VPI Cave Club
2004 – 2005 Officers:
President: Christina Lee
Vice President: John Booker
Treasurer: Rob Story
Secretary: Geoff Lewis

Minutes by Geoff Lewis from March 26, 2004 through March 18, 2005.

Compiled into pdf format by Mike Cole March 28, 2005.
VPI Cave Club Minutes
Date: March 26, 2004

Officers' Reports:

Treasurer: $4,000 liquid $11,700 other $15,700 total
Secretary - Submitted minutes from past year to club files.

Mailbag: Region Record: Rabbits and Joey Fagan

Committee Reports:

Trog Articles due Apr 9
Picnic - April 16-18 - No pig this year, need grills out there
Easter Beer road cleanup Apr 10
Tshirts - online ordering website up soon. Prepay

Program: None

Announcements: Jessica is pregnant. Gumby's got no car anymore

Old Business:

Michie trog cataloging - dropped because less than $50 expenditure. President approved it.

New Business:

Scott Rapier - Moved that up to $100 be appropriated to purchase a small tarp for keeping beer cold at picnic and other events. Mark Eisenbies 2nds. Motion passes unanimously.

Elections: Chris Lee elected President
John Booker elected Vice-President
Rob Story elected Treasurer
Geoff Lewis elected Secretary

Trip Reports: 4 trips reported. Smokehole water is still up. McCarter did Bone without his pants. Links incident: 16 year old girl got stuck for 3 hours in The Nasty. Wells, LePera, Mike Cole and other were on scene by 3pm and freed her within 40 minutes.

Trip Plans: Several trips going out Saturday and Sunday

Speleo-seminar: Party on the Mountain.
VPI Cave Club Minutes
Date: 4/9/04

Officers' Reports:
President – New directions to Persingers
       JMU group coming
Treasurer – $4,000 liquid, $11,700 other, $15,700 total

Mailbag:
Huntsville Grotto Newsletter
Letter about Picnic – Spot’s very excited
SNNEWS

Committee Reports:
Tarp for picnic ordered
Give t-shirt money to Mike
Road clean up April 10th

Program:
How to use a stretcher in a dryer, very interesting.

Announcements:
Picnic – April 16-18th
Rescue training after road clean up April 10th
Program on highlines failing April 23rd
D. Colasti in To Kill a Mocking Bird

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Trip Reports: 11 Trips reported
Lots of caving at YTR
Spot and Spot’s boyfriend went to Elvis grotto
Rob prefers Kerry’s hole, Spot also prefers Kerry’s hole but it’s crowded when Rob’s there
Fifi – The hole takes water and blows air
Michie – went into a wet and hairy hole

Trip Plans:
M. Cole - Digging

Speleo-seminar: None
VPI Cave Club Minutes for April 23, 2004

7:17 Start
Geoff Lewis not here.
Kevin Rock not here to sub for Geoff as promised.
John Booker stuck doing minutes.

Treasurer’s Report
Liquid 4,598.65
Total 16,352.41
Some money was spend on picnic.

Ad Hoc Committee on Liability consisting of John Booker, Chris Lee, Mike Cole reports that we really should have an “Assumption of Risk” form for next Fall.

Old Business
none

New Business
none

Trip Reports
MArk Eisenbies-caving during picnic in a hole on Dismal Peak. It was full of ice.
    Rose Petal Snow Flake Update: Historic section remains 20ft. New section 30ft of passagege.

Trip Plans-
    Booker - JMU is here, quarry session on Saturday morning at 10, trips after
    Rob Story – wants to dig or something
    MArk Eisenbies- not going caving, but going autocrossing
    Steve Wells – might possibly do something for sure
    Jessica Dorr – not actually pregnant, and biking to the Bat Ranch

7:24 Done, seminar at the Bat Ranch
7:25 Dave C. and Patricia arrive.
VPI Cave Club Minutes
Date: 4/30/04

Officers' Reports:
President – last meeting
Treasurer – liquid – $4,741.10, other - $11,753.76, Total - $16,494.86

Mailbag:
None

Committee Reports:
Mike Cole – T-shirts
Chris Lee – Trog passed to Sam Lambert

Program:
Mike Cole - Convention

Announcements:
Penelope Pooler – Cameron taking over Program Chair
Chris Michie – Rock climbing competition in Christiansburg
JMU had a good time
Penelope Pooler – Party at Phillips on Saturday

Old Business:
None

New Business:
None

Trip Reports:
Sandy Knabb– VAR – Grand Carverns (commercial)
Rob Story – Clover Hollow, Rob is slow
Chris Michie – took 3 trainee’s to Tawney’s
John Deighan – took poor JMU caving

Trip Plans:
Mark Eisenbies – going to look into a hole
Dave Colasti – Motorcycle Ride
John Deighan – would like to go somewhere
Phillip Balister – measuring a hole

Speleo-seminar:
Brian’s apartment
VPI Cave Club Minutes
Date: 9/10/04

Officers' Reports:
Rob Story - $4,598.65 liquid, $11,753.76 other, $16,352.41
   Spent money on Trogs, got money from dues
Geoff Lewis– forgot last meetings minutes, updating the phone list

Mailbag:
3 whitewater rafting postcards
We need a better nicer colored Grotto newsletter and a graph in there about sucking and blowing holes.
Huntsville Grotto – deepest pit is 16,000 ft

Committee Reports: none

Program: none

Announcements: Kirk Digby has carbide lamps, helmets, and a gibb for sale
Travis Coad - we need to update our venture out info

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Trip Reports:
Steve Wells – Eg3 is a mile and a half long and now called the Alva Blankenship Cave
Spot Rapier – went to Kerry’s hairy hole dig, nice and big
Jake Grohs – liked Linx
Dave Colatosti – Eg1 still has lots to survey

Trip Plans:
Dave Colatosti and Kevin Rock are taking a beginner vertical trip
Travis – a trip somewhere

Speleo-seminar:
Bat ranch
VPI Cave Club Minutes
Date: 9/17/04

Officers' Reports: Rob - $4,819.15 liquid, $11,740.25 other, and $16,559.40 total
Chris – NCRC thank you card for equipment

Mailbag: NSSNews, Mark prone to constipation while reading NSSNews,
Journal of Cave and Karsts

Committee Reports: Sam – needs Trog material
Mike – has club t-shirts

Program:
Storm Stories – caves flood and are dangerous

Announcements:
Booker – has Trainee Trogs
Chris G – starting poker game to get extra cash
Cameron – looking for programs

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Trip Reports:
Geoff went to Newberry’s with Kirk, Erika, David, and Mike

Trip Plans:
Chris G told new people to talk to Booker about a horizontal trip

Speleo-seminar:
Booker’s place
VPI Cave Club Minutes
Date: 9/24/04

Officers' Reports:
Chris turning 21, having party

Mailbag:
None

Committee Reports:
Practice rescue

Program:
None

Announcements:
Brian has Trainee Trogs
Wells – trail maintenance for Tawney’s is Oct. 3rd
Chris G – poker night

Old Business:
None

New Business:
None

Trip Reports:
Mike – Tawney’s

Trip Plans:
Kirk – Buddy’s
Chris G – horizontal trip
Phillip and Wells arrive late at 7:12
Phillip – Elvis grotto 2
Wells – Sunday to dig another hole

Speleo-seminar:
Mountain

Mike Cole arrives late 5 minutes after the meeting ends
VPI Cave Club Minutes
Date: 10/01/04

Officers' Reports:
Secretary – phone list and minutes
Treasurer - $5,400 liquid, $11,740 other, $16,744 total
President – vehicle dynamics group looking to someone to take them caving

Mailbag:
None

Committee Reports:
Supplies committee is outside at the volvo

Program:
Part 1 of caving Saga

Announcements:
Deighan – need to work on Smokehole fence
Wells – Tawney’s trail work is Sunday at 10
Will – Stay High Cave is being bought and protected
Sandy – help for party, more wood

Old Business:
None

New Business:
Want to have an auction for old caving gear at a meeting

Trip Reports:
Deighan – smokehole, honeymoon for Aaron and Selima
Philip – Elvis Grotto 2, need to blow up the bottom
Chris G – links
Chris Lee – Buddy’s

Trip Plans:
Wells is digging a hole

Speleo-seminar:
Seminar at Dave C’s
Date: October 8, 2004
President: Chris Lee
Vice President: John Booker
Treasurer: Rob Story
Secretary: Kevin Rock

Officers Report

President
• Pumpkin picking next weekend, 9:30am in the Books a Million parking lot
• Haunted Cave at Dixie Caverns is coming up
• October Fest is the 16th

Treasurer
• $5,062
• $11,072
• $16,134

Mail Bag
• Huntsville Grotto Newsletter
• Clevogrotto
• West Virginia Caver
• About town news letter

Committee Reports
• Sam needs trog. Articles

Program None
Announcements
• Practice Rescue at Catawba Murder Hole this weekend put on by NCRC

Old Business None
New Business None

Trip Reports
• Deighan – wanted to go caving but no one would go with him
• Ray – Went to Narrows with Steve and Steve, played with rocks

Trip Plans
• Burrnett – Venture Out trip this weekend, Sunday 9am at Squires
• Wells – Philip, Ray, Steve going to EG2
• Deighan – New person trip to Smokehole
VPI Cave Club Minutes
Date: 10/15/04

Officers' Reports:
Treasurer - same as last week, $5,400 liquid, $11,700 other, $16,744 total
President – Haunted caving
  Pumpkin picking 9:30 Saturday
  October Fest is Saturday the 16th

Mailbag:
absent

Committee Reports:
None

Program:
None

Announcements:
Carrie – get well card for her grandmother
October Fest
Pumpkins – Chris wants to milk the fake cow because she’s never milked anything

Old Business:
None

New Business:
None

Trip Reports:
Pam – Vahalla with Michie, Allison, and Kirk
Carrie surveyed 1,300 feet in Maxwelton cave
Deighan – Smokehole, cave club should call Scott Gellar before going

Trip Plans:
Wells – Digging Eg5 – hydromining

Speleo-seminar:
Michie’s place
Sam delays the start of the meeting, Philip gimps in at 7:03

**Officers' Reports:**
Treasurer - $5,069.50 liquid, $11,740.25 other, $16,809.75 total

**Mailbag:**
No mail

**Committee Reports:**
Publicity – Trog stuff due by Nov. 12th
Halloween committee – Halloween next Saturday, need help setting up
Safety committee – looking for new call out person, Brad wants off

**Program:**
Spot got his radio face plate stolen by a very dumb person, who forgot the thousands of dollars of tools in the back of the car

**Announcements:**
Kevin has a radio faceplate for sale
Travis – going haunting on Wednesday night

**Old Business:**
Carrie – Granny is home and doing well

**New Business:**
None

**Trip Reports:**
Sandy – Tawney’s went with squealing men that Sandy wanted to slap
Hydro mining gets Rob wet

**Trip Plans:**
Deighan – playing on rope with JMU at the Batranch
Michie – cave photography
Wells – Digging while Spot plays with his hair

**Speleo-seminar:**
Batranch
VPI Cave Club Minutes
Date: 10/29/04

Officers' Reports:
President – cave club auction November 12\textsuperscript{th}
Treasurer – money same as last week except that the mutual fund made a little bit and money market lost a little bit

Mailbag:
SSNEWS – the deepest pit in the world is now Slovenia at 643 meters
Spot wraps up outburst at 7:16 after hitting Deighan in the head

Committee Reports:
Trog – articles due November 12th

Program:
None

Announcements:
Philip – save voting evidence and you get alcohol
Spot – no one has returned his faceplate yet
Mike Cole – Halloween party at 5, will be jello wrestling

Eric Stanley parades in at 7:20

Old Business:
None

New Business:
Should we host VAR? Philip volunteered Sandy to host it

Trip Reports:
Sam – Links kicked her ass
Mike also got his ass kicked in Links with JMU while Kevin took all the women
Ray was digging some EG hole on Saturday
Elaine undid Ray’s digging on Sunday
Kevin makes girls throw up

Trip Plans:
Deighan wants to go somewhere

Speleo-seminar:
Party at Ekey’s house
VPI Cave Club Minutes
Date: 11/5/04

Officers' Reports:
President – Auction next week November 12th
Treasurer - $5,069.50 liquid, $11,750.51 other, $16,820.01

Mailbag:
Huntington Grotto Newsletter – nice picture of rocks floating on water

Committee Reports:
Club Store Volvo is outside
Safety chair has rescue cards

Program:
No, Program chair is a slacker

Announcements:
Party tomorrow night at Dave and Patricia’s
Philip gimps in with Steve and Trainee Phillip

Old Business:
None

New Business:
Deighan moves that cave club hosts fall VAR and that Sandy will host and we’ll help, Kevin seconds, motion passes by 5/8ths vote

Trip Reports:
Deighan – took some people to Clover Hollow
Kevin took more ladies into Links
Spot steals Philip’s after Philip randomly beats the ground

Trip Plans:
Brian – trip to Starnes
Deighan horizontal Saturday or Vertical Sunday

Speleo-seminar:
Party at David and Justin’s
VPI Cave Club Minutes
Date: 11/12/04

Officers' Reports:
Geoff was late and missed any

Mailbag:
None

Committee Reports:
Trog’s done and will be here at next meeting

Program:
Auction

Announcements:
Chris Michie – climbing competition
Kirk – Carbide lamps
Sandy Knapp – Skiing, January?

Old Business: Meeting just sort of died

New Business:

Trip Reports:
Deighan wants to go caving

Trip Plans:

Speleo-seminar:
VPI Cave Club Minutes
Date: 12/3/05

Officers' Reports:
President – 2004 Karst Alpine Book available
Treasurer – Auction results, in account - $5,200 liquid, $11,720 other and $16,080.01 total

Mailbag:
Huntsville Grotto – cute mouse on back cover
NSSNews – Spot wants to bathe in a purple ocean

Committee Reports:
Sam – Trog’s are here

Program:
Pretty pictures of Mountains with a few passed out people in them

Announcements:
Julie - Banquet is Feb 19th at Blacksburg Country Club
Elaine – has Wild Caving Calendars

Old Business:
None

New Business:
None

Trip Reports:
Chris – Mike and little Mike went to Links
Travis – took Julie and roommate to Clover Hollow

Trip Plans:
Travis – going with Kirk to take David’s rigging test on Saturday
Deighan – Pighole entrance on Sunday
Travis – digging a sort of new cave on Sunday

Speleo-seminar:
VPI Cave Club Minutes  
Date: 1/21/2005

**Officers' Reports:**  
Treasurer - $4,306 liquid $11,750 other and $16,057 total  
President – Need new publicity chair, passing out flyers on Monday

**Mailbag:**  
Absent

**Committee Reports:**  
Sam – Trog’s from last semester  
Liability committee – meeting with Director of Risk Management to discuss risk  
Will – in charge of Awards – Meeting next Friday at 6

**Program:**  
None

**Announcements:**  
Chris – calendar for spring is set  
Carrie – EG1 and Alva Blankenship cave closed until further notice

**Old Business:**  
None

**New Business:**  
John makes Motion  
The club shall sponsor club members to participate in the February 5-6\textsuperscript{th} Wilderness First Aid class as follows  
- A maximum of 6 (amended from 4) will be sponsored. If more members wish to participate the safety chair shall choose which are sponsored.  
- A maximum of $100 will be spent on an individual. This accounts for 100\% of the cost for a VT student, 77\% of the cost for faculty, staff, or other  
- Any full or associate member is eligible. Prospective members are subject to approval by either the vice president or safety chair.  
- Member must register by Jan. 28 and pay the 50 dollar deposit. Reimbursement and a check for the remaining amount will be given Feb. 4\textsuperscript{th}.  
Amendment – 10 vote yes, 2 oppose, 0 abstain  
Amended motion – 9 vote yes, 1 oppose, 0 abstain motion passes

**Trip Reports:**  
Dave – lost some equipment in EG1  
Travis and Philip go to James cave  
Will – saw cool raccoon carcass with Beetles in it and then keeps talking for 5 more minutes  
Mike Futrell takes over and starts talking for ever about a trip  
Mexico – Brad wussed out of Golandrinas after rigging the rack into the rope

**Trip Plans:**  
Travis and Philip want to dig and are idiots because it’s so cold out

**Speleo-seminar:** Party at Michie’s
VPI Cave Club Minutes
Date: 1/28/05

Officers' Reports:
Treasurer - $4,735 liquid, $11,750 other

Mailbag:
Mike brought a big pile of crap to read.
Sam’s artwork on back of NSSNews
Some other junk mail about caving
Rob got a pile of bills

Committee Reports:
Liability – working on liability form
Jess – practice Rescue meeting on Thursday
Awards – need more trainees to screw up and make an award for themselves
Trog – articles are already due for spring Trog

Program:
Scary slide shows of EG1, 2 and OTR

Announcements:
Michie – vertical session for YTR
Kirk owns too many carbide lamps and is trying to pawn them off

Old Business:
5 people signed up for wilderness first aid thing to cost the club $500

New Business:
None

Trip Reports:
Will, Travis, Michie, Carol Zoe bored on Sat and decide to count 2,200 brown bats
Will hates cave gates but his will commands the locks
Travis and Phillip are idiots and go digging

Trip Plans:
Travis still an idiot and going digging

Speleo-seminar:
VPI Cave Club Minutes
Date: 2/4/05

Officers' Reports:
President – T-shirt contest at Banquet, need a picnic Chair
Treasurer - $16,410.53 total

Mailbag:
Crap – Spot’s back
Spot going to 4th and 5th grade valentine party, “In Search of the Beaver”

Committee Reports:
Julie drunk again – something about banquet
Practice rescue march 19th

Program:
None

Announcements:
None

Old Business:
None

New Business:
None

Trip Reports:
Philip – Travis’ dig (3 hours to go a foot)
Chris – Deighan and new people went to tawney’s
Will continues being a bastard

Trip Plans:
Chris – caving
Jess – Tawney’s

Speleo-seminar:
None
VPI Cave Club Minutes
Date: 2/11/05

Officers' Reports:
Treasurer – made some money

Mailbag:
NSSNews, Spot can’t read so people read for him, Spot then went on to read entire article boring everyone

Committee Reports:
Julie – 108 people for Banquet so far

Program:
Photo mosaic of all mexico pictures

Announcements:
Kevin going skiing
Dave holding banquet party
Eileen has calendars

Old Business:
None

New Business:
Kirk nominates Philip, Pam seconds and Philip voted in as member, hurrah

Trip Reports:
Joe – went mapping

Trip Plans:
Deighan – going to pig hole
John – Vertical Practice at Dave C’s

Speleo-seminar:
None announced
VPI Cave Club Minutes
Date: 2/25/05

Officers' Reports:
President – wants to set up an emergency contact book at sign out

Mailbag:
Absent, or doesn’t know how to get to the room

Committee Reports:
Safety Committee – report accidents, he has a 45 and a shotgun and will use them if accidents are not reported

Program:
Cavers get flooded in a cave at TAG

Announcements:
Chris – YTR vertical session will be held at YTR

Old Business:
None

New Business:
Mike motions to spend up to $250 towards survey equipment, Penelope seconds, and motion passes

Trip Reports:
Chris – Maxwelton
Ray – Steve made him go to Miller’s cove, talked to landowner for 2 hours about civil war then spent an hour looking for the cave

Trip Plans:
Wells – Blankenship Blowhole, really going to suck
Deighan - Murderhole

Speleo-seminar:
Deighan’s place
VPI Cave Club Minutes
Date: 3/18/2005

Officers' Reports:
President – Grand caverns restoration weekend March 25-27th
Treasurer - $4,743 liquid, $11,885 other and $16,629 total

Mailbag:
NSSNews – conservation issue so it is useless
Huntsville Grotto – got lost on the way to a trip to a cave

Committee Reports:
Picnic Committee – talk to Philip with any suggestions
Trog – articles due April 8th
Practice rescue – April 9th
Safety Committee – 1 member needed for horizontal and 2 needed for vertical
Liability – emergency contact list is done, Wells is concerned about his hot mom being contacted

Program:
Futrell – Caving in China

Announcements:
Carrie – sinkhole clean out May 6th and 7th

Old Business:
None

New Business:
Nominations     President – Geoff Lewis, Philip Schuchardt, John Booker
                VP – Chris Michie, Geoff Lewis, Philip, Schuchardt
                Treasurer – Rob Story, Philip Schuchardt
                Secretary – Philip Schuchardt, John Booker

Trip Reports:
Kevin, Dave C, Erika, and David Klorig go to starnes
Brian – Tawney’s
Philip S – Tag
Deighan – Pig Hole

Trip Plans:
Sandy – Tawney’s
Wells – Survey Blankenship Blowhole
Deighan – somewhere

Speleo-seminar:
Maybe at Mike’s