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## Texas Speleological Association

Minutes of Meeting, October 21, 2001  
TCR campground, Horseshoe Ranch

### Present:

Terry Holsinger, Chairman	Ron Ralph, Vice-chairman
Felicia Vreeland, Secretary	Allan Cobb, Treasurer
Michael Moore, Texas Caver editor	Logan McNatt, Book Store Manager
Curtis Vaughn and Russ Johnson, Activities Newsletter co-editors	Annamarie Mikelski, Webmaster

Approximately a dozen (or more) TSA attendees were not identified.

Meeting began 10:00 AM

Chairman called the meeting to order, and suspended reading the minutes of the last meeting until they appear in the next newsletter.

**Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary:** Nothing new to report.

### Treasurer:

A. Cobb reported \$7,313 in savings, \$1,075 in checking and \$2,295 in the Land Fund. The TCR income/outgo was still being finalized and would be sent out via e-mail at a later date.

### Committees:

**\*\*Membership;** no report

**\*\*Conservation;** no report

**\*\*Publications;** M. Moore referred to a recent CaveTex note and stated that the next issue of the Texas Caver would be out on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Cindy Lee is to head the transition team.

**\*\*Webmaster;** J. Ranzau asked if TSA could charge a yearly fee, to be set by the Webmaster, for the advertising of cave related goods on TSA webpage. General discussion resulted and all approved. Annmarie has suggested using Pay Pal for projects interested in using the service.

**\*\*Bookstore;** L. McNatt reported sales slow, but acceptable on his report to the Treasurer for TCR sales (due within the week). T. Sayther donated tent for next book sale, and T. Brown donated 4X6 open trailer with license for transportation.

**\*\*Election;** Committee requested candidates to present position statements. Committee members will be responsible for ballot mail-out by first week in November.

**Old Business:** None

### New Business:

- 1) Chairman appointed Joe Ranzau to head a "new" Constitution Committee that will revise the latest approved constitution with special emphasis on the election of editors. R. Ralph will supply this committee with previous versions of the constitution.
- 2) A discussion of banks, credit unions and Treasurers resulted in the following motion:  
**MOTION:** New and former Treasurers are to decide on the best approach for each transition period.  
**PASSED unanimously.**
- 3) A discussion on the Land Fund produced a short history including:

- a) A revised constitution
- b) Achieving IRS non-profit status, and
- c) Whether or not we should continue contributing a dollar per project participant to increase the fund.

R. Ralph reported check in the mail (\$160) for the last two Bustamante Projects.

R. Ralph will work during 2002 toward 501 (c) (3) status for TSA. This resulted in the following motion:

**MOTION:** (L. Palit, seconded by F. Vreeland): Land Fund Committee is to be defined and formalized by the Treasurer. This committee will report to the Chair at the winter meeting.

**PASSED unanimously.**

- 4) G. Veni reported for the TSS that many publications are in production and a Spring Cartography Workshop is being discussed. Work sessions at the TSS office in Austin are continuing to produce good results, and two or three more will be scheduled before next year (see related article).
- 5) L. Palit reported for the TCMA that many projects are progressing but there is no news at this time.
- 6) O. Knox reported the Bustamante Project has produced good results, and funding is intact. There will be a meeting called soon to discuss next year's project.
- 7) C. Ponebshek reported the Bexar Grotto fish fry was successful with a 50% increase in participants and a 100% increase in income. Almost \$400 was taken in and a promise made to fry again next year.
- 8) Winter Meeting was scheduled for around the first of February and will be part of an ongoing TSA project.
- 9) TCR will celebrate its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary next October.  
Chair appointed L. J. Graves to head recognition committee.

### **Announcements:**

- G. Veni says Barbe Barker was seen in Tucson and says hi to all.

Meeting adjourned 11:00am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ron Ralph