

TEXAS SPELEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF TSA FALL BUSINESS MEETING

22 October 2006

(Convened at Honey Creek, Bergheim)

Officers Present: John Brooks, Chairman;; Andy Gluesenkamp, Secretary; Michael Cicherski, Treasurer.

TSA Members in Attendance: Jerry Atkinson (BG), Jay Jordan (DFWG), Kara Savvas (UTG), Don Broussard (UTG), Linda Palit (BG), Jacqui Bills, Mark Alman (BG), Don Auburn (BG), Butch Fralia (Maverick), Jim Kennedy (UTG), Geary Schindle (BG).

Chairman's Report: (Brooks) He is happy about recent changes to the TSA website and felt that the TSA SpringCon was a success. Ed Goff has agreed to sit in as temporary Vice-Chair until a new one is elected. Typed agendas were circulated to all present.

Secretary's Report: (Gluesenkamp) Andy thanked Jerry Atkinson for offering to update the TSA membership list with TCR registration information..

Treasurer's Report: (Cicherski) Michael submitted a written report on the financial status of the TSA as of 16 October 2006. The TSA has total cash assets of \$19507.70 including \$8,291.30 in the Operating Account, \$3,652.88 in the Savings Account, and \$7563.52 in the Land Fund. Michael noted that the TSA Land Fund was growing at a more rapid pace (6%) but that it could be better. Overall, TSA finances are moving in a positive direction. He suggested we consider a fund for sponsored projects. General discussion ensued and AGG volunteered to help with proposal guidelines and evaluation. The Treasurer's report was accepted by acclamation.

Standing Committee Reports:

Conservation: Jacqui suggested holding a conservation workshop at the next TSA SpringCon.

Membership: Don Auburn volunteered to serve as membership chair pending officer elections.

Publications: *Texas Caver* report: MA reported that a back issue and a new issue are coming out soon.

TSAANL: JA reported that he is retiring from editing the *TSA Activities Newsletter*. Folks who are want to keep up with caving events and events of interest to cavers should check the online calendar on the TSA webpage. KS volunteered to send update reminders to the TexasCavers list. John voiced his opinion that Jerry had done an excellent job with the *TSA Activities Newsletter* and others heartily agreed.

Safety and Techniques: Don Broussard circulated Caver Emergency Contact Cards. Well done, Don! GS reported that the vertical training session held at a BSA camp was a success and that future training sessions will require more advanced planning.

Temporary Committee Reports:

Project Reports/ TSA Projects: Jim Kennedy distributed printed copies of the TSA Project Committee Report. He outlined the committee's suggestions regarding fostering good will with land managers, checks and balances for projects, project guidelines and policies, and reporting requirements. Good job, Jim et al!

Land Fund: JJ announced that he has not yet compiled the responses to the survey he circulated at the TSA SpringCon. It was agreed to postpone action until the member responses were considered. JA opined that there was little action on this front and others pointed out that member responses were an important step in making an appropriate decision as to what to do with the Land Fund.

TSA Webmaster: BF outlined recent changes to the TSA website and pointed out that statistical features included by the new host indicate that there has been lots of traffic (2,000-3,000 hits), particularly on calendar and newsletter links.

TSA Store: It was reported that Charles Goldsmith has volunteered to run the store and JB offered to contact him re. status of the project.

2009 ICS: MC said that donations made before the first Quarter of 2008 would be appreciated.

New Business:

Winter Business Meeting- A general discussion ensued and it was agreed that the WBM should be caving-oriented. Several potential sites were suggested and it was agreed that Colorado Bend State Park seemed the best place to hold the meeting during the second weekend in January, concurrent with the ongoing CBSP Project. BF volunteered to contact the park manager.

Announcements:

Submitted by Andrew G. Gluesenkamp