

Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve

Management Committee Meeting
September 14, 2014
GSP Shelter

Start: appx. 10:05 am

Committee Members present:

Jerry Brandenburg (incoming chair)
Werner Jud
Neena Jud

Pat Hutson
Scott Pavey

Also Attending:

Bill Addington
Gary Bush
Bill Carr
James Clements
Sherry Johnson Clements
Sean Cain
Jerry Dixon
Bob Dobbs
Lee Florea
Dennis Green

Matt Green
Ron Hager
Kelly Hay
Howard Kalnitz
Tammy Otten
Debi Pavey
Brian Pitcher
Mike Wuerth
Danny Young
Dan Zubal

Committee Composition

During the GCG meeting of Sept. 13, 2014, Jerry Brandenburg was appointed Chair of the GSP Committee. His first order of business was to survey the committee members in attendance to see if they wish to remain on the committee. All said yes.

Jerry will contact Tama Cassidy to see if she wants to continue.

Neena would prefer to be a GCG rep, so Jerry will contact the chairs of DUG & BGG to solicit a second rep from those Grottos.

Motions were made to:

**Table discussion on modifying the number of reps from each grotto, and to:
Establish a Committee to resolve virtual meetings by November or December.
JB moved, PH seconded.**

Jerry will look for a Chair for this Committee.

Treasurer's Report

Expenses exceeded income (not including the money for KOR camping & facility costs just received). Financial Report available upon request.

The Liability Insurance bill is expected next month.

The Reserve fund will be added to at the end of the year.

The Barton Tractor Fund has been depleted.

The Scout Shelter Fund is still growing by \$2.00/scout/night. This can be used for scout related projects.

There is no Fire Insurance on the Main Shelter.

JB moved to accept report, PH seconded, all in favor.

Caretaker's Report

This weeks mowing was done by James Robinson & Bill Carr. Gravel on the roads was bladed. More gravel is needed.

BC suggested getting new tires for the new wheels since about 20% of the tread remains on the old tires. They are approximately \$100/tire.

Lyla requested the use of the Shelter on Saturday October 18, 2014 for a Church event. Discussion ensued about having cavers around that day to assist if anything comes up.

There have been water pressure issues lately. In the 15 years since the water line was installed, the three water regulators have not been cleaned at all. They should have been cleaned yearly. New pressure regulators cost around \$750 each. Repair kits with new rings and seals are available for much less.

The hydrant in front of the Showerhouse was left on a bit for a few days sometime since Labor Day weekend.

NJ moved to accept report, all in favor.

Old Business

- The shower curtains were replaced on the Men's side. extras are available.
- Tractor wheels: It was suggested to get a second price on the tires. Pat Hutson will ask his tire guy for pricing.

Motion made to allocate \$200.00 to the purchase of new tires, so that once the second price is obtained an order can be placed for the lowest cost.

NJ so moved, PH seconded, all in favor.

- Gravel: Large rocks are visible in the roads. Over the years, the gravel has washed away on the steeper slopes causing ruts. The use of water bars to capture the sheeting water and send it off to the side, or re-grading the berm so that water can sheet off the side are two good ways to deal with this problem.
It would take 50 tons of gravel to re-coat the entire loop. This would cost around \$1,000.
Bill Carr agreed to get a solid price from Clifford Collins to take off the berm, and from DP trucking to re-gravel the road, by next month's meeting.
We will consider adding some extra culverts to divert the water at selected critical locations while the heavy equipment is on site.
- The hydrant repair in front of the shower house remains on the "to do list."
- Duke Hopper coordinated getting some Black oak timbers from a nearby lumber mill for repairing various shelter columns. They have finally arrived and are marked "do not burn".
- The dumpster is back in the corral.
- KOR is resolved.
- Outhouse repair or replacement remains on the "to do list."
- Keypad entry at the front gate is on the wish list.
- Sign wrap: Ron Hager is awaiting dimensions.
- WiFi/Unlimited Long distance: This adds \$650/year to the cost of the basic phone service at GSP. The basic phone service with local calling only is now \$30.35. The total bill with the Wifi/LD bundle is about \$80.00 per month.
Sherry Johnson-Clements offered to be the WiFi/LD financial coordinator for GCG. This would entail soliciting donations, providing passes, giving the collected money to the treasurer and communicating with Patrick Gibson, tech person. (She offered to sell camping passes for GSP also.)

It was suggested that Sherry deputize someone from BGG and from DUG to help her solicit donations from members of those grottos who visit GSP and use one or both of those services.

There have been discussions of getting wireless cameras set up (primarily at the Cave) for increased security. This would be a valid reason for GSP to assume this cost.

Motion was made for GSP to accept the bundle charges for the Wifi/Long Distance for one year as part of the Telephone budget line, while accepting Sherry's offer to collect donations to offset this expense, and authorize her to deputize assistants.

JB so moved, SP seconded, none opposed.

Neena will send out an announcement that this service will be available for a year, and that people still need to donate so that it will continue in future years.

- Cave graffiti – this complex issue which involves balancing access and preservation of the Cave was tabled until next month.

New Business

- **Motion was made to establish a GSP committee meeting in the Field in both the Spring and Fall.** Meeting at GSP in March or April will let the Committee see what Property Maintenance issues need to be addressed during the year. Scott suggested planning a GCG caving weekend in conjunction with the Spring Meeting, and invite BGG & DUG. This may encourage more participation in the Committee meetings by grotto members. **PH so moved, WJ seconded, all in favor.**
- On Friday night, Scott Pavey noticed that the light at the entrance sign was not illuminated. Bill Carr will take care of it.
- James Robinson reminded all present to sign the register and asked the Grotto leadership to remind their members at meetings.
- School Field trips will be happening again, organized by Bob Dobbs. One is scheduled for Friday October 10, 2014. Two more port-o-lets and cleanings will be needed for the kids. Their donations cover the costs of those extra port-o-lets. Bill Carr will contact Loveless and coordinate.
- The Madison County Public Library system will be hosting events on October 3rd & 4th in certain branches focused on caving. Ralph Mann and Bob Dobbs will be making presentations. The events will culminate in a tour of GSP on Sunday October 5, 2014. Please consider helping with tours.

**The next meeting will be October 9, 2014 at 7:00 pm
location: to be determined, but may be the UC meeting room.**

Motion to adjourn made by WJ, SP seconded, all in favor. Meeting ended at 11:55 am.