

**Minutes of the Spring-Summer 2013 MVOR  
Private property next to Dillard Mill State Park, Crawford County, Missouri  
July 13th, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by President, Alicia Wallace at 7:30 pm

**Roll Call:** All officers present.

Many, MANY thanks to MVG Grotto for hosting and then dealing with the flooding from the originally scheduled date, forcing a postponement. They were congratulated on hosting a great event!

Reported the attendance for the rescheduled event at 190.

**Previous MVOR Minutes:** Alicia Wallace asked for accepting or making any changes to the Fall 2012 MVOR minutes as posted in the flyer. None mentioned. Motion to accept the minutes made, seconded and passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer, Jim Donley, reported a beginning balance on 9-23-12 of \$10,883.68 – Credit Union \$6,880.92, Savings \$4,002.76. Ending balance on 5-4-13 of \$10,759.86 – Credit Union \$6,751.59, Savings \$4,008.27. Motion to accept the treasurer's report seconded and passed.

**Old Business:** None.

**Upcoming MVORs:**

2013 Fall – hosted by Chouteau/PEG, Sept. 13-15 North of Curryville, MO. Kirsten Alvey said it will be on site of Buzzard Cave and will offer 2 caves on-site – 1 virgin, 1 w/ 7 entrances. Will also offer shuttled trips to Bat Creek Winery and other local spots.

2014 Spring – hosted by OHG – May 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> (Note – this is NOT Mother's Day weekend). Will be in Exeter, MO, Barry County in SW MO. Close to Table Rock Lake and Roaring River State Park. 9 caves set-up so far.

2014 Fall – no bids yet.

2015 Spring – no bids yet.

**New Business:**

Social Media – Alicia brought up that because of the forced postponement of the Spring MVOR, it became obvious and necessary that the MVOR have ways to quickly get in touch with members via social media – Facebook and Twitter. She asked if anyone in the membership was opposed to this. All present were in favor. MVOR has Facebook and Twitter addresses. Jo Schaper asked if they were moderated accounts and the answer is yes.

Would the region be in favor of purchasing one of the symbolic bricks with the MVOR name on it for the new NSS Headquarters. Cost is a \$100 donation. Motion seconded and approved.

2015 NSS Convention in Missouri – Alicia asked if someone would like to stand up and speak on the subject. Andy Free said that the convention was now going to be held at the Shriners Campground where MSM has hosted a few MVORs with the Waynesville High School having sessions, salons, etc. Chris Nicolosi stated to see her for volunteering and help opportunities. It was decided that the first volunteer meeting would be held at the upcoming Fall MVOR.

Bill Heim asked if the MVOR would be willing to donate some monies from the conservation fund to help MCKC w/ the Goodwin Sink project in Laclede County. Showed the flyer asking for

donations and stated that Goodwin Sink is dye-traced to resurgence at Ha Ha Tonka State Park, some 11+ miles away. The sinkhole/cave has been used as an illegal dump for about 60+ years. MCKC has removed dozens of tons of trash, metal(recycled) and currently over 1,400 tires to date over the last 1 ½ years with much more tonnage to go. The trash still goes down further from the geoprobbing that has been done. Goal is continue trash removal downward and open up the cave to drain as it once did naturally. There is good potential for a very lengthy cave system to be uncovered too. A motion was made to give \$2,000 to MCKC for their Goodwin Sink efforts seconded and approved.

**Announcements:**

- Kerry Rowland asked if anyone wants a small wetsuit to please see him.
  
- Reading off an impressive caving accomplishments and involvement resume, Dan Lamping presented The Lester B. Dill Award to Tony Schmitt for his extraordinary caving career and involvement on many, many projects in the region.
  
- Jo Schaper stated that Peter Youngbear, the NSS WNS Coordinator, announced he is stepping down immediately for health reasons. He has done an extraordinary job for cavers and the caving community on the subject of WNS. Please thank him for his efforts.
  
- Someone asked about Earl Hancock and how he's is doing. An abbreviated condition update and anyone who wants to know more can contact him directly from the NSS Members Manual. We miss you Earl!
  
- Trash – PLEASE pick up and take your trash home with you.
  
- Bryan McAllister reminded everyone to let the MVOR know if you move or have changed addresses from previous MVORs. It saves the region on wasted postage and trying to track you down. Please see him if your address has changed so that we can get it updated.
  
- Troy Atchison led a round of applause to MVG for dialing up a great and unprecedented MVOR event.

Meeting moved to adjourn and seconded at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bryan McAllister, Secretary