2013 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 = Dave Hughes, Alan Camp, Alan Johnson (22 photos, +6-10 other items)
Map Judges = Not Given (19th Annual, 6 maps, 3 Cartographers)

Welcome from Teddy Jones, General Manager of Cumberland Caverns

Old Business
1. Scan Guidebooks covers 2006-present for website.
2. Supply guidebooks (and T-shirts?) to NSS archive – on hold until new headquarters is ready for them.

New Business
1. Joel Silverman proposal for SERA film – dies for no motion, no word from Joel as to the project. M. O, Smith to contact about interest.
2. Ron Miller gives SCCi update.
5. Jay Clark gives update on NSS BOG and need for financing new headquarters.
6. Jay Clark gives update on Tumbling Rock Cave, SCCi activities and meetings.
7. Chattanooga motions to donate $250 to SKTF; passes unanimously.

SERA Awards
Francis Mckinney Award – given to Jason Richards
Judges: Ohad Newton, Marion Smith, Anne Elmore
Richard Schreiber Award – given to Marty Abercrombie
Judges: Jason Hardy, Brent Aulenbach, Jason Richards
Alexis Harris Conservation Award – given to Maureen Handler and the Sewanee Mountain Grotto
Judges: Emily Davis, Candice Eagle, Jeannie Trowbridge
Larry S. Adams Landowner Appreciation Award – given to The Neal Family
Judges: Alan England, John Attaway, Diane Cousineau

Meritous Service:
Jay Clark for Service to NSS, SERA, Legal Advisor, Fund Raising, and Administration
Jody Bailey and John Hoffelt for logistics at WBM in the cave.

Evening Activities
Bat Dance performance by Chrystella
Ric Finch, Larry Mathews, Ed Yarbrough “Tank Gorin and Cave Stories from Cumberland Caverns and Beyond” to be (hopefully) released one day on DVD from Jody Bailey and John Hoffelt.

Sunday SKTF clean-up in the cave.
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HOSTED BY THE NASHVILLE GROTTO

FEBRUARY 16, 2013
CUMBERLAND CAVERNS
WARREN COUNTY, TENNESSEE

9:30  Registration and Salon Set-up – Nashville Grotto (Dave Wascher)

10:00  Introductions: Officers, Host Grotto – Kelly Smallwood
Nashville Grotto Announcements and Open Announcements – Dave Wascher, Robby Black

10:15  Salon Introductions: Map – Brent Aulenbach, Fine Arts and Photo – Don Hunter

10:30  Executive Reports
   Chairman – Kelly Smallwood
   Vice-Chairman – Bambi Dunlap
   Secretary and Treasurer – John Hoffelt
   SKTF – Marty Abercrombie

11:00  SERA Activities Reports
   Summer Cave Carnival
      2012 Birmingham Grotto
      2013 Central Alabama Grotto
      2014 Chattanooga Grotto
      2015 TBD
   Winter Business Meeting
      2014 Pigeon Mountain Grotto
      2015 Sewanee Mountain Grotto

11:15  Old Business
   2012 Meeting Notes and Updates – John Hoffelt
   White Nose Syndrome Update – Chrys Hulbert

11:45  New Business Introduction
   Identification of New Issues for Discussion – Kelly Smallwood
   SERA Award Introduction and Committee Appointments – Kelly Smallwood

12:00  Lunch (Provided In-Cave) – Nashville Grotto (Dave Wascher)

1:30   Organization Roll Call and Reports – John Hoffelt (Floor)

2:00   New Business
   Resolution of New Issues – Kelly Smallwood
   Meritorious Service Award Nominations – Kelly Smallwood
   Elections – Kelly Smallwood

3:00   Award Committee Meetings – Kelly Smallwood and Bambi Dunlap
   Salon Judging – Brent Aulenbach and Don Hunter
   Cumberland Caverns History Tour – Larry Matthews

6:00   Banquet – Nashville Grotto (Dave Wascher)

7:00   Special Dance Performance – Chrystella
   Award Presentations – Kelly Smallwood

7:15   Speakers – Ed Yarbrough, Larry Mathews, Ric Finch – "Tank Gorin and Cave Stories from Cumberland and Beyond"
2013 SIGN-IN SHEET FOR SERA ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVES

Alabama Cave Survey  Dennis Marty
Athens Speleological Society  Don Hunter — No longer Active
Augusta Cave Masters  Lee Olsen
Birmingham Grotto  Lee Olsen
Bryson City Grotto
Central Alabama Grotto  Jason Stacey
Central Florida Grotto
Chattanooga Grotto  Marty Abercrombie
Clayton County Cavers
Clock Tower Grotto  Ron Miller
Crescent City Cavers
Cullman Grotto
Devilstep Grotto
Dogwood City Grotto  Dave Hughes
East Tennessee Grotto  Alan England
Flint River Grotto
Flittermouse Grotto
Florida Speleological Society
Gadsden Grotto
Georgia Speleological Survey  Marty Abercrombie
Huntsville Grotto
Jackson County Grotto
Jackson Underground Society for Terrestrial (JUST) Cavers
Middle Georgia Grotto
Montgomery Grotto
Mountain Empire Grotto
Nashville Grotto
Obey River Grotto
Pigeon Mountain Grotto
River City Grotto
Sewanee Mountain Grotto
Six Ridges Grotto
Smoky Mountain Grotto
South Carolina Interstate Grotto
Southport Chronic Cavers Grotto
Spencer Mountain Grotto
Tampa Bay Area Grotto
Tennessee Cave Survey
Triangle Trogloodytes
Upper Cumberland Grotto
13 SERA WBM Photo Salon Awards
Voted by five photographers in ten categories:

Category 1B (B&W Macro/Extreme Closeup):
1st: Chris Higgins - “White Shit”
2nd: Natalie Pheasant - “Epsomite Tites”
3rd: Natalie Pheasant - “Dewy Bat”

Category 1C (B&W Artistic):
1st: Clinton Elmore - “Hanging Garden”
2nd: Clinton Elmore - “Cave Fingers”

Category 1D (B&W Entrance Shots):
1st: Chris Higgins - “South Pittsburg Pit”
2nd: Natalie Pheasant - “Pit Entrance”

Category 2A (Color People):
1st: Anne Elmore - “Baaaaaaaaa!”
2nd: Anne Elmore - “Emily Sharin WNS”
3rd: Chris Higgins - “Goonie Falls, BSC”
HM: Clinton Elmore - “FH Passage, BSC”

Category 2B (Color Macro/Extreme Closeup):
1st: Natalie Pheasant - “Cave Frog”
2nd: Natalie Pheasant - “Cave Cricket”
3rd: Natalie Pheasant - “North Pole”

Category 2C (Color Artistic):
1st: Clinton Elmore - “The Blob, BSC”
2nd: Rob Welton - “Wonderland”
3rd: Rob Welton - “Reflecting Girl”
HM: Anne Elmore - “Root Cellar, BSC”
HM: Anne Elmore - “Bacon Butterfly”

Category 2D (Color Entrance Shots):
1st: Clinton Elmore - “Ferris Pit”
2nd: Rob Welton - “Vast”
3rd: Natalie Pheasant - “Green Silhouette”
HM: Natalie Pheasant - “Caver Blur”

Category 3C (Digitally Enhanced Artistic):
1st: Clinton Elmore - “Alix in Wonderland”

Category 3D (Digitally Enhanced)
1st: Rob Welton - “Hazard Cave”

2nd of Show: Clinton Elmore for “The Blob, BSC” 39.5 pts

3rd Salon (25 pts) 3 points 3 categories

1st: Natalie Pheasant - “Bat Hat”

1st of Show: Chris Hubert “Cave Sallie Dish” 16 pts

1st: Candace Eagle - “Helictite Dreaming”

1st: Chris Hubert - “Cave Sallie Dish”
2nd: Natalie Pheasant - “Bat Hair Pieces”

# TREASURER REPORT

**SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE NSS**

**JANUARY 1, 2013**
(Covering the Period January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2012)

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