

2012 SERA WINTER BUSINESS MEETING

MEETING NOTES, SUMMARY, TO-DO LIST

A full digital recording of the meeting, including grotto reports, is available in the archive file.

Salons

Art Judges = Bambi Dunlap, Tony ?, Sharon ?
Map = Not Given
(Winners of Salons not provided)

2011 SERA Summer Cave Carnival

Hosted by SERA Officers

Net Profit = \$948.00

T-Shirt sales by Michael Gilbert and Central Alabama Grotto provided \$1,700 donation to Alabama tornado victims fund (Red Cross?)

2012 SERA Summer Cave Carnival to be hosted by Birmingham Grotto, Western theme

2013 SERA Summer Cave Carnival to be hosted by Central Alabama Grotto, Luau theme

Proposal for SERA representative to Congress of Grotto to sponsor a motion to scan all NSS News and other publications for current NSS members to view online and to print. Kelly Smallwood to be representative.

Brent Allen needs jpg images of SERA Summer Cave Carnival guidebook covers covering the period 2006 to present.

Archive question for SERA and NSS libraries; what is present, what is missing? Committee formed: John Hoffelt, Kelly Smallwood, David Hughes, Jim Wilbanks

SERA Donations:

SKTF = \$200

NSS Buy-A-Block Campaign (10 blocks) = \$500

SCCi General Donation = \$300

Tumbling Rock Buy-A-Brick Campaign (3 bricks) = \$300 (Southeastern/Regional Association/of the NSS)

NSS Guide to Responsible Caving Brochure update for WNS and need for clean caving and gear decontamination = \$200

SERA Awards

Francis McKinney Award – given to Charles Lundquist

Judges: Ohad Newton, Marion Smith, Avis Moni, Chrissy Richards, Kelly Smallwood

Richard Schreiber Award – given to Kelly Smallwood

Judges: Jason Hardy, Jason Richards, Jason Stacey, Chrissy Richards,

Alexis Harris Conservation Award – given to Jim Wilbanks

Judges: Emily Davis, George Plumlee, Bambi Dunlap, Chrissy Richards, Kelly Smallwood

Larry S. Adams Landowner Appreciation Award – given to John Attaway

Judges: Anne Elmore, Terry Stephen, Gerald Moni Chrissy Richards, Kelly Smallwood

Meritorious Service:

SERA Officers for hosting 2011 SERA Summer Cave Carnival on short notice and small staff

Michael Gilbert for elevating the presence of the NSS at the Birmingham Zoo

Jason and Chrissy Richards for Blue Spring Cave underwater exploration

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HOSTED BY THE HUNTSVILLE GROTTO

FEBRUARY 11, 2012
LAKE GUNTERSVILLE STATE PARK
GUNTERSVILLE, ALABAMA

- 9:30 Registration and Salon Set-up – Huntsville Grotto (Michelle Vaughn)
- 10:00 Introductions: Officers, Host Grotto – Chrissy Richards
Huntsville Grotto Announcements and Open Announcements – Michelle Vaughn
- 10:15 Salon Introductions: Map – Brent Aulenbach; Fine Arts and Photo – Don Hunter
- 10:30 Executive Reports
Chairman – Chrissy Richards
Vice-Chairman – Kelly Smallwood
Secretary and Treasurer – John Hoffelt
SKTF – Jim Wilbanks
- 11:00 SERA Activities Reports
Summer Cave Carnival
2011 SERA Executive Committee
2012 Birmingham Grotto
2013 Central Alabama Grotto
2014 Chattanooga Grotto
Winter Business Meeting
2013 Nashville Grotto
2014 Pigeon Mountain Grotto
- 11:15 Old Business
2011 Meeting Notes and Updates – John Hoffelt
White Nose Syndrome Update – TBA
- 11:45 New Business Introduction
Identification of New Issues for Discussion – Chrissy Richards
SERA Award Introduction and Committee Appointments – Chrissy Richards
- 12:00 Lunch Announcements and Directions – Huntsville Grotto (Michelle Vaughn)
- 1:30 Organization Roll Call and Reports – John Hoffelt (Floor)
- 2:00 New Business
Resolution of New Issues – Chrissy Richards
Meritorious Service Award Nominations – Chrissy Richards
Elections – Chrissy Richards
- 3:00 Award Committee Meetings – Chrissy Richards and Kelly Smallwood
Salon Judging – Brent Aulenbach and Don Hunter
Book Signing by the Authors – Dave Hughes and Larry Matthews
- 6:00 Banquet – Huntsville Grotto (Michelle Vaughn)
- 7:00 Award Presentations – Chrissy Richards
- 7:15 Speaker – Dr. Richard Finch – “Caving in Some Highly Unusual Caves”

SIGN-IN SHEET FOR SERA ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVES

Alabama Cave Survey

Athens Speleological Society

Deactivated - Don Hunter ✓

Augusta Cave Masters

Birmingham Grotto

David & Edna Caudle (Absent pm session)

Bryson City Grotto

Central Alabama Grotto

- Jason Steacy ✓

Central Florida Grotto

Chattanooga Grotto

- Kelly Smallwood (Jim Wilbanks) ✓

~~Clarksville Underground~~

Deactivated - Chrissy Richards ✓

Clayton County Cavers

Clock Tower Grotto

Crescent City Cavers

Cullman Grotto

Devilstep Grotto

Dogwood City Grotto

Bill Stringfellow ✓

East Tennessee Grotto

Terry Stephens ✓

Flint River Grotto

Flittermouse Grotto

Florida Speleological Society

Gadsden Grotto

Georgia Speleological Survey

Brent Aulenbach ✓

(SIGN-IN SHEET FOR SERA ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVES - Continued)

Huntsville Grotto

OHAD NEWTON ✓

Jackson County Grotto

Jackson Underground Society for Terrestrial (JUST) Cavers

Middle Georgia Grotto

Montgomery Grotto

Mountain Empire Grotto

Nashville Grotto

AVIS MONI ✓

Obey River Grotto

Pigeon Mountain Grotto

Sewanee Mountain Grotto

- Jason Hardy ✓

Six Ridges Grotto

Smoky Mountain Grotto

Matt Tomlinson ✓

South Carolina Interstate Grotto

Southport Chronic Cavers Grotto

Spencer Mountain Grotto

Bill Walter ✓

Tampa Bay Area Grotto

Tennessee Cave Survey

GERMS MONI ✓

Tennessee Central Basin Grotto

Triangle Troglodytes

Upper Cumberland Grotto

Anne Elmore ✓

SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE NSS

JANUARY 1, 2012

(Covering the Period January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011)

BEGINNING BALANCE		\$1,494.46
(Balance Forward from December 31, 2010)		
INCOME (\$7,840.00)		
2011 SERA Cave Carnival (\$948.00 profit, less SKTF payment)		
Carnival Income		\$7,780.00
Account Refund		\$ 10.00
Balance Adjustment		<u>\$ 50.00</u>
	Subtotal	\$9,334.46
EXPENSES (\$7,034.92)		
2011 SERA Cave Carnival		
Vendor Refund	\$ 125.00	
Registration and Operations		\$1,475.39
Band		\$ 500.00
Door Prizes		\$1,291.50
Port-a-potties		\$1,000.00
Guidebook		\$ 481.21
Campground Cost		\$1,730.00
Management and Disposal		\$ 200.00
2011 SERA Awards		\$ 150.00
Plaques, Frames		\$ 59.82
Account Fee		\$ 10.00
2011 Web Space		<u>\$ 12.00</u>
	(Subtotal Expenses	<u>\$7,034.92</u>)
ENDING BALANCE		\$2,299.54