

Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve Committee Meeting

July 9, 2015 – Jerry Brandenburg's house

Committee Members Present:

Jerry Brandenburg
Fred Ball (online)
Tama Cassidy (online)

Neena Jud
Werner Jud
Scott Pavey

Also attending:

Bill Carr (online)
Bob Dobbs

Patrick Gibson (online)
Dan Zubal (online)

Meeting started at 7:11 pm.

Caretaker's Report:

Vendor electric needs to be removed from the field. Jerry Brandenburg will contact Jerry Dixon to remove.

The recycling bins are halfway full, but animals seem to be getting in. Werner will contact Rockcastle Recycling to remove. The dumpster is half full.

The internet has been working only intermittently. Discussion ensued about another protective box for the wifi router and a UPS to be installed above the box for the field trip video system. All openings need to be covered with a fine mesh mouse resistant screen. Scott Pavey will verify available space this weekend.

Unable to mow due to the rain.

Brian Pitcher brought a welder to the Preserve and has donated it. He also brought a batch of new welding rods that cost \$25. Werner will send him a check for reimbursement.

Mike McKinney's group visited and gave a donation of \$292.

Lyla Mullins Powell's group cancelled their visit on July 18th, and are now asking to reschedule for August 15th. This will be with Becky Cameron, her niece. No objections were raised, so Bill will let her know that will be fine.

Treasurer's Report:

Income exceeded expenses this month. Financial report available upon request.

Old Business

Water Pressure: Keith visited GSP, looked at the conditions, took pictures, will purchase supplies. Committee will furnish labor.

Volunteer hours book is being used.

Water Heater in Kitchen will be replaced before winter.

KOR was wet! Attendance was higher than last year. KOR was very lightly staffed, with James Clements filling many of the positions himself (with Sherry's help). A big thanks goes to James & Sherry for ALL their efforts.

Note for future years: recycling bins need to be next to dumpster.

Cave security went reasonably well. There was only one issue that Jerry saw, which was one group being upset that the cave was being closed just as they came in.

For future KORs, Jerry will advocate people signing in out. Roving security people need to be in pairs. The gate person handling sign in/out should have a back-up. The sign-up sheet for cave security needs to be filled before KOR begins.

Electric to the Point: Dan Zubal & Werner Jud temporarily fixed the electric.

Culvert at end of back field: was fixed, and remained fixed through the floods.

Artifact case: No further developments.

COG: Committee reviewed draft of offer to COG. Address it to Patrick Gibson, Chair. Add a phrase to require COG to “encourage all of its members to read the codices.” Note that there are waivers at the kiosk. State that after the probationary period, COG will become a full member. Copy this to the RKC Board.

COG will be changing the annual membership period to renewing everyone by July 1 of the year.

Trees: Jerry Brandenburg’s friend (a modern day Johnny Appleseed) is willing to come to GSP to supervise planting the new Chinese Chestnut trees in appropriate locations. Scott Pavey has taken down a few of the dead Sassafras trees.

Scout flyers are being distributed to Indiana Scout groups.

New Business:

PDF of waiver will be emailed to Scott Pavey, so he (or Debi) can print 50-100 to take to GSP. No more blank waivers were at GSP after KOR.

Bushhog repairs: Scott will be at the Preserve this weekend, and will do the welding repairs. He will take angle iron and flat plate to use.

Richmond Police Department field trip will occur on Wednesday, July 15, 2015. Bob Dobbs will handle this.

It was noted that the Yahoo Groups Calendar has not been updated recently with upcoming Scout trips. NJ will rectify this.

Scott Pavey moved to adjourn the meeting, Fred Ball seconded. Meeting ended approximately 8:30 pm.

**Next meeting will be:
7pm Thursday August 13, 2015 at Jerry Brandenburg’s house.**