

Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve Management Committee Meeting January 10, 2012

7PM at Molly Malone's in Pleasant Ridge

Committee Members present

Neena Jud
Werner Jud
Tim Hale

Mike McNabb
Richard Duncan

Also attending

Mike Wuerth
Janice Gott
Bruce Soluski

Brian Pitcher
Ron Hagar

Meeting began at 7:12 with Janice taking the minutes.

Secretary's Report

Minutes for 12-06-11 were read and approved. WJ motion to accept, M McNabb 2nd.

Caretaker's Report

It has been very quiet. A few downed trees have been moved out of the road and need to be chain-sawed, when that equipment gets fixed (Motion to accept, Tim, 2nd RD by acclaim).

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report will be given later in the meeting along with the budget discussion for 2012.

Business.

Open House meeting schedule 1/12/12 at the Juds' house. Karst -O-Rama. Tammy Otten reported that the 1st 50 registrants for KOR will be in the running for a new carbide lamp. She noted that they will have recycling. KOR website says their kitchen, run by James Clements, will benefit the

GSP Committee, but that is probably left over from old language and is not true this year. There will be a January 17th KOR meeting at Molly Malones.

Music In the Mountain Meeting January 19th.

Guidelines Charter for the GSP Committee – In response to comments, the word “watchdog” has been eliminated.

“Finances shall be managed as if a non-profit” was suggested, but that seems redundant. The GSP Committee liked the current version of the Guidelines. Motion to approve as written and send to the GCG Executive Board. - RD, 2nd Tim, by acclaim.

Saltpetre Festival for 1812 Will be held in conjunction with Open House. A demonstration of saltpetre making will need to dig some cave dirt to work with. We will work George Crothers, Kentucky State Archeologist, to approve and document the excavation areas being considered on either end of the Choke, near the dressing room, around the edges of the big room or back in Richard’s Run. For a period encampment, Neena is making contacts. Karen Berry is a former caver and active in the re-enactment community. She will come and is contacting others. She has a cast iron pot to sell for \$350 to GSP or GCG if they want it. The extra costs for the event should have sponsors. Should we have music under the shelter? Dinner will be planned Saturday for volunteers and encampment people. Advertising will be more extensive than usual. Planning meeting is 1/12 at The Juds’ house.

Chanting in the Cave Hunter Hensley is a music professor at Eastern Kentucky University. He wants to record Gregorian chants in the cave. The committee had no objections.

Cave signs. Bob Yuellig has the signs printed. Ron Hager and Bob Dobbs are going to mount and place the signs in permanent locations. They need to have a waterproof backing material, such as a composite. Richard will provide some composite lumber donated by McCabe Lumber.

Green Latrine Neena and Werner are finishing wiring and miscellany. They intend it to be operational for Open House.

Cave Maintenance

Turning the cave lights off and immediately back on causes a “hot start” which causes the fixtures to wear out prematurely. A guard could be added to prevent this, but it would stop cave tour groups from being able to flash the lights as a new group enters the cave. Solutions were discussed.

Scout Camp

\$2 of every Scout donation will be put into a fund to be used for a new shelter in the scout camp area this year.

Treasurers Report & Budget

The year ended up with real cash flow pretty close in income and expenses, at a gain of \$800. Major expenses during the year were general property maintenance, insurance and utilities. Income was \$1,300 less than anticipated, but expenses were kept down by that amount. Neena suggested allocating some of the small excess to the reserve fund, but no decision was made.

Finalizing the budget for 2012 was tabled until the February meeting. The 2012 budget will need to reflect paying half of the KOR expense for dumpster & latrine and adjust the anticipated reduction in KOR income to reflect the new agreement. Music in the Mountain should be added as a line item. Werner has been reserving \$2 of every \$7 scout donation received since January 2011 to go into a fund to improve the scout area, such as the shelter.

Ralph Mann has volunteered to refurbish the moonshine still exhibit in the cave, using painted PVC, duct tape, and some refinished wine barrels. There was a discussion of concern that it would look fake. It was suggested that it would be better to look fake and not functional, but some were concerned that putting anything obviously fake in the cave is not in keeping with previous projects. The item is still under discussion. Bruce has a proposal to add extra hot water heaters in the shower houses. He says there is a chase wall that can be removed to accommodate them. He suggests changing the anode runs in the current heaters at the same time. If there were three hot water heaters in tandem, you

could leave only one on normally, and turn the extra two on for events. More investigation is required, and this is still under discussion. Pete Stow has offered to help his family take down a range hood that they are replacing, and is offering the hood to GSP. It is the right size for the kitchen, and the committee would love to accept it. It is a donation, but will entail some expenses because installing any hood requires moving wiring or wall cabinets in the kitchen.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm, Werner motion RD, 2nd.

The next meeting will be
Tuesday, February 7th, 7 pm at Madeira library