

Fall 2008 MVOR Minutes

Kerry Rowland addressed the MVOR officers and membership prior to the business meeting at 7:00 P.M. Saturday night. He was trying to encourage other members to sponsor MVORs. He said, a basic MVOR was not that hard to sponsor, as he assembled a MVORs in six weeks on three different occasions, including this one. He pointed out banquets, guide books, and T-shirts are not a requirement for a MVOR. Volunteers came forward to donate those three things at this MVOR. Kerry said, "People will come forward to help if you ask". Paul Mills, MVOR Sec. stated he has a manual on "How To Sponsor An MVOR".

CALL TO ORDER: Pres. Korey Hart called the meeting to order at 7:15 P.M. He thanked Kerry Rowland and Jason Snider (land owner) on behalf of the MVOR Officers and the membership for sponsoring this last minute MVOR. Korey also thanked Alicia Lewis and Jim Ruedin for their help. Kerry Rowland thanked Darin Donley for donating the chili banquet and BATL Grotto for organizing volunteers to cut, haul, and stack the firewood for the bonfire. Kerry presented Jason Snider with a nice Autolite lamp (provided by the carbide light vendor) as thanks for his help and the use of his land for this MVOR. Jason offered his land as a permanent, backup, or temporary site for MVORs. Jason, stated," The attendance of this MVOR was 176 people".

ROLL CALL: All officers were present. Motion to accept minutes as printed in MVOR Flyer was seconded and passed. Jim Donley, Reg. Treasurer, stated "The current fee collected for the region is \$1.25 (per person). Jim read the Treasurer's Report. Motion to accept as read, was seconded and passed."

Korey Hart said the Lester B. Dill Award went to Earl Hancock for services he provided with the Cave Radio and his ambassadorship between the cavers and land owners. Korey further stated he sent Schawn Williams and Jim Ruedin to the National Cave and Karst Management Symposium as representatives of the MVOR.

UP COMING EVENTS: There is no MVOR currently scheduled for spring of 2009. Kerry Rowland again addressed the membership and reiterated what he said just prior to the "Call To Order" of the business meeting. He further stressed the need for Saturday night business meetings so MVOR officers and the membership would have more time to fill vacancies in the MVOR bids. The membership agreed for the need of Saturday night business meetings as this was the largest business meeting attendance in many years. Secretary's Note: This MVOR had the lowest attendance (176) in many years. The membership gave the bid for the Fall 09 MVOR to Jim Sherrell. Update: (It is to be held in SE Missouri on the Black River near Williamsville, MO, north of Popular Bluff at the Keener Cave & Springs Resort on October 2,3, & 4th, 2009). Bids for the 2010 & 2011 MVORs are still open.

OLD BUSINESS: All nominations of grottos for the Conservation Award must go thru the Conservation Chairman, Alicia Lewis.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: All current officers were nominated for their respective offices. Pres.-Korey Hart, VP-Alicia Lewis, Treas.-Jim Donley, & Sec.-Paul Mills. Amy Cruses was also nominated for Secretary. All current officers were reelected for their respective positions. Teddy Marsan wanted to know how broad an area MVORs could be held? Paul Mills stated: generally in the state of MO, & all boarding states. This includes IO, KS, OK, AR, KY, & TN. We have also had MVORs in WS, & IN.