

Great SaltPetre Cave Preserve

Management Committee Meeting June 7, 2011
7 pm at Shane Mullins House

Committee Members Present:

Neena Jud
Werner Jud

Richard Duncan
Tim Hale

Also Attending:

Howard Kalnitz
Lacie Braley
Shane Mullins
Janice Gott

Bob Dobbs
Ron Hager
Chandra Ziegler

Arriving Late:

Bruce Soluski

Mike McNabb

Secretary's Report

Minutes of 5/1/11 were amended. There was a suggestion that a map of usable camping areas for Music in the Mountain be circulated, so that camping areas would not be visible to the guests. **Motion** to accept the minutes as amended (Werner, Richard, by acclaim). [JG's note: the minutes of the April meeting were not approved at either the May or June meetings.]

Treasurer's Report

The Green Latrine project had a \$100 donation from a friend of Kelly Huron. Donations from Open House and other individuals and groups came to \$1,150 in May. Camping passes and fees totaled \$685. Merchandise sales, including shirts & books, totaled \$925. Open House did not turn a profit on donations alone this year, but it likely did when the profit from merchandise sales is included. Budget vs. Actual Expenses year to date was discussed. Income is running below projections. Expenses have been kept rather low. No large loads of gravel will be needed this year. The Felburn Foundation has talked about donating another \$3,000 for the Green Latrine. **Motion** to accept the Treasurer's report (Tim, Richard, by acclaim).

Caretaker's Report

There were fewer than normal people for the pre-KOR work weekend. Bill Carr has put new signs on the tractor and zero-turn about their maintenance and use, and a sign by the lock on the gate. He changed the blades on the zero-turn and did maintenance on it and the tractor. Bill suggested that a roller attachment would be useful for leveling ruts, and

had researched the cost. **Motion** to accept the Caretaker's report (Bruce, Richard, by acclaim).

Events

Open House had about 1,000 attendees on a rainy weekend. Bob Dobbs noted that all of the cavers who turned out to help at the event were much appreciated. About 100 Girl Scouts had a day event at GSP. There were also several school groups. The Mullins family had their family reunion under the shelter and toured the cave. Also, the Kincaid family plus a local historian met with Neena at the shelter house toured the cave and discussed the history of the area. The Kincaid family had some new historical information for Neena (the cave was once known as "Kincaid's Cave").

Pre-KOR Work Weekend

Firewood was cut. A number of tasks were completed, but there is still a list to do. A number of people planned to go to GSP the next weekend and finish some more of the tasks. The Green Latrine will not be ready to use by KOR, despite more progress on it.

KOR

Richard needs more help in the kitchen, particularly for breakfast shift. He would like helpers to plan to come an hour before the meal, and stay an hour after to help clean up. Neena sought "Cave Closure" volunteers to lock up the cave each night. There will be a silent auction of donated items. Items will go on display Saturday morning, and the auction will close Sunday Morning. Proceeds will benefit GSP. Some GSP merchandise will be available for sale at the kitchen during kitchen hours. Ron will prepare some matted prints of John Agnew art. Janice suggested putting an artist's proof in the silent auction. Ron, at his company Patron Graphics, is developing logo stickers to go in the pre-reg bags.

Gravel

Bruce wants to donate funds enough to put gravel in front of the port-o-lets on the point, by the Mondo. GSP will order a small truck load of gravel, to cover that and several other priority areas, before KOR. **Motion** to authorize the expenditure of funds for a small truck load of gravel (Richard, Tim, by acclaim).

Lawn Roller

Bill Carr suggested purchasing this piece of equipment in order to level out ruts. It is 48" wide, filled with water for weight, and dragged behind the tractor. He had researched the cost. Howard suggested that the economic position this year was not strong, and the budget was very tight. **Motion** to table the suggestion to buy a lawn roller (Werner, Neena, by acclaim).

Use of GSP for Group Events

MACED (Mountain Association for Community Economic Development) had inquired about the use of GSP for a company picnic. Neena wanted the committee to discuss policy on the use of the site by other groups. The two recent family reunions were by families with a direct connection to the site, but the committee was concerned about the amount of labor and costs to volunteers to open and run the cave and the site for non-educational purposes. Volunteers sacrifice a lot to open the site for school groups and scouts. Neena wondered if it would be worth opening the site to groups who were willing to make a significant donation, and give gas cards to volunteers to offset their cost of coming down to man the site. It may be a moot point for MACED, since they have a very small budget and short time frame, although they would be an interesting group with whom to cultivate a relationship.

Music in the Mountain

Advertising is out and posters are up. Plans for it are going well although the ticket sales so far have been slow.

Merchandise

Bob Dobbs suggested a run of “kids medium” in GSP cave map T-Shirts, since the adult smalls are too big for many of the kids who want one. He also sold out of bat puppets at Open House, and wants to order more. [Neena confirm this] He would like to recoup some of his personal money spent on the sauna project by ordering “tactical flashlights” and putting GSP stickers on them that Ron is making at Patron Graphics. Proceeds from the flashlight sales would go towards the sauna expenses. The Board agreed with his plan.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting time would be July 5th. Due to the holiday and Board members’ travel plans, it was suggested that the July Meeting be skipped. If pressing business arose in July, Tim Hale offered to host a conference call meeting again (assuming he was available). Therefore the next GSP Committee Meeting will be on August 9th, the Tuesday after the August 6th Music in the Mountain Work Weekend. The work weekend will be advertised with food provided and time set aside for caving trips.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.