# **Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve**

Management Committee Meeting 11/10/2009 Boone County Public Library, Burlington, Kentucky

#### Start 7:05pm

**Committee Members present:** Neena Jud Chris Hacker **Also attending:** Bob Dobbs Howard Kalnitz Werner Jud Tim Hale Richard Duncan

Janice Gott Roger June

#### Secretary

October Minutes were read and accepted

#### **Treasurers Report**

Expenses exceeded income. Detailed Financial report available on request.

#### **Caretakers Report**

Hey Cavers. Few things going on here at GSP.

We have had few horses in back field paying us a visit this past weekend. Seems they got loose from a neighbor. I just found out today who they belong too and they will pick them up on Tuesday.

Seems like we are having issues with our portapotty company. I arranged trips and the Halloween party. They did not clean them on the agreed days or times and really they were not much help to us during those weeks. I am sure we will still get billed just the same but I will have to see what the bills are first to see what happens. I'll work with Werner on the bill.

Which brings me to this:

I would like to see us invest in a tank type outhouse close to the shelter just past the fire ring. Some time ago this is where GSP agreed to try one, but it never happened. We actually put 2 portapotties in that area just to try out the area. They worked great and there was no smell at fire ring or under the shelter. I am proposing putting this just in the tree line and as far away as possible. This 1200 gal tank could also be used for the kitchen grey water as well, killing 2 birds with one stone. I would like to see the structure done out of block as well for easy cleaning. This outhouse would have no leach field so it would need pumping out every year at a cost of \$150. If built in shelter area we could do away with these expensive portapotties once and for all. I haven't done a cost yet but feel very certain we could build it for under \$1500 and done in block. This is same cost of renting potties for 1 year. If we try this in back field or on the point then we still need to rent the potties, So that's why I like the shelter area first. I feel very confident we can make this work and do away with these eye sores by the creek. we could also then bury the old outhouse by the road as we should have done a long time ago. This is not the same project as Neena's. If need be I would be willing to head up this project as long as its not engineered to death and requires architect drawings. I would need to work closely with Collins to set up the top correctly. I will get a full cost together with

some drawings if you accept the proposal and its done close to the shelter. Built any where else doesn't help us get rid of the rental potties. Please consider this carefully

I will be taking down the shower house some time soon. We have already been below freezing several times already. I'll wait as long as I can.

P.S Oh yea, just FYI, next week I have been Caretaker here for 10 years. BC

Caretaker Report read and discussed. Committee agreed to have Bill Carr provide more details of cost, design, etc. Committee agreed that it's not a good idea to mix sewage and grey water.

## **Old Business**

<u>Composting Outhouse</u>. No funds received this month. Submitted grant application to Toyota, response expected 12/15/09.

Showerhouse. Will be painted in the spring.

<u>National Register.</u> First draft due by Feb. 2010. Must submit final by May 2010. Tim is currently working with the Commonwealth of Kentucky to develop the information needed.

Carbon Credits. Investigation of C.C. tabled.

<u>Entrance Drive.</u> Neena has acquired an estimate to do the first 550 feet of the drive, 16 feet wide with proper drainage for \$25,655.00 total. Another estimate will be obtained.

<u>School trips.</u> The recent trips went well and there is talk of trips in the spring. The grotto needs to develop and support a strong youth group coordinator.

<u>Art</u>. John Agnew will be back on our project soon.

### **New Business**

<u>Website.</u> WJ does not want to be the web crafter. Roger June has agreed to add a shopping page and set up PayPal. Redesign of our site will follow.

<u>2010 budget.</u> Need costs for some projects. We may have approx. \$4,000.00 to budget for special projects. Discussion tabled until next month.

<u>Kentucky Film Commission</u>. B.D. suggested verifying that GSP is still listed as a potential filming site.

C.H. wants to explore further <u>archeological studies</u> of the cave.

Updates to <u>The Management Plan</u> needs to be read and input thru email to the committee before the next RKC board meeting on December 6, 2009.

<u>Camping Fees</u>. BD suggested considering the Mondo on the Point as an electric site. Tabled for discussion at another meeting.

# The next meeting will be at the Jud's on December 8, 2009

Adjourned 8:55 Richard Duncan