

MINUTES OF SPRING TSA BUSINESS MEETING

27 March, 2010

(Convened at Methodist Church in Cedar Park. Submitted by Denise Prendergast)

Officers Present: Mark Alman, Chairman; Ellie Thoene, Vice-Chairman; Denise Prendergast, Secretary; Darla Bishop, Treasurer

TSA Members and Cavers in Attendance: Don Arburn, Jim Kennedy, Joe Ranzau, David Ochel, Linda Palit, Ann Scott, Allan Cobb, Dale Barnard, Ryan Monjaras, Jocie Hooper, Fritz Holt, Marvin Miller, Saj Zappitello, Tommy Joe _____, Jay Jorden

Welcome and Introductions/Chairman's Report: (Alman). Alman convened meeting at 5:37 pm. Thanked all for coming.

Vice-Chairman's Report: (Thoene). Watson thanks all for coming to the convention.

Secretary's Report: (Prendergast). Minutes from the Winter Meeting were distributed. It was asked if any corrections were necessary, and no one said yes. A motion was made and carried to accept the minutes.

Treasurer's Report: (Bishop). Bishop passed around copies of the Treasurer's Report.

- o Through 3/24/2010, the TSA had assets of \$5,524.41 (\$1,850.27 in operating account and \$3,674.14 in the savings account).
- o There are 171 current paid members with 40 receiving on line only versions of *The Texas Caver*.
- o For the first quarter 2010, we are at negative \$1,769.24, with the main expenditure bring \$1,500 for the new trailer.
- o Publishing *The Texas Caver* cost \$722.78 in March.
- o In January, there was a website fee of \$107.88.

Standing Committee Reports

TSA Projects—(Kennedy). Kennedy stated that dates for the Government Canyon project are being posted on Texascavers. Miller said there are 47 known caves, some with endangered species. There have been 92 trips since the project began in 1974. Lots left to do. He will do a summary of the project at the end of the year. Kennedy said the CBSP project had 22 people the past weekend. this weekend had four teams out on Saturday. There are 286 known caves and karst features, but only 1/3 have maps. Volunteers are needed to do maps. Notes may be put up on the website so people can do maps. Kennedy stated that Jerry Atkinson is running the TSS Lake Amistad project. It has over 100 documented caves/karst features, though many are now inundated by the lake. There is an ARC/GIS project. Another opportunity is the Joe Eisenhower Ranch which has 30-40 caves; project is headed by Terry Holsinger. Rob Bissett is initiate caving projects at Hill Country State Natural Area and Devil's River. Alman says other potential projects are Brewster City (Ben Stoval, 1800 acres) and Camp Wood Ranch (led by Arron Wertheim).

TSA Website— Butch Fralia not present. Alman said Butch is recuperating. Butch needs help with the on line TSA store. Russia is the second country who visits the site the most often, after the U.S.

Conservation Committees – (Tiu absent). Alman said he has been trying to inform youth groups he has been caving with regarding WNS. Kennedy discussed WNS. It originated in New York and is now in 11 states and Canada. It is now 30-40 miles from the largest gray bat caves. Pattern is no mortality the first year bats are infected, but the next year, mortality rate is 70-95%. Still not known if fungus is the cause, hard to manage caves with so little known about WNS. Not certain if transmitted by humans. Fungus is in Europe, may be the reason they don't have many bats.

Safety and Techniques— (David Ochel). There has been lots of training this spring. There was the NCRC small party self rescue with Becky Jones and ASD in Austin has been training with the firefighters.

Publications— (Alman). Alman said there has been a slight increase in printing costs. The budget is \$800 per issue. Kennedy said that Logan McNatt sent a report on past issues of *The Texas Caver*. It is attached to these minutes.

TSA Store – (Graves absent). Arburn says more yellow Texas bat stickers will be printed. Lee Jay Graves has money for Darla Bishop.

Old Business

TSS/TSA Trailer Committee Report – Kennedy said Rob Bissett has purchased a trailer (enclosed cargo style); it still needs fitting out. It will be stored at Gil Ediger's. The TSS will donate \$750 to TSA for half the costs (and later more for half the fitting out costs).

Two-Tiered TSA Membership – Alman said there have not been many comments on the new two-tiered dues structure.

Putting *The Texas Caver* Free On Line – Alman said that back issues should go on line soon. George Veni has all of them.

New Business

Spring Convention – Alman said we should donate money to Mike Walsh/TCC for hosting the spring convention for free. Motion passed for donating up to \$500 to TCC.

TCR – Alman said it will be October 15-17, no location chosen yet.

Announcements

None.

Alman made the motion to conclude meeting at 6:05 pm. Seconded and motion carried.

Texas Caver Statistics

YEAR	VOL.	EDITOR(S) [Principal Editor in bold]	ISSUES	PAGES	PHOTOS
1955	-none-	Bill Helmer, Joe Pearce, Barbara Pietsch, Roy Pietsch, Richard Scott	3	20	None
1956	I	Bill Helmer, Barbara Pietsch, Roy Pietsch, Joe Pearce, Richard Scott	11	87	None
1957	II	Arthur Carroll, Bill Helmer, Dave Kyser, Richard Scott, Jamie Spence, et al	3	52	None
1958	III	Ken Baker, Arthur Carroll, Bill Cronenwett, Stewart Davis,	3	76	34
1959	IV	Tom Evans, Bud Frank, Dave Kyser, Dudley Roberts, Bill Russell, Arthur Simpson, Roger Sorrells, Jamie Spence, Tom White, Charles Whiteman	6	103	16
1960	V	Bud Frank, Dudley Roberts, Bill Russell, Charles	2	24	None
1961	VI	James Estes	12	140	37
1962	VII	James Estes	12	145	15
1963	VIII	James Estes	12	134	22 (1 color)
1964	IX	James Estes	12	182	46 (1 color)
1965	X	Pete Lindsley	12	244	79
1966	XI	Pete Lindsley	12	164	30
1967	XII	George Gray	12	175	32
1968	XIII	George Gray	12	152	33
1969	XIV	George Gray	12	134	54
1970	XV	Carl Kunath	12	252	78
1971	XVI	Ronnie Fieseler	12	250	65
1972	XVII	Mike Moody	12	156	28
1973	XVIII	Glenn Darilek	12	378	59
1974	XIX	Ken Griffin	12	194	66
1975	XX	James Jasek	12	222	87
1976	XXI	Gill Ediger	12	228	69
1977	XXII	Gill Ediger, James Jasek, Chuck Stuehm	8	140	25
1978	XXIII	Keith Heuss, James Jasek, Dave McAdoo, Bill Russell	6	96	20
1979	XXIV	James Jasek, Bill Russell, George Veni	6	96	19
1980	XXV	James Jasek, George Veni	6	129	31
1981	XXVI	James Jasek	6	104	31
1982	XXVII	James Jasek	6	124	31
1983	XXVIII	James Jasek	6	124	20
1984	XXIX	James Jasek, Jay Jorden, John Spence	6	136	39
1985	XXX	Jay Jorden, John Spence	6	140	53
1986	XXXI	Jay Jorden, Dale Pate, John Spence	6	132	28
1987	XXXII	Jay Jorden, Dale Pate	6	148	47
1988	XXXIII	Jay Jorden, Dale Pate	6	136	45
1989	XXXIV	Jay Jorden, Dale Pate	6	132	42
1990	XXXV	Keith Heuss, Dale Pate, Oren Tranbarger	6	132	71
1991	XXXVI	Keith Heuss, Oren Tranbarger	6	136	47
1992	XXXVII	Keith Heuss, Oren Tranbarger	6	112	37
1993	XXXVIII	Keith Heuss, Oren Tranbarger	4	100	35
1994	XXXIX	Keith Heuss, Noble Stidham	4	124	49
1995	XXXX	Noble Stidham, Chris Vreeland	4	128	74
1996	XXXXI	Terry Holsinger, Noble Stidham, Chris Vreeland,	4	92	58
1997	XXXXII	Gill Ediger, Rebecca Jones, Jim Kennedy, Chris	6	92	38
1998	XXXXIII	Brian Vauter	6	100	63
1999	XXXXIV	Joe Ivy, Rebecca Jones, Brian Vauter	6	120	79
2000	XXXXV	Joe Ivy, Rebecca Jones, Brian Vauter	6	164	172

Texas Caver Inventory

Year	Vol.	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	In Stock	Unit Cost	Value
1955	<i>no #</i>										0	0	0			
1956	<i>I</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
1957	<i>II</i>	0		0								0				
1958	<i>III</i>	0		0		0										
1959	<i>IV</i>	0		0		0		0		0		0				
1950s														0	\$1.00	\$0.00
1960	<i>V</i>	0		0												
1961	<i>VI</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
1962	<i>VII</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
1963	<i>VIII</i>	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12		
1964	<i>IX</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
1965	<i>X</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
1966	<i>XI</i>	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	9	8	4	0	0	29		
1967	<i>12</i>	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3		
1968	<i>13</i>	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2		
1960-68														46	\$1.00	\$46.00
1969	<i>14</i>	5	17	19	19	19	28	43	43	43	23	38	17	314	\$0.25	\$78.50
1970	<i>15</i>	17	0	52	0	0	1	0	28	4	22	0	36	160		
1971	<i>16</i>	0	0	0	12	19	0	41	0	0	0	27	38	137		
1972	<i>17</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	26	26	26	26	130		
1973	<i>18</i>	0	0	49	60	62	45	46	12	43	44	39	25	425		
1974	<i>19</i>	67	48	9	40	58	26	56	58	17				379		
1975	<i>20</i>	0	26	82	85	62	53	115	94	0	27	11	8	563		
1976	<i>21</i>	0	54	128	122	119	126	120	82	70	69	70	74	912		
1977	<i>22</i>	16	1	83	83	83	83	2	90					441		
1978	<i>23</i>	25		0		0		149		127		115		416		
1979	<i>24</i>	0		0		154		78		122		84		438		
1970s														4001	\$0.25	\$1,000.25
1980	<i>25</i>	1		0		93		10		46		68		218		
1981	<i>26</i>	1		0		45		93		53		93		285		
1982	<i>27</i>	0		0		88		66		92		65		311		
1983	<i>28</i>	0		73		93		15		27		93		301		
1984	<i>29</i>	0		12		237		224		217		205		895		
1985	<i>30</i>	102		24		107		64		146		124		567		
1986	<i>31</i>	393		221		254		193		227		230		1518		
1987	<i>32</i>	152		155		203		127		142		95		874		
1988	<i>33</i>	180		155		200		257		194		124		1110		
1989	<i>34</i>	151		98		127		136		68		135		715		
1980s														6794	\$0.25	\$1,698.50
1990	<i>35</i>	131		46		62		154		77		78		548		
1991	<i>36</i>	85		96		74		41		35		146		477		
1992	<i>37</i>	147		226		89		190		139		193		984		

