

Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve Committee Meeting

August 13, 2015 – Jerry Brandenburg’s house

Committee Members Present:

Jerry Brandenburg
Neena Jud
Werner Jud

Pat Hutson
Scott Pavey

Also attending:

Bill Addington
Bill Carr (online)

Bob Dobbs
Dan Zubal (online)

Meeting started at 7:54 pm after technical difficulties with microphone, speakers & camera.

Caretaker’s Report:

Last month Bill Carr mowed, graded the gravel road and worked on the front gate.

The Wi-fi modem has been limping along. Only one channel is left.

The doors to the showerhouse are often left open at the end of weekends. A large cat paw print was seen in spilled lime at the entrance to the Men’s side. The lime came from a tear in one of the new bags just in and to the side of the doorway. (The lime spill was cleaned up and lime put into a number of sealable containers by Werner.) Two unopened bags remain. Bill asks people to close the doors at the end of the weekend.

Treasurer’s Report:

Expenses exceeded income. Financial Report available upon request.

The budget is running a tight margin right now. Werner Jud is expecting the check for KOR in the mail any day.

Old Business

Jerry has the replacement wood mounting pieces for Werner Jud to install the Water Heater in Kitchen.

Electric for vendors was removed & put away by Werner Jud & Pat Hutson.

Culvert at end of back field: Scott’s repair is working.

Artifact case: No further developments. Neena read a suggestion that this could be worked on during Caver Appreciation Weekend. This project does not seem appropriate for a crew of people for a short time.

COG: The changes to the offer were made and sent to COG (attn.: Patrick Gibson). Letter of acceptance was received. The next step is to review this change in the Management Committee with RKC at their next meeting in September.

Waiver: In light of the addition of COG to the Management Committee, Neena thought it would be an appropriate time to update the Waiver of Liability. She copied the verbiage, made a few pronoun and typographic updates, then reorganized the names and signature section at the bottom.

During the meeting, the following modifications were suggested: edit to say “Adult Caver or Visitor” and add “please print clearly”. This updated waiver can also be reviewed with RKC at their next meeting.

Wi-fi modem security enclosure: The size of 20” wide x 20” deep will hit the bulkhead. A depth of 15” can work. This will need to be reviewed with Patrick Gibson.

Bill Carr raised a concern though about how complex/complicated the system is getting, considering that a computer will need to be reset each time the power goes down, which seems to be about once a week. In any case, a new modem is needed.

Much discussion ensued. The Committee prefers to keep the cost down and the technology relatively simple so that two people can tag-team maintenance of the wi-fi system. The Committee doesn’t mind having a single password for everyone, and would be satisfied if the password is changed as often as quarterly so that people who have not contributed to the wi-fi/long distance fund don’t use up the bandwidth.

Jerry with talk with Patrick to see if he wants to or can still stay involved with wi-fi.

The system of Sherry Johnson-Clements collecting wi-fi donations and GSP pledging to keep the Wi-fi system for a year is up for review at the next meeting (meeting in the field at Caver Appreciation Weekend).

Bushhog is repaired (per Scott Pavey).

New Business:

Water Heater in Showerhouse was installed in 2001 and is an 80 gallon tank. **Werner proposes to purchase a new anode rod for approximately \$70** and install it when the Showerhouse is drained for the winter in hopes of extending the useful life for another several years. The tank is drained each winter by opening the lower drain, therefore any sediment gets drained out. Bill reported that he looked at the condition of the element a year and a half ago, and it looked good.

All agreed to this cost.

A swampy zone near road in front of Showerhouse has been observed. This is likely from the combination of the heavy rains as well as heavy use of the showerhouse inundating the leach field. Pat Hutson presented a proposal to install 300’ of drain pipe to cover most of vendor row as well as in front of the showerhouse, trench across the road, and discharge to the creek. His projected cost is \$2957. Pat can do this project within 3-4 weeks, and after that he will be too busy with work until winter.

Discussion: although the budget is tight, the cost can be absorbed; it is a good plan.

Neena Jud made a motion to accept Pat Hutson’s proposal to drain the field in front of the showerhouse and most of vendor’s row as outlined in his proposal (attached) with a budget of \$3000.

All in favor.

Coming events

Saturday, August 15, 2015 Lyla Powell & niece Becky Cameron will be at GSP with Becky’s group from work.

Caver Appreciation weekend will be weekend after Labor Day – September 12-13, 2015.

RKC will have a member's weekend on September 25-27, 2015.

Scott Pavey moved to adjourn the meeting, Werner Jud seconded. Meeting ended at 9:11 pm.

**Next meeting will be:
10 am Sunday September 13, 2015 under the Shelter at GSP.**

Drain Field in front of Shower House

Equipment Rental - Excavator		280
Rock 3 Large Loads 80 Ton		1090
4" Drain Pipe	900'	450
6" Outlet Pipe	100'	244
Drain Box	1	80
Filter Fabric	100'	120
Grass Seed Next Spring		100
Fuel		<u>100</u>
		2464
20% FUF		<u>492.80</u>
		\$2956.80

I will supply My Bobcat, Pickup + Return
Excavator and all Supplies

Pat HF



