

Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve

Management Committee Meeting 10/11/2012
Molly Malone's

Start 7:04 pm

Committee Members present:

Richard Duncan
Werner Jud
Neena Jud
Tama Cassidy

Jerry Dixon
Scott Pavey
Jerry Brandenburg

Also attending:

Tammy Otten
Sherry Johnson-Clements
James Clements
Pam Duncan

Matt Keller
Darryl Marsh
Janice Gott

Announcements

Richard Duncan opened the meeting by expressing his appreciation to the Committee members for attending the meeting

Secretary's Report

August Minutes were summarized and accepted (WJ motion, JD 2nd)

Treasurer's Report

September 2012 was reviewed.

Expenses exceeded income. Detailed Financial report available on request.

There have been requests for a simpler financial report as well as for more detailed information. People are encouraged to contact Werner Jud directly to get a clearer picture of the finances.

Report accepted (NJ motion, JB 2nd)

Caretakers Report

Bill Carr reported that a kitchen window had been left open after the Scout Jamboree. He got a replacement tire and rim for the Zero turn and has been using it to mow for school field trips.

Report accepted (JB motion, TC 2nd)

Old Business

Archaeological Investigation: No objections or negative comments to this project were received during this past month. The ensuing discussion raised the following questions/points:

- ▶ We should try to accommodate leaving the excavation sites open for visitors to see.
- ▶ Once the joint locations are identified, excavation sites should be chosen off the main pathway (preferably not associated with the snake coffin).

- ▶ If there are no metal bands found with a metal detector, maybe Camille could return with a ground penetrating radar device to locate the piping.

The committee voted to approve Camille Westmont's project proposal.
(JD motion, NJ 2nd, all in favor.)

Virtual Meeting/teleconferencing: Jerry Dixon has been doing some research on various possibilities. Most systems that allow sharing of documents are considered premium services and cost about \$50.00/month. Most freeware systems do not have a base charge for the system, but usually charge people to call in.

Jerry will investigate AnyMeeting – a freeware that he just heard about. It can handle up to 200 attendees, with desktop sharing, and no time limit on the meeting length. Equipment needed: a headset with microphone (\$10-15 investment).

Also suggested was the system used by Andy Niekamp, Coy Ainsley, Brian & Amy for Winter Adventure planning meetings. Off site participants can type in questions, which the onsite meeting leaders will read, and discuss. Jerry will find out more.

Another option may be to have more meetings at GSP, and we could broadcast meetings from there with the new WiFi capabilities.

Scout Shelter: Werner spoke with Pat Hutson about this project. His schedule is difficult right now, but he has no problem with anyone else jumping in to make more progress on it.

National Register Update: Neena Jud is working on verbiage about the history of the Cave to include in the application. An outline map from Howard Kalnitz would be helpful to identify locations of photographs. It was suggested that GSP would be viewed more professionally once we receive the listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

Website: Richard would like to see more of our souvenirs or branded merchandise listed in the “store” section of our website. Website improvement is an ongoing project.

Equipment: Around late November or early December, Scott Pavey will pick up the Tractor & Zero Turn and service them both at home. The zero turn can probably come back rather quickly. The challenge for the tractor is the 3-4 week lead time to get parts.

Scott examined the gearbox on the old bushhog, and doesn't think it is worth while to salvage it. Pete Stow sent a message that he would appreciate it if someone traveling to GSP could stop by and get the narrow trailer that he is donating to the Preserve. If no one else can pull it, Scott can pick it up when he takes his trailer to get the Tractor & Zero turn.

Karst-O-Rama 2012. At the last Grotto meeting, GSP received a check for camping and facilities for KOR.

\$ 3320	for camping,
\$ 480	for extra nights camping,
\$ 220	for electric,
\$ 500	for port-a-potties,
\$ 260	for dumpster
<u>\$ 4780</u>	Total

KOR will also contribute the equivalent of one month of WiFi. There will be a KOR wrap-up meeting on October 25, 2012 at 7:00 at Tammy Otten's house to review KOR 2012 and look forward to next year.

Music In the Mountain. Bob Dobbs was not present, but Tammy Otten spoke about the discussions at the RKC meeting. There were about the same number of attendees as last year, and the event just broke even.

With the disappointing financial results of this event, there will be a meeting to discuss the future of MIM. It will be Wednesday November 14, 2012 at 7:00 pm, at Tammy's house. One suggestion from the RKC meeting was to have an RKC benefit concert on the Saturday evening of Open House. This would eliminate one volunteer prep weekend, and visitors will already be at the Preserve. Conversely, Open House is a fundraiser (although not a large one) for GSP, and many details would need to be worked out to split expenses, negotiate items for sale at what times, and what income or donations will be received by each treasury. All GSP Committee members are encouraged to give this idea some thought and to attend the Future of MIM meeting.

It was noted that no "facility fee" (covering utilities or port-o-lets) was asked or received from RKC this year. GSP absorbed all the costs, otherwise RKC would have lost money on the event.

New Business

WiFi Service: Bob Dobbs got the system going, but does not want to continue collecting for it. Neither does Werner. Therefore the question was asked of the GCG Executive Board whether they would be interested in covering approximately \$50.00 per month. The GCG Board didn't think it was appropriate.

The ensuing discussion raised the following questions/points:

- ▶ If GCG pays this premium, what about the DUG or BGG people who want to use the system?
- ▶ What is wrong with the current system? Would people still be willing to contribute?
- ▶ The current balance in the WiFi fund is \$136.58 – which will cover just about to the end of 2012.
- ▶ GSP will drop the WiFi service when the funds run out.

A suggestion was posed: Change the code in January, and people who want to use WiFi will need to contribute to get the new code. WiFi passes could be sold like Camping Passes. Suggested amount: \$20.00 per person. One exception: the code would be changed during KOR so vendors can use it exclusively, then changed back.

- ▶ Werner will NOT be the one to collect WiFi pass money, distribute the code, and handle changing the machine's settings for KOR. Someone else needs to handle it and give the money to Werner for the WiFi fund.

GSP Management Committee shirts: Richard showed a shirt and a vest that have been embroidered with the GSP logo and Management Committee written beneath. He encouraged the Committee members to find a similar green shirt (long or short sleeve) or shirt jacket that they like and get it to RD with about \$20 embroidery fee and he can have it embroidered. People who are not committee members can also do this, and "Management Committee" will be left off.

Future GSP t-shirt designs should include "a Preserve of the Rockcastle Karst Conservancy."

Scout weekends: The Youth Group (Scout) Committee was almost overwhelmed this year with trip requests, and the challenge to find guides. They are wondering whether limiting Scout trips to two weekends a month may get more cavers to volunteer as guides.

Tama suggested developing a calendar for the whole year with one or two weekends a month identified for scout trips, and when the calendar is full, no more requests can be accommodated. There may be multiple troops accommodated on any given scout weekend. A workable ratio of scouts to guides is 10-15 to 1.

This calendar should consider as many other caver events as can be known at this time to increase the chances that cavers will be available on the scout weekends and to give cavers a chance to plan ahead.

Vision for GSP: RD encouraged the newer members of the Committee to share their thoughts, ideas, and vision for GSP with the rest of the Committee.

Jerry Brandenburg suggested having a list posted identifying projects that could be worked on when people are at GSP.

Scott asked if the range hood could be installed, and what height should it be mounted? Neena will email a drawing showing that. Sherry Clements offered to donate lumber & similar materials that are clogging up her garage. Let her know what is needed.

Scott would like to bring his Dad (a retired electrician with Monsanto) to the Preserve to help improve the Electric to the Point. Werner has identified appropriate locations for poles on each side of the Creek, and we need to get Jackson Energy to come by and set the poles. As with all projects, the Committee prefers to see a written plan (even if it is sketchy) with a list of materials and associated costs to establish a project budget.

James Clements will submit a project proposal to do the Kitchen floor. It will not include excavating behind the kitchen wall & waterproofing. Instead it will include a perimeter drain to capture any wall seepage.

These are all great project ideas. A couple of years ago, Tim Hale suggested that we not take on a new project until a currently underway project is completed, and Werner reminded us of this guideline.

Pam Duncan suggested adding above ground tours to Open House. They could focus on the property history, and the people/families who lived here.

Schedule Update

10/12	Bush Elementary School Field Trip
10/14	Community Picnic & Andrew Powell's birthday
10/18-19	Mt. Vernon Elementary Field Trips – 2 nd & 4 th Grades
10/19-21	Troop 204
10/20	Camille Westmont Archaeology dig
10/25	KOR review & looking forward at Tammy Otten's
11/3	Gary O'Dell Geology Students at GSP Gil Gould & Scott Pavey caving trip to Doghill Donahue & Orangeville Rise (in Indiana)
11/10	Scout Troop 136 (Roland Snow sponsor & guide)
11/14	Future of MIM meeting at Tammy Otten's
11/16-18	Scout Troops 112 & 888 (tentative) NKU Climbing Club
11/17	EKU Cultural Club, Corbin & Danville branches - Cave Tour
11/18	GSP Committee Meeting at Shelter
?	Vascular Plant Study (Ralph Thompson – Berea)

Adjourned approx 9:30 pm (NJ motion, JD 2nd)

**The next meeting will be Sunday November 18, 2012 at 10 am
at the Shelter at GSP.**