

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.

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## **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 10<sup>th</sup>

### **Program:**

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

### **Announcements:**

Picnic – April 16-18th

Rescue training after road clean up April 10<sup>th</sup>

Program on highlines failing April 23<sup>rd</sup>

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 Committe 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. 3<sup>rd</sup>

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 16<sup>th</sup>

### 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 Maxwellton cave

Deighan – Smokehole, cave club should call Scott Gellar before going

### **Trip Plans:**

Wells – Digging Eg5 – hydromining

### **Speleo-seminar:**

Michie's place

## **VPI Cave Club Minutes**

**Date:10/22/04**

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<sup>th</sup>

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 12<sup>th</sup>

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

Brian walks in at 7:25

### **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 19<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup>.

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 - \$4,7353 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 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade valentine party, "In Search of the Beaver"

### **Committee Reports:**

Julie drunk again – something about banquet

Practice rescue march 19<sup>th</sup>

### **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 – Maxwellton

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 25-27<sup>th</sup>

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 8<sup>th</sup>

Practice rescue – April 9<sup>th</sup>

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 6<sup>th</sup> 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