

Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve Committee Meeting

June 11, 2015 – Jerry Brandenburg's house

Committee Members Present:

Jerry Brandenburg
Fred Ball (online)
Neena Jud (online)

Werner Jud
Scott Pavey

Also attending:

Bob Dobbs
Tammy Otten

Dan Zubal (online)
Sean Cain (online)

Meeting started at 7:10 pm.

Caretaker's Report:

The mowing is mostly done, will be re-mowed on Monday & Tuesday before KOR. Bill is looking to borrow a lawn sweeper to collect the grass from the vendor's row area. Bushhogging is needed. The dumpster and port-o-lets are under control.

Bill requests an assessment of the tree in front of his house that was hit by lightning.

Treasurer's Report:

Income exceeded expenses. Financial Report available upon request.

Old Business

Scout Shelter dedication went well. There will be a bulletin board installed for scout communication.

Water Pressure: Jerry's Plumber friend, Keith, might be at GSP during KOR work weekend. Stay tuned.

Propane is fine for KOR. There was a discussion about the cleaning cycle of the grille.

Scouts: Scott has not given the Indiana Scouters a handout yet. Darryl just emailed a one page flyer this morning.

Volunteer hours book has recorded some fairly impressive numbers from Open House.

Water Heater in Kitchen: Jerry has the blocking material for installing the replacement water heater. Werner has the water heater.

KOR: James Clements will be at GSP the whole week before KOR. GSP Committee needs to have the Cave registration clipboard ready to record names and numbers. One gate keeper in radio contact with KOR security. We are also planning two roving security people. By KOR we should have our volunteers signed up. Scott's kids will be undercover additional roving security to observe & report only.

The Guidebook needs to have a blurb about Cave Security. Jerry will coordinate this with James Clements.

Discussion ensued about ramifications of various actions against the rules. If someone is caught putting their name on the wall, they will be banned.

The intention is to open the Cave Friday, Saturday & Sunday mornings. We might close the cave on Saturday afternoon during the heaviest cave trips. The prime time will probably be between 4 and 8 pm on Friday & Saturday. We will have the gate person explain why we are doing this. Our efforts are to preserve and protect the Cave, so we do not want to take gestapo action. During times that the cave is closed, Bob Dobbs is willing to lead guided tours. Sign up sheets can be posted at the Shelter.

Camp Wesley Caving Adventures will be at the Preserve next week.

Electric to the Point: Interim repair work can be done on KOR prep weekend. Dan Zubal will work on this. Werner & Scott can help.

Culvert at end of back field: On Scott's list – maybe for Sunday.

Artifact case: No further developments.

COG: GSP Committee did not make the offer to COG before their May meeting. This is now a high priority item, although it is basically a formality. COG received a favorable report on their contribution at Open House. Bob Dobbs emailed COG a copy of the article about Open House that he submitted to the Electric Caver.

NJ has begun composing the offer.

James Robinson/Bill Carr issue:

This was not an agenda item at the RKC meeting on June 7, 2015. Bill Carr has not sent a formal communication to RKC, therefore RKC considers the issue handled at the Committee level.

New Business:

Trees: Jerry Brandenburg is in contact with a former Davey Tree Service co-worker who is selling Chinese Chestnut and fruit bearing Apple trees. He is selling 3 gal containers for \$15.00 each. Discussion ensued about purchasing some trees and where to plant them. The Committee concluded that we might be interested in some Chestnuts.

Jerry Brandenburg requested a budget of \$90.00 to purchase six chestnut trees to be planted in the Sassafras Grove in Barton Field. There were no objections, so he will proceed.

During Open House, one of our volunteers was speaking in an overbearing manner to another volunteer. This was totally out of line since we are all giving our time to this preserve. The offending volunteer has been “talked to” by at least five people and encouraged to “be nice.”

Some Kitchen outlets were observed to be non-functioning. Werner will look into this.

There will be an RKC member's weekend at GSP during the fourth weekend in September. This will include an RKC meeting on Sunday morning.

Meeting ended approximately 8:32 pm.

**Next meeting will be:
7pm Thursday July 9, 2015 at Jerry Brandenburg's house.**