

## MINUTES OF THE FALL 2009 MVOR (corrected)

The fall 2009 MVOR was held October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> at the Keener Springs Resort.

Keener Springs is located near Williamsville, Missouri on the Black Fork River. The secretary was informed the meeting was to start at 6 PM. It was postponed to 6:30 PM. Members of the MVOR requested the meeting be conducted using the P.A. system the band had left set up after the band had played. President Korey Hart called the meeting to order at 6:42 PM choosing not to use the P.A. System. People in the rear immediately started complaining they could not hear. Members continued to complain throughout the meeting they could not hear. Disregarding the complaints the president continued. Roll Call: All officers present. Treasurers Report of Business Fund: Jim Donley stated a beginning balance of \$4,026.84 on 04/26/09, expenses of \$1,653.24, and income of \$2,113.58, and ending balance of \$4,487.18 on 10/03/09. Motion to accept the treasurer's report was made, seconded, and passed. Al Quamen complained in a loud voice that he did not receive the MVOR Flyer even though he attended the last two MVORs. He asked why he did not receive it. The president did not respond to the question. The secretary requested the floor to report on the response of letters from senators and representatives regarding the funding of research on the White Nose Syndrome (WNS) and to report on the response to letters written to members of the Board of Governors regarding "Basic Member's Rights". The secretary reported Senator Clair McHaskil seemed to be rather informed on WNS. She stated she would provide funding for all the tools the researchers needed to do their job. The president interrupted the secretary in the middle of this report to accept a motion to amend the minutes of the Spring 09 MVOR. A motion was made by Mark Andrich to change the Spring 09 MVOR minutes. Tony Schmidt was to be replaced by Mark Andrich. The motion should have read, "Mark Andrich moved to have an additional \$1200 donated to the NSS Fast Response Fund (FRF) from the MVOR Cave Conservation Fund (CCF)". The motion was seconded and passed. The floor was then returned to the secretary to continue the report. The secretary started the report on Senator Kit Bond's letter of response when the secretary was again interrupted by the president to accept another motion to change the Spring 09 MVOR minutes. A second motion to

change the Spring 09 MVOR minutes was made. Motion was made by Brent Gerling to add the words, "of Chouteau Grotto" to a statement made by Mike Morgan, so it would read, "Mike Morgan (of Chouteau Grotto) and Pony Express Grotto took the bid for the Fall 2010 MVOR in the Hannibal, Missouri Area". Mike Morgan said he did not remember saying, "of Chouteau Grotto". Motion was seconded and passed anyway. A motion was made by Jim Sherrel to amend the Spring 09 MVOR minutes. Members shouted enough is enough Jim. He stated the secretary's minutes read Keener Springs was on route 49. Motion was seconded and passed. (The secretary's minutes actually read, "Williamsville is 7 miles west of US 67 on St. Rt. 49".) The floor was once again returned to the secretary to finish the reports. Representative Lacy Clay stated he was in favor of funding research on the WNS. The second report was on the response from the NSS Board of Governors (BOG) about "Basic Members Rights". There was an overwhelming response from the BOG members in favor of retaining, "Basic Member Rights". Only two BOG members did not respond to the subject, stating their seat was up for election. Jim Sherrell announced that the Lester B. Dill Award went to Joe Schaper and presented the award to her. Motion to have flyers posted on the MVOR web site failed. Motion was made by Bill English to have any fees for early arrival at MVOR site to be posted in MVOR Flyer. Motion was seconded and passed. Bill English also made another motion, "To make sure when the flyer is assembled that the directions to the MVOR camp site are not on the mail-in section of the flyer". This statement is in the booklet, "How to Sponsor a MVOR". Motion was seconded and passed. A motion was made by Mike Freeman for the MVOR to start an E-Mail data base to send information in addition to the flyer. Motion was seconded. Mark Andrich suggested a study between the officers & Joe Light. No vote was taken on this measure. The secretary stated it was too dark to see to write the minutes. Mark Andrich came forward with a flashlight. Bids for upcoming MVORs: Greg Small received the bid for Daedalus Grotto for the spring of 2010. The MVOR will be held at Greens Campground 4 miles west of Steelville, Missouri the last weekend in April. Mike Morgan of Chouteau Grotto and Pony Express Grotto are sponsoring the fall 2010 MVOR 15 miles south of Hannibal, Missouri the first or third weekend of October. Joe Nickcolussi received the bid for the spring of 2011 MVOR. Bid for fall of 2011 is open. Teddy Marsan received the bid for the fall of 2012 to be held

the last weekend of September and the first weekend of October. President Korey Hart thanked the membership for their support and that he did all he could to keep the numbers (membership) of MVOR down. Elections were held in the dark. Nominations: Jim Ruedin was nominated for president and run unopposed. Alicia Lewis was nominated for V-P and run unopposed. Nominations for secretary were Paul Mills (incumbent) and Brian McAllister. More than a dozen flashlights were shone for the hand count of votes for Brian McAllister. When the hand count of votes for Paul Mills was made all but three small flashlights went out. The V-P announced the vote was close but Brian McAllister was the new secretary. Jim Donley ran unopposed for Treasurer. Motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed at 7:53 PM.

Note from the outgoing secretary: I volunteered to be secretary for the MVOR when Carl Thayer left the office. No one was willing to accept the position. I was doing everything within in my power to see to it that all members that were entitled to the flyer received it. I know I would not have been reelected a second time without the support of the MVOR members. However you re-elected me three times. Thank you for your repeated support. I felt it was my duty to serve you. Respectfully Submitted, Paul W. Mills Jr.– MVOR Regional Secretary