris Freitag*
Mary Sue Socky
Stephanie Petri*

Aaron Moses
Trish Geiger
Jessica Jones*

* denotes guest

CAVE TRIPS

9/25 Catawba Murder Hole: Dan and Marian McConnell, Mary Sue Socky, Dave Ratliff, Stephanie Petri, Susan Burr, and Doug Feller. The bottom was found dry, but unfortunately, many dead bats were found.

9/18 Starnes Cave: Doug Feller, Susan Burr, Aaron Moses, Stephanie Petri, Jessica Jones, Pat Sims, Chris Freitag, and John Merkwan. The big passage was explored, the 35' drop was dropped and crawlways below were explored until water blocked the passage. Susan complained.

9/10 Grand Caverns: Mary Sue Socky helped clean the George Washington formation

9/22 Dixie Caverns: Mary Sue cleaned the Magic Mirror, a crystal rimstone pool that had been filled with mud.

9/25 Gap Cave: Dave Socky, Aaron Moses, and Ken Walsh surveyed about 570ft of virgin passage on an 18 hour trip.

9/18 Dave Socky, Jeff Bray, John Pearson, Gordon Birkheimer, David , and filmed for 2012 pre-convention video in Lewisburg.

10/2 Friars Hole: Dave Socky, Rick Shortt, and Bruce Fries went through the Snedagers sump to find the way to the Rubber Chicken Crawlway. Rick whined about his knees and back and Dave called him a wuss.

10/2 Friars Hole: Al Stewart went into Friars Hole (Snedegars Saltpeter Entrance), came out, and then got another beer.

10/2 Shovel Eater Cave: Aaron Moses and Abby Hohn bounced 110ft Papusha Pit, bolted into a lead 40ft down 165ft Skyline Pit to explore ~40ft of virgin passage and then toured to the bottom of the cave.

10/7-10/10 TAG: Aaron Moses, Nikki Fox, and Chris Coates joined various others in 238 ft Not So Deep Well, 292 ft Deep Well, a deep multidrop cave, 144'+171' Dinky Pit, 130' Grahams Cave, 156' Snakes 200 pit, and 227' Moses' Tomb.

UPCOMING:

Nov cave trip to be announced, Susan will bother Doug
10/17 – James Cave Grotto trip

PROGRAM: " Into Darkness" the best of show winner for the Video Salon at the 2010 NSS Convention.

BUSINESS MEETING**TREASURER 9/17/2010**

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| General Fund | \$ 6459.58 |
| Conservation | \$ 266.59 |
| Equipment Fund | \$ 224.12 |
| Cave Bucks | \$ 127.30 |
| Total: | \$ 7077.59 |

Committee Reports:

Newsletter: Send pictures and articles in

Membership: NSS Membership brochures are at the front desk.

ROCKS: Dave and Mary Sue looked at a reported cave in Roanoke. It did not go.

S&T: Vacant

Conservation: vacant

Ways & Means: vacant

Membership Proposals –

Stephanie Petri and Jessica Jones were unanimously voted in.

No new membership proposals.

OLD BUSINESS

- Christmas Party Sat. Dec. 18 at the Socky house AFTER the cave trip.
- Marian plans to work on Christmas card upon returning to town
- Since the Virginia DCR has lifted the voluntary moratorium on caving with WNS, BRG is resuming cave trips, following all decontamination protocols and following all cave closures.

NEW BUSINESS

- Nominations:
 - Chair: Pat Sims, Nominated by Dave Socky, Seconded by Al Stewart
 - Vice-Chair: Mary Sue Socky, Nominated by Dave Socky, Seconded by Pat Sims
 - Treasurer: Marian McConnell, Nominated by Dave Socky, Seconded by Susan Burr
 - Secretary: Trish Geiger, Nominated by Pat Sims, Seconded by Dave Socky

- Disbursement of Grotto Funds
Pat Sims motioned and Dave seconded the following donations:
 - VSS \$75
 - VA cave board \$75
 - BCI \$100
 - VAR \$100
 - WVCC \$200
 - Vinton Firehouse \$100
 - SCCi \$200
 - NSS Save the Caves \$75
 - Cave Vandalism Deterrence \$50
 - MAKC \$100
 - WVACS \$75
 - NCRC \$50
 - BCCS \$25
 - ACCA \$50

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- SCCi leased Jacobs Mountain Preserve which includes 65 caves, 18 of which are significant.
- DC grotto banquet Dec 3
- 2011 NSS convention in Colorado
- WVCC annual banquet November 13

Meeting ended 8:45p.

Minutes submitted by **AARON MOSES**
Ex-Secretary, Blue Ridge Grotto.