

Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve Committee Meeting

August 7, 2014 - UC Braunstein Hall, Room 201

Meeting started at 7:23 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Chris Hacker
Scott Pavey
Werner Jud
Neena Jud
Jerry Brandenburg

Also Present:

Debbie Pavey
Mark Skinner
Bob Dobbs
Traci Hacker

Announcements

WJ plans to purchase an 8' aluminum ladder to keep in the cave. No objections.

Secretary's Report

Minutes were sent very late - sorry.

Treasurer's Report

Expenses exceeded income for the month, but we are barely in the black for the year. Financial report available upon request.

SP made motion to accept, NJ seconded.

Caretaker's Report

Points were made that the cave box needs taken down, the dumpster is full, the bush-hog is broken....
Lila wants to use the shelter/cave on 9/20.

It should be noted that the Cave Box will come down in the next two weeks.

SP will take hammer down this weekend to beat the bush-hog... will also take a welder to

Pat Hutson called - Yoke is twisted up pretty bad, needs a weld where the mower meets the yoke. Pat Hutson will work on the yoke tonight, otherwise SP will work on this weekend.

Old Business

- **Men's Showers** - Unknown whether curtains were changed out.
- **Tractor** - Wheels have been welded and reinforced with washers. D&D still doesn't have wheels in. Tires are fine for now. Tax-exempt form has been sent to D&D.
- **Gravel** - was done before KOR
- **Kiosk Repair Payment** - Guilty party paid for kiosk damage on July 31.
- **Dumpster Corral** - On the to-do list
- **Hydrant in front of shower house** - On the to-do list
- **Black Oak Timbers** - Talked to Duke about hiring someone to bring the timbers... Duke will look into this. Timbers are 15' long which is what is giving us headaches. WJ will work on this.
- **KOR** - Over and done. Howard has sent a nearly-complete KOR report, but a wrap-up meeting and final bill is pending.
- **Outhouse Repairs/Replacement** - Might be a good scout project. On the to-do list (make to-do list for end of minutes)
- **BGG and DUG Delegates** - No word from either grotto. GCG needs to determine how to handle the lack of participation and occasional inability to vote.
- **Remote Meeting Options** - Still need an option for this. On the to-do-list.
- **Electronic Keypad entry** - Any update from Fred Ball?
- **GSP Sign** - No update - Ron not present to discuss. Any update from Tony Renner? Has a vinyl wrap been done yet?
- **Communal Bicycle System** - No update.
- **Wi-Fi** - WJ presented the issue of lack of funding for wi-fi, and that it has become a burden to keep because it is not sustainable with chasing funds. Proposed that GCG cover because it is mostly used for KOR and by Grotto members. If cameras are set up for the benefit of GSP, then GSP might consider this an expense to cover. Also, while we have someone to take care of the hardware side of things, but no one wants to take care of the software/financial side. For KOR, the vendors can actually store the swipes for sales and upload after the event, so this is no longer a need for them. We currently have funding through November. If nothing is done, we'll get rid of it. SP says that the consensus at the meeting is that no one is willing to step up. WJ will send an email out when funding is out to let everyone know that Wi-Fi is going away.
- **Cave Graffiti** - Additional graffiti has been found in the cave; some happened before KOR and some happened during KOR. What do we want to do about this?
 - Past Actions - CH noted that:

- when we've found graffiti in the past, we've always tried to narrow down the culprit by cross referencing registrations, sign-ins, etc.
- If we happen to be able to figure out who it is, the committee's only real course of action is to ban the person from the property.
- The Grotto could also take action, but we've never gone there due to the Grotto's inability to handle "discipline issue".
- We could also go to the NSS for repercussions as well... especially now that GSP is on the National Registry.
- For immediate, on-site response, the GSP Committee and GCG needs to determine what immediate action needs to be taken so that everyone knows how to handle it.
- The groups also need to determine how to balance the cave being open and managing risk. Should the cave be closed during the Saturday party at KOR? Should the cave be closed indefinitely? Should nothing change at all?
- As for lending keys, that's a chance we take.

New Business

- Bob Dobbs will be meeting with Katie Gardner on 8/16 when she comes down for a tour about giving a talk to the group.
- Western KY biologist from Green River Grotto and the university contacted Chris about touring the cave on August 14-15 looking for beetles. She will give us a full report of where samples are taken and what is found.
- Neena hopes to get some brushes and buckets to take care of some graffiti in GSP Cave. BD says there are buckets in there and there might be some brushes.
- GSP Committee Chair - CH will not be keeping the position. We hope that GCG will find a responsible, connected, and capable replacement soon. CH will put something out about it and try to drum up some interest. (post on newsgroup, send email, post on Facebook)
- WJ noted that Chris would not be repeating his role as Chair, and thanked him for his year of tenure and service. He also thanked Traci for taking minutes during this time.

Calendar:

Aug 9 - Scout Trip

August 29-31 - Lee Florea and a group from Ball State

September 13-14 - Caver Appreciation Weekend and GSP Meeting in the Field

September 20 - Lila having a family gathering at GSP.

The next GSP Meeting will be Sept 14, 10:00am at GSP

NJ motioned to adjourn, SP seconded.