

Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve

Management Committee Meeting 2/7/2013
Molly Malone's

Start 7:13 pm

Committee Members present:

Richard Duncan
Werner Jud
Neena Jud

Scott Pavey
Jerry Brandenburg

Also attending:

Janice Gott
Mike Wuerth
James Clements

Pete Stow
Beau Gergel
Bob Dobbs

Secretary's Report

January's Minutes were summarized and accepted (SP motion, JB 2nd)

Caretakers Report

Dogs have been removed. He mentioned that tractor barn light cover only allows illumination right at the door.* He asked when the tractor will be back.** Bill commented in a phone conversation with Richard that he did not see the metal roofing for the Scout Shelter.

*A comment was made that light only at the door seems appropriate, the cover is to prevent light pollution.

** Scott Pavey thinks it will be finished and back in early March.

Treasurer's Report

January 2013 was reviewed. Utilities went up about 3%.

Expenses exceeded Income. Detailed Financial report available on request.

Report accepted (NJ motion, SP 2nd)

Old Business

Budget: A follow up to last month's discussion considering the bill from Loveless Sanitation for the Port-O-lets for 2012.

The Port-O-Lets line increase by \$1,400 from \$1,720 to \$3,120 reflecting what was billed for regular service in 2012. Discussion ensued on how to reduce the cost of this line. Resolution: cut down servicing to one time each month during the winter months of November to March. This would reduce the expense by \$520 to \$2600. Consider signage on Port-O-Lets during winter stating: "They are being serviced once a month and if the user is not satisfied, they might prefer the Green Latrine."

The cost for Collins to deliver and install a vault (on top of which we would construct a privacy enclosure and install a toilet) would be \$750. With this system we could substantially reduce the number of servicing trips by Loveless. On the

other hand, toilets like this in Colorado smell (rather badly) at the end of a weekend event.

The donations from school field trips do help cover the Port-O-Let costs.

The question was raised – Will Camp Wesley Caving Adventures use the Preserve this year?

The budgeted expenses still exceed the income by \$880. Since we were conservative on our income projections, WJ suggested tabling the budget discussions until the end of the first quarter.

KOR: NJ shared Tammy's draft outline of GSP Committee's responsibilities before and during KOR. Only comment/concern regarded hay. Hay should be KOR's responsibility. All else was acceptable.

Revival: Lyla Mullins Powell has requested, on behalf of a number of local churches, to have a revival at GSP on May 3- 5, 2013 which is the work weekend for Open House. Presumably it would be on Friday evening, Saturday evening, and Sunday day. They will get Port-O-Lets and move them into the Cave. They will get golf carts and handle the driving for their mobility challenged folk. They will bring their own chairs. They will supply all the labor. They will sign waivers.

Concerns raised: Need to speak with a contact person above Lyla for more information and coordination. Moving Port-O-Lets into the Cave would need to have GSP people handling this. Same with driving golf carts. Potential for damage if people are allowed to wander unsupervised (similar to MIM), thus needing cave monitors. These tasks will require a significant number of GSP volunteers on a weekend during which other tasks need to be done. If insurance is needed they must obtain it.

Bob Dobbs will continue as the direct contact. Ask for more schedule information (to confirm our assumption that it would be evenings). It might be good for them to see us working on maintenance of the Preserve. If work weekend efforts would interfere, ask if it can be the weekend before.

Youth Groups: So far five troops are scheduled (which RD will add to the Yahoo Calendar)

June 7-9	1 troop
March 15-17	1 troop
March 22-24	1 troop
April 19	2 troops
August 9-11	1 troop

Projects

National Register of Historic Places: Nomination paperwork proceeding. The site being nominated is basically over the cave and down to Crooked Creek on both sides of the hill. This is on RKC property as well as Lyla Mullins Powell. NJ has mentioned this to Lyla and plans to give her a copy of the first draft and explain it further in person. She is fine with it. There will be a review board meeting at which NJ will give a short presentation and answer questions about the nomination. This meeting will be sometime the week before Open House.

Dr. George Crothers will be invited to our meeting at GSP on May 5th to discuss the pipe joint.

Scout Shelter: James Clements has offered to help. He could pick up needed lumber on his way from Home Depot or Lumber King.

New Business

Kitchen: James Clements brought a proposal to address the wall seepage problem in the Kitchen in order to remove the wooden flooring and apply epoxy floor paint.

This involves drilling a hole into each core of block at base of wall, inserting a small pvc pipe into each core which would drain into a 1/2" diameter pvc pipe at the base of that wall. This collection pipe would be sloped to drain through one side wall. Budget for this project: \$350 (See attached pdf)

Committee wants to see the Scout Shelter finished first.

SP made a motion to approve, RD 2nd; vote: 4 aye, 1 abstain

Merchandise – GSP has t-shirts & sweatshirts. We would like to have caps once again. Caps with our new GSP logo embroidered would have \$100 set-up charge. RD does not yet have prices on the hats.

Scott Pavey has some utility poles that he would be willing to bring down for the electric over to the Point. We should check the condition of the poles that we have lying in the brush behind/above the Showerhouse first. Also we have a standing invitation from Jackson Energy to contact them – they will come out to drill and set the poles for us.

The next GSP Committee meeting will be Thursday March 7, 2012, location to be determined .

Adjourned approx 8:50 pm.

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location: TBD**