

Great Saltpetre Preserve

Management Committee Meeting 4/6/10
At Molly Malone's Pub

7:PM

Committee Members present:

Neena Jud GCG
Werner Jud GCG

Richard Duncan GCG
Chris Hacker DUG
Tim Hale DUG
Traci Hacker
Bruce Soluski
Brian Pitcher
Linda Mitchell

Also attending

Howard Kalnitz
Bob Dobbs
Janice Gott

Announcement,

Patrick Hutson is out of surgery and recovering nicely. All approved.

Minutes were read.

WJ moved to accept the minutes, CH 2nd, all approved.

Treasurers Report

Expenses exceeded income. Detailed Financial report available on request.

CH motion to accept the report, TH 2nd, all accept

Caretakers Report

The grass is growing like crazy. Equipment needs maintenance and BC would like to train a few people to mow. A stray dog has wandered onto the preserve and getting into garbage. A group of teens were camping in the back field, leaving ruts in the grass and a large fire pit. Another lock to the front gate was damaged. The blacktop area at the top of the hill is getting worse and the back road is now mud.

The committee discussed Bill's report and will investigate the back field incident for more precise information and determine if further action is needed.

Old Business

Projects:

Composting Outhouse. Received \$1,000.00 grant from the NSS for a current total of \$11,030.51

Grants outstanding, \$2,000.00

Grant to be submitted, \$7,330.00 to Kentucky Colonels

Grant to resubmit, \$500.00 to Walmart, Berea

Money spent, \$1,159.42. Committed, \$6,340.92

Progress. The pad is poured and the masonry has been delivered. Roofing is paid for and ready to be picked up.

Toyota media event is scheduled for April 23.

Shelter Roof. Materials have been purchased and RD will deliver on April 10.

Archaeological. Dr. George Crothers is visiting to tour the cave on April 10. Allan Watts would be a good source for Civil War History.

School Trips. BD has been contacted by a teacher from Laurel County for a possible trip on April 23.

Open House. Mary Gratch has the fliers printed and BD will distribute. Melissa S. will paint a background board for the visitors photos. There will be an information board for WNS as well as displays for the Composting Outhouse and RKC. On Saturday evening there will be a tree planting for Wayne Barton.

Top Soil still needs to be spread.

Front Gate and lock. We need a welder with a generator truck to modify the locking system. WJ has designed a new system that should work. HK suggested that BC could probably find someone local. Last week another lock was broken.

Cave Lighting. A new prototype fixture has been delivered and BD suggested the lighting be checked before open house.

Art. John Agnew is in Turkey and will finalize when he's back.

Web site. Gary Bush has quickly updated our site. We have developed a Scouting page and TH will develop a Power Point display of images around the Preserve.

Scouting. RD will develop a list of service hours projects to offer to scouts.

Postcards. RD will create postcards to offer thru the website and at open house.

KOR. Specific security issues will be developed by CH.

Large RV Guidelines need development and electrical service to the site needs to be inspected.

Camp Westley Caving Adventures (formerly known as Woodland Altars) will have exclusive use of the kitchen while there, but not the campgrounds. Their grotto sponsor will need to be on site for use of kitchen and entry to cave during the week. They will be reminded that no children are allowed in the cave without adult supervision.

Recycling Bins. A grant request will be submitted to Waste Management. A system has been developed for collection.

WJ made a motion to adjourn. CH 2nd

Next Meeting will be held at the Blue Ash Library. Tuesday May 11th at 7PM