

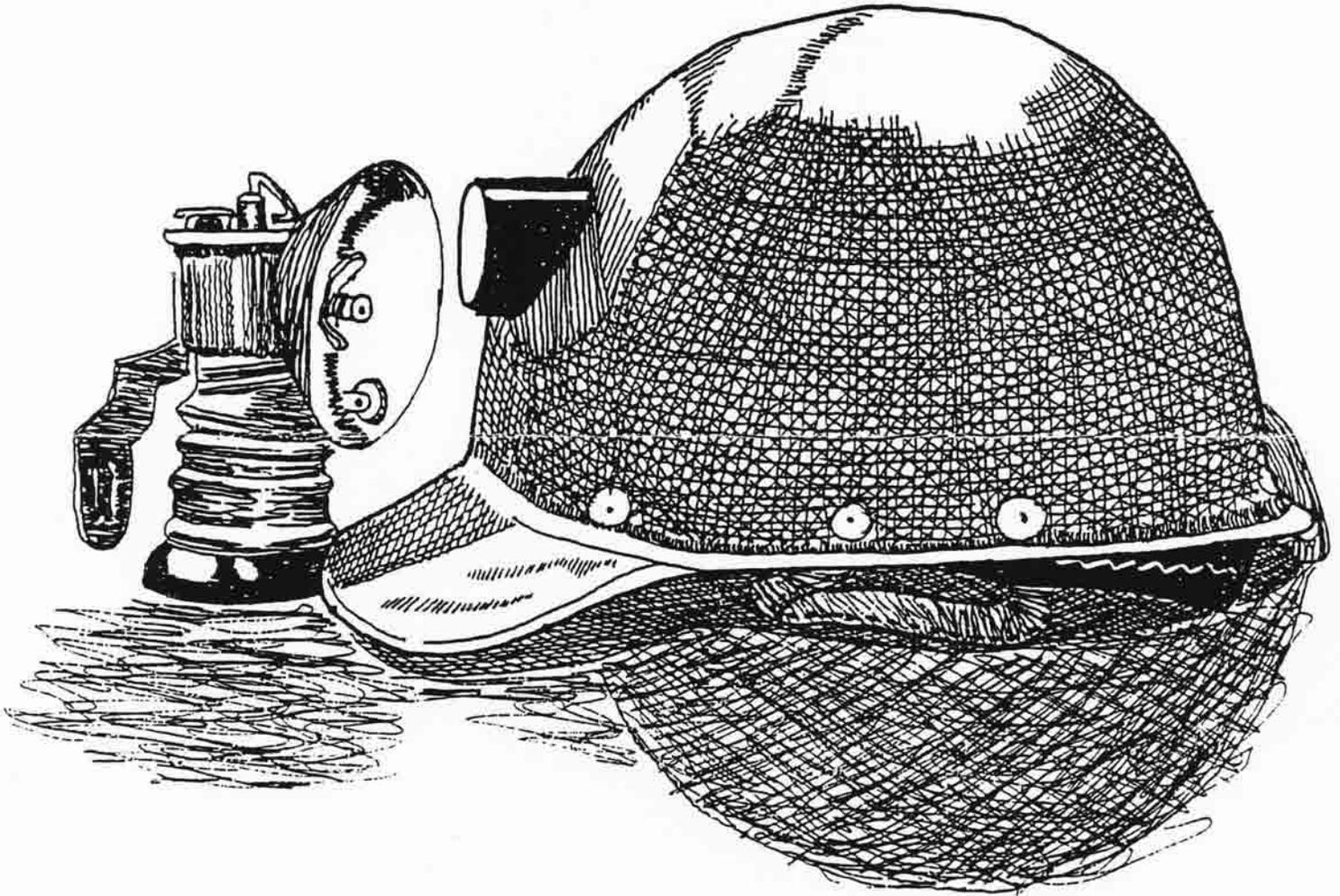
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 \* TEXAS CAVE MANAGEMENT \*  
 \* ASSOCIATION MEETING \*  
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 \* 7 p.m. Thursday, March 8 \*  
 \* at Mr. Gatti's Pizza, \*  
 \* I-H 35 at William Cannon, \*  
 \* Austin, Texas \*  
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TCMA MINUTES

by Doug Allen

The following are notes from the Texas Cave Management Association meeting of Feb. 13, 1990. The meeting, at Mr. Gatti's Pizza on Interstate 35 in Austin, was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

A quorum of directors was present.

The TCMA directors present appointed William Russell to speak on the organization's behalf with the City

of Austin about a management plan between the city and the group on Maple Run Cave. The appointment was unanimous.

Directors also approved Mike **Warton** to use his funds to produce T-shirts and Jay Jordan to use personal seed money for patch production. Once they "make their money back," all remaining shirts and patches will revert to TCMA's ownership for its fund raising efforts. The decision was unanimous.

In other actions, the board of directors:

-- Voted unanimously to change the TCMA **charter** to reflect six board members rather than nine;

-- Voted to appoint Jordan as chairman of the Cave Acquisition Committee. The vote was: four ayes, one nay and one abstention;

-- Approved the pursuit of acquiring Whirlpool Cave under TCMA ownership, pending a clear deed; **i.e.**, with taxes paid and clear title without using current TCMA funds for payment of said taxes. The vote: five ayes, one abstention;

-- Empowered the Executive Director to sign a deed for Whirlpool Cave's acquisition on behalf of TCMA, subject to a tax settlement. The vote of five ayes and one abstention;

-- Scheduled the next TCMA meeting for 7 **p.m.** Thursday, March 8, at Mr. **Gatti's** Pizza, Interstate 35 and William Cannon, in Austin; and

-- Set a Whirlpool Cave trip for

TCMA members for 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Executive Director's Report

by Mike Walsh

Greetings! We need committee chairs for TCMA. Currently, I serve as TCMA-Texas Parks and Wildlife liaison and Jay Jordan chairs the Cave Acquisition Committee. Open committee positions exist for Bat Protection and Information, Fund Raising, Membership, Cave Management and Cave Education.

If the Whirlpool Cave acquisition goes through, we will need to develop a cave management plan. We **also** need one for 0-9 Well. Also needed is a weekend work project at Whirlpool to clean up the property, do **rockwork** on the gate, put in fences, build an oil catch at the drainpipe, put up signs, etc. Jay Jordan and I are working on the 1989 National Cave Management Symposium Proceedings. Thanks to Mike Grimm for his work on Whirlpool Cave and prompting the state highway department to move the drainpipe. We will attempt to secure landscaping to re-establish native grasses.

A TPWD Cave Task Force meeting is upcoming. Contact me at (512) 625-7229 or write P.O. Box 310732, New Braunfels, TX 78131 for details. We will also need to establish cave acquisition guidelines for our membership. Contact Jay or I if interested. Rod Goke has offered numerous items for a TCMA fundraiser -- garage sale, flea market, etc. Contact me if you have donations.

Dues are due for everyone but **paid-** up lifetime members. Please remit \$10 for associate membership and \$100 for lifetime status (\$25 per year is OK) to Treasurer Claire Snider, 2205 W. 12th, No. 13, Austin, TX 78703.

Gill **Ediger** is storing the TCMA tent frame. We hope we can replace the canvas in the future. The tent is available for use by Texas cavers.

TCMA ACTIVITIES HISTORY

by Mike **Walsh**

Several people have expressed interest in what the Texas Cave Management Association has been doing recently. Here is a list of some of our activities for the past several years.

1986

- TCMA. was organized and **incorporated;**
- Co-sponsored with the City of Austin a Goat Cave conference;
- **Developed** a TCMA brochure;
- Built a 6- by 12-foot mobile cave education display;
- Constructed a box for pamphlets;
- Constructed a rear-projection slide display for conferences;

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- Exhibit at conference on Edwards Aquifer north of Colorado River;
- Assisted in the development of a cave protection bill;
- Signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the American Cave Conservation Association;
- Developed and took the Caver Conservation-Cave Management Opinion Poll;
- Developed a Texas' **significant** cave rating system;

1987

- Received a \$3250 grant for a bat publication and development over karst areas;
- Became a National Speleological Society Conservancy;
- Signed a contract with The University of Texas to manage 0-9 Water Well near Ozona;
- Organized the Kickapoo Cave State Park project. With help from the Texas Speleological Association, doubled the known number of park caves;

1988

- A 40- by 40-foot tent frame was donated to TCMA;
- Organized the Longhorn Caverns State Park Clean-Up Project. TCMA

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