

# Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve

Management Committee meeting 2/16/2010  
Groesbeck Public Library

Start 7:10 pm

## **Committee Members Present:**

Neena Jud

Mike McNabb, GCG

Werner Jud

Richard Duncan, GCG

Patrick Hutson, BGG

## **Also attending:**

Bob Dobbs

Joetta Hutson

Janice Gott

Roger June

## **Minutes:**

Read and accepted

## **Treasurers Report:**

*Income exceeded Expenses. Detailed Financial report available on request.*

## **Caretaker's report:**

Full report available. BC is concerned about people switching breakers in the cave and the kitchen. BC started up both the tractor and z-mower. All OK. BC was curious if anyone winterized the equipment.

Accepted.

Committee discussed and will decide who should maintain equipment. On the breakers committee decided there are already enough signs in the kitchen but might add signs to cave electric.

## **Old Business:**

Travel expense draft tabled till CH present.

Shelter roof on schedule. Most materials will be delivered by the end of the month.

Composting Outhouse. Neena proposed an increase in the budget, primarily due to a proposed switch to a different composting system. The proposed system would provide ease of maintenance and a larger capacity than the original system. The proposed system can be viewed at [www.compostingtoilet.com](http://www.compostingtoilet.com) The committee agreed to the need of an experienced professional to do the foundation and masonry work. (\$4,200.00 budgeted) Don Brandner has been contacted and work should begin in early March, weather permitting. The carpentry work will be completed by volunteers.

A detailed Materials sheet was handed out and reviewed. If interested, a spreadsheet of materials and other details are available by contacting the committee. The committee members present were somewhat reluctant to increase the budget. It was mentioned that volunteers will not be so disgusted to maintain the proposed system.

We currently have \$10,030.51 in the bank for this project. The new system would raise the total cost from \$15,000.00 to \$18,000.00. A line of credit was discussed for the balance.

**WJ made a Motion: to go with the advanced composting system, authorize Don Brandner to proceed with the concrete work, and increase the budget to \$18,000.00, contingent on obtaining an \$8,000.00 line of credit. PH 2<sup>nd</sup> All present, yea.**

Grant writing. Currently there 3 grants out for a total of \$4,500.00 waiting for a decision.

Web site. Roger June presented a web store for approval. The committee will review and open the store soon. Shipping, handling and PayPal have a few details to work out. RD will supply images of our inventory.

National Register. Still need images. Missed Feb. deadline, will shoot for the fall.

Cave. Halogen lighting in the big room has had contact issues and premature burnout. WJ has a high intensity discharge lamp on order to test.

WNS has been reported in Tennessee. The committee will wait for information from RKC.

KOR. The committee will publish guidelines for the Preserve during KOR

New Project. Mary Gratsch will spearhead the Pepsi Refresh Project with a possible grant for the kitchen.

Open House. The committee will ask Bill Carr to run Open House. All Agreed.

**Our next meeting will be at the Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve on  
Saturday March 13 @ 7PM**

preceded by a covered dish dinner.

This will also be a work weekend.