

Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve

Management Committee Meeting 9/9/2012
Shelter, Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve

Start 10:10 am

Committee Members present:

Richard Duncan
Werner Jud
Neena Jud
Tim Hale
Fred Ball

Pat Hutson
Jerry Dixon
Scott Pavey
Jerry Brandenburg

Also attending:

Tammy Otten
Bob Dobbs
Kelly Hay
Ron Hager
Earl Desantis
Mike Wuerth
Camille Westmont

Beau Gergel
Steve Gentry
Matt Keller
Sherry Johnson-Clements
Colin Johnson
James Clements

The meeting was opened by outgoing chair: Neena Jud who thanked all the Committee Members for their service and turned the meeting over to the incoming chair: Richard Duncan. Richard introduced two new GCG reps: Scott Pavey & Jerry Brandenburg. The DUG representation is in transition – Tama Cassidy will be a new rep.

Secretary

August Minutes were read and accepted (TH motion, NJ 2nd)

Treasurers Report

August 2012 was reviewed.

Income from donations and camping	\$ 1,207.00
Total expenses	\$ 1,793.27
Net income	-\$ 719.80

Total in Checking account: \$ 14,586.85

(this includes \$1,639.93 in the Wayne Barton Tractor Fund)

Report accepted (JB motion, PH 2nd)

Caretakers Report

The Caretaker report from Bill Carr was sent by email to the Committee. He commented on not having any back-up locks for the front gate. A follow-up message indicated that two spare locks were just delivered to him.

Report accepted (PH motion, JB 2nd)

Schedule Update

9/15	Scout Jamboree
9/22	Scout Troop 7
10/18-19	Mt. Vernon Elementary Field Trips – 2 nd & 4 th Grades
11/3	Gary O'Dell Geology Students
11/16-18	Scout Troops 112 & 888 (tentative)
11/16-18	NKU Climbing Club
11/17	EKU Cultural Club, Corbin & Danville branches - Cave Tour
?	Vascular Plant Study (Ralph Thompson – Berea)

Hunting Season info:

Deer: Archery starts Sept. 1, 2012
Youth only firearms Oct 13-14, 2012 WEAR ORANGE
Muzzleloaders Oct. 20-21, Dec 8-16, 2012 WEAR ORANGE
Modern gun Nov. 10-19, 2012 WEAR ORANGE

Turkey: Archery starts Sept. 1, 2012
Crossbow Oct. 1-21, Nov. 10-Dec 31, 2012
Shotgun Oct 27-Nov 2, Dec 1-7, 2012

Squirrel: Aug. 18 – Nov. 9, 2012
Coyote, Groundhog, & Wild Pig: Year round
Bobcat: Nov 24 – Feb 28, 2013
Fox & others: Nov. 12 – Feb 28, 2013
Rabbit & Quail: Nov. 1-9, Nov. 12, 2012 - Jan. 31, 2013
Grouse: Nov. 1-9, Nov. 12, 2012 – Feb. 28, 2013

Old Business

Music In the Mountain. There were some glitches ahead of time, but the event went smoothly. Not as many people attended as was anticipated. All the financial details are not in yet, but should be resolved by next month.

Karst-O-Rama 2012. The atmosphere at this year's KOR was good. All the advertising and advising people of the changes seemed to be effective.

Tractor. Scott Pavey will lead the efforts to get some significant work done on the tractor this winter.

Range Hood. The hood is ready to be installed.

Gifts. Pete Stow has another gift he is offering – a good trailer that is a bit narrower than our current trailer. This would be good to transport stuff into the Cave as necessary. It could be stored under the Tractor Barn side roof where the old bushhog sits. Scott Pavey will look to see if it is worth salvaging any parts – i.e. the gearbox.

New Business

Archaeological Investigation. Camille Westmont, BGG member and senior at UK majoring in Anthropology/Political Science submitted a proposal to the committee to document the locations of the poplar water piping, and excavate two pipe joints to understand their construction and compare to investigations at other saltpetre mining caves. She will follow the Archaeology permit process.

Proposal was written to excavate, document and cover up the joints, but the comments heard indicate an interest to leave one joint exposed so it can be better shared with visitors on tours. This will be considered.

The proposal will be posted online for people to review and send comments to the Committee before the next meeting. The Committee will vote this on proposal at that time. Cavers are welcome to participate in the project. Advance notice will be provided when the investigations will be conducted. Project expected to be completed by the end of December this year.

Multi-Church revival to be held in the Spring at GSP. Lyla Mullins Powell made a request (by phone a few weeks ago) on behalf of a few Mt. Vernon Churches who would like to hold a revival at the Preserve, most likely in Echo Auditorium. They expect to make a donation to GSP.

A question was raised as to whether additional insurance would be required for this, as for KOR & MIM? If any additional premium is required, it should be passed on to the Revival – which might make it not financially feasible. (RKC/GSP is looking into a consolidated premium to cover events as well as our normal week to week camping.)

Another question was raised about scheduling – weekend or week day? It seems that most revivals in this region are multi-day events, approaching a week.

Bob Dobbs volunteered to be Lyla's contact to get more information about the whole event. A motion was made to get more info before we make a decision (PH motion, JB 2nd).

Small Church Group. Lyla Mullins Powell wants to bring a small Church Group to have a picnic at the Shelter on Sat. 9/15. She has been advised of the magnitude of the Scout Jamboree that weekend.

*It was noted during the above discussions that Lyla is the owner of the back entrance to GSP.

Scout Jamboree. The scouts will have one or two hours to do some service projects. Trail maintenance is always a good project (tools: pruners & loppers), as is filling potholes in the gravel roads.

Tammy Otten suggested that Scout Trail could be a good eagle scout project to improve & clarify the trail, maybe add some steps to the steep section.

Another scout project would be to build picnic tables for the Scout Shelter that is under construction (GSP could supply the lumber, Scouts supply labor).

Meeting Schedule. Decision to switch to Thursday night meetings – Second Thursday of each month.

Adjourned approx 11:40 am (NJ motion, WJ 2nd)

**The next meeting will be October 11, 2012 at 7 pm
Location to be determined.**