

**Minutes of the Fall 2010 MVOR
Camp Oko-Tipi on the Mississippi, Saverton, Missouri
October 23rd, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Ruedin at 7:30 pm

Roll Call: All officers present. Jim Ruedin - President, Vice President - Alicia Wallace, Treasurer - Jim Donley and Secretary – Bryan McAllister

Previous MVOR Minutes: Motion to approve the previous MVOR minutes, as printed in the MVOR flier made by Mike Wallace and seconded by Mike Bennett. Accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Jim Donley reported a beginning balance on 5-1-10 of \$12,993.48—checking \$4,574.58, CD \$8,418.90. Ending balance on 10-11-10 of \$13,367.78 – checking \$4,732.52, CD \$8,635.26. Motion to accept the treasurer's report made by Gary Gibula, seconded by Big Joe and passed unanimously.

Announcements: Jim Sherrell mentioned that the site was much better than it had been made out to be. Eugene Vale stated that the number of dogs attending outnumbered the number of children attending. Many thanks to Chouteau Grotto & PEG for hosting an excellent MVOR event. Applause.

Upcoming MVOR bids:

2011 Spring – MSM said will possibly be held at the Shriners Campground, near Doolittle, Mo where it has been held previously.

2011 Fall – Troy from BATL said they would like to bid. They have a site in Dallas County along the Niangua River. Said it is plenty big and has showers and bathrooms. Motion to approve the bid made by Jeff Fennel and seconded by Greg Small. Approved.

2012 Spring – no bids, open.

Fall – Teddy Marsan announced that they are currently negotiating prices and have a total of three possible sites. More information to come.

Old Business: Jo Schaper announced that on June 2nd she had contacted Dave Murphy and expressed the region's concerns on cave conservation on behalf of the MVOR and was told that currently nothing is happening.

New Business: Eugene Vale and Alicia Wallace are working on a "How to Host an MVOR" pamphlet/booklet and is in process. Please contact them if you have ideas or helpful information. Discussion of information from past MVORs – Chuck Breite stated that the Spring '10 MVOR, hosted by Daedalus had 253 attendees. Bryan McAllister said that he could provide information from the '07 Fall 100th MVOR. Jim Ruedin brought up and asked for opinions on getting the totals (t-shirts, attendance, banquets, preregistration, etc.) Teddy Marsan stated that they were currently in negotiations on a site and said any information would be helpful. Chouteau/PEG agreed - Katherine DiFoxfire and concurred. Eugene Vale asked that maybe it could be voluntary rather than

mandated. Alicia Wallace quickly made up a short, working list: Location/date, weather, t-shirt sales & sizes, portapotties, banquet, registration price, preregistrations, etc.

Motion was made by Gary Gibula for the region to give \$4,000 to go towards the purchase of Berome Moore Cave. Motion seconded by Mike Morgan.

Jim Sherrell spoke to give more background. It is the second longest cave in Missouri and is listed as the third most biologically significant cave by the Missouri Dept. of Conservation. He said that MMV Grotto had asked to renew the lease currently in place and the answer was no. Jim stated that the owners, the Hoff brothers, were asked if they would be willing to sell it or donate it. The MCKC will be the owner of record. Access will be easier than it has been in the past, without all of the restrictions. MMV Grotto will be the manager of the cave, as it has been for the last fifty years. Jim also stated there are electric lights from the dug entrance to the base camp approximately 2,000' into the cave. Also, there is a passage named Cat Track Passage, over a mile long, which has hundreds, if not thousands, of prehistoric, large cat tracks. Jo Shaper pointed out that the cave is currently the 31st longest in the nation and that this move would allow the cavers to own this world-class cave. Applause. Eugene Vale added that the conservation fund hadn't been used in awhile. Jim Donley said that the Conservation Fund had been used, partially, making a donation to the WNS rapid response fund. Jim Sherrell added that they were working on a formal dedication ceremony slated for either late Spring or Summer in 2011. Vote taken for donating \$4,000 from the MVOR for the purchase of Berome Moore Cave. Passed unanimously. Much applause.

Katherine DiFoxfire (Chouteau Grotto)/Brent Gurling (PEG) stood and thanked everyone for helping to make a great MVOR event – thanking all of their volunteers and saying they they were both small grottoes and that coming together was a great collaboration.

Elections:

President – Jim Ruedin nominated and accepted. Joe Light nominated, but declined. Vote taken and Jim Ruedin is President.

Vice President – Alicia Wallace nominated and accepted. Vote taken and Alicia Wallace is Vice President.

Treasurer – Jim Donley nominated and accepted. Vote taken and Jim Donley is Treasurer.

Secretary – Bryan McAllister nominated and accepted. Vote taken and Bryan McAllister is Secretary.

Final Announcements: Jim Sherrell said that the silent bids for the MMV Grotto auction benefiting the purchase of Berome Moore Cave end promptly at 10:00 am tomorrow. Highest bid sets the price.

A cell phone was found. Please enquire if you've lost one.

Meeting moved to adjourn at 8:20 pm by Mike Morgan and seconded by Chuck Clifford.

Respectfully submitted,
Bryan McAllister, Secretary