

**Minutes of the Spring 2012 MVOR  
Perry County, Missouri  
May 28th, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by President, Jim Ruedin at 6:07 pm

**Roll Call:** All officers present.

Many thanks to SEMO Grotto and they were congratulated on hosting a great event.

SEMO reported the attendance at 301.

**Previous MVOR Minutes:** Jim Ruedin asked for accepting or making any changes to the Fall 2011 MVOR minutes as posted in the flyer. None mentioned. Motion to accept the minutes made by Big Joe, seconded by Jim Thompson and passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jim Ruedin said of Jim Donley "You're awesome". All in agreement. Treasurer, Jim Donley, reported a beginning balance on 10-15-11 of \$10,430.50 – CD \$9,067.67, Checking \$1,362.83. Ending balance on 4-27-12 of \$10,592.33 – Credit Union \$6,592.06, Savings \$4,000.27. Motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Mike Morgan, seconded by Kerry Rowland and passed.

**Old Business:** Alicia Wallace announced that the 'How to Host an MVOR' document is now on the mvor.org site. If you're going to host one, or are interested in hosting one, please check it out.

**Upcoming MVORs:**

2012 Fall – hosted by Teddy/Don Marsan, on Sept. 21-23 near Steelville, MO. Will offer an authentic Mexican food banquet and are working on some caves to offer. Showed large map of the site and facilities.

2013 Spring – hosted by MVG – Alicia announced the date as last weekend of April and will be in Davisville, MO.

2013 Fall – no bids yet.

2014 Spring – will be hosted by OHG, no further information

**New Business:**

Chouteau/PEG bid on hosting the Fall 2013 MVOR in NE, MO. No date/site yet. Motion made to accept the bid and passed.

NSS asking for speakers for U.S. Cave Exploration sessions at the upcoming NSS Convention. Please contact Jim Ruedin.

Jim Ruedin announced Kerry Rowland has been producing the Hugh Dill Awards for a number of years and is looking for someone to take over. Any interested people please check with him.

**Announcements:**

Tornado watch for Perry County until 10 p.m.

Bryan McAllister said that for future MVORs, the flyer will be mailed in envelopes to avoid any of them getting torn in the mailing process. He reported that a couple had been.

Jim Ruedin stated that a few years ago, the membership agreed and voted that we would not promote the MVOR events online or by emailing the flyer. He said that before that, the event had problems with some items being stolen from both members and vendors. He noted that the last

several MVORs have been mellow events with no reported problems. He asked the question of do we want to go the route of TAG events – where you have to be an NSS member or sponsored by a member? He also restated that if you missed the last 2 consecutive MVORs then you are dropped from the mailing list. He asked for discussion:

- Kirsten Alvey suggested having a closed access site like a Yahoo Group.
- Gary Gibula said that the NSS, now more than ever, is focused on membership retention and even if members feel that they can't afford being a member of the NSS it is desired that you become a member. He asked how felt the same – most responded yes.
- Al Quamen stated that because of the fallout from the Missouri '97 NSS Convention, some members had dropped out.
- Someone (unidentified) said that we shouldn't hold a grudge over the actions of just a few people.
- Jim Ruedin said that we are an official region of the NSS – to be a MVOR board member one has to be an NSS member. He added that historically, within the MVOR, one did not have to be an NSS member in order to be able to attend, but that it is encouraged.
- Jim Thompson suggested if you aren't an NSS member then you should not be invited.
- Al Quamen stated that some Missouri MVOR members would rather be in the MSS than the NSS.
- Kerry Rowland stated that LOG stopped being an NSS grotto a few years ago.
- Denise Hill said that the NSS is a good organization that we should encourage all MVOR members to join. She said that if anyone who is an NSS member who asks to be invited ought to be put onto the mailing list as it can easily be checked. Jim said that is currently what the MVOR is doing and that no one who has asked has been turned down. He asked "Is this what we want to continue to do?" Nearly everyone agreed verbally. Jim Ruedin restated that it sounded like the membership, in general, would like to keep the current system that we have in place. He did ask that we continue to do some due diligence to screen those asking so we can maintain this as a caver event. The membership agreed strongly.

Gary Gibula is running for a seat on the BOG and that elections were coming up and to please vote – deadline is May 1st.

The MCKC announced that it is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year and has nice looking t-shirts for sale. Please purchase one.

Meeting moved to adjourn and seconded at 6:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bryan McAllister, Secretary