

Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve Committee Meeting

February 11, 2016 – Jerry Brandenburg’s house

Committee Members Present:

Jerry Brandenburg
Neena Jud
Werner Jud

Scott Pavey
Dan Zubal (online)

Also attending:

Gary Bush (online)
Bill Carr (online)
Sean Cain (online)
Bob Dobbs

Patrick Gibson (online)
Dennis Green (online)
David Lee
Darryl Marsh (online)

Meeting started at 7:25 pm

Secretary’s Report:

Neena sent out the January meeting minutes on 1/31/2016. No objections or corrections.

Process discussions: It was decided that Neena will distribute the meeting minutes to the Committee and other interested people as she has been doing. This will include a request for the Committee members to advise of their acceptance of the minutes as written or corrections to be made. Once she has received five responses accepting the minutes, she will send the redacted copy to Gary to post on the web.

Caretaker’s Report:

Bill has had some issues with the water lines since our last meeting. There was a lot of air in the lines. The Representative from Eastern Rockcastle Water Works recommended purging the lines from the lowest points. Bill opened the faucets at his house, the Showerhouse and outside the kitchen for about an hour and observed a lot of muddy (silty) water coming out of the lines at his house and the Showerhouse. This problem was not noticed outside the kitchen. It is mostly cleared up, but there are still some fine particles visible in the water. Bill does not recommend anyone consuming the water until this clears up. Gary Bush suggested the white particles might be scale. Werner suggested asking the Water Works guy to test the water for us. Bill will let it try to clear for a week or so before doing that.

Bill requested a copy of the current GCG membership list. Gary will send it to him.

Treasurer’s Report:

Expenses exceeded Income this month. Financial Report available upon request.

Old Business

Tractor parts: The tractor part arrived at Moon Tractor Company. It will be shipped directly to Bill.

Zero-turn maintenance: Southeastern Farm Supply will look at the Zero-turn. No appointment is necessary. As mentioned before, assistance requested to load it on a trailer with working tail lights.

WiFi modem/router: An extender for the WiFi system at the ticket house is needed. Patrick Gibson will loan us one for Open House.

Water Regulator repair project: Jerry has receipts for Werner for this project. Werner has the new parts for the water line vault in front of the Showerhouse.

Management Plan: was submitted to the Executive Board of GCG before their last Board meeting. Werner requested they review and approve it soon so it can be submitted to RKC before their March Annual meeting.

GSP fundraising/friendraising: Bob Dobbs has invited Anne Nash, fundraising advisor, to visit GSP in March.

April 20, 2016, Wednesday Richmond Rotary Club presentation

June 4, 2016 Best date for white collar dinner in the Cave

Outlets at Electric Sites: When the weather gets better Werner Jud & Dan Zubal will get back to replacing them.

New Business:

In order to prepare for the Spring Field trips, Bill & Bob Dobbs have discussed getting a new screen, painting the existing screen, and getting a new, brighter projector because the ambient lighting outside the Shelter can overpower the images on the current screen. Material cost to repaint the existing screen is about \$200. For minimal additional cost, a new screen could be purchased. Bob has 6 donated projectors in his garage to test.

COG requested approval to host the Pittsburg Grotto at GSP the weekend of June 10-12, 2016. NJ moved to approve, JB 2nd, no objections

DUG requested approval to hold Wormfest at GSP the weekend of August 12-14, 2016. Expected attendance is 50-100 people. Use of Shelter/Kitchen was requested. Priority Use (not exclusive use) approved. It should be noted that there will be a small scout group at GSP, but the groups can be kept separate.

Scout Camporee: Darryl Marsh has been communicating with a member of Mt. Laurel District of the BSA that wants to return to GSP for a Camporee. It would be for upwards of 200 scouts and adults and involve camping for at least one night. He requested approval of weekends to offer them. Agreement was reached on the following Saturdays: June 25, July 2, 9, 30, August 20, 27 and September 3 (Labor Day).

Scout Wild Cave trips: Darryl expressed his appreciation to all who volunteer to guide or tailgun cave trips for Scouts. Scout troops have been turned away because the Saturdays they requested have been full. Some troops are close enough to GSP that Sunday cave trips would work for them. Darryl would like to offer limited caving on Sundays if he has verified guides and tail gunners. NJ so moved, SP 2nd, no objections – approved.

Open House: Wendy Orlandi & Mark Swelstad sent a message through Dan Zubal wondering if we would like them to handle the kitchen for Open House. The response was a resounding YES! It was decided to plan for 1200-1500 visitors over the two day weekend, offer breakfast to the volunteers both days, and have a potluck for Saturday night dinner.

We need someone to handle running Open House (the hood ornament). A system and timeline has been developed over the years by Bob Dobbs (see attached).

- The date has been listed in the Kentucky Living Magazine.
- Someone needs to contact the Livingston Fire Department to confirm their participation.

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm.

**Next meeting will be:
7:00 pm March 10, 2016 at Jerry Brandenburg's home.**

Calendar Summary

School field trips are likely to be the last weekend in April through the first three weekends in May.

April 20, 2016	Wednesday Richmond Rotary Club presentation
June 4, 2016	Best date for white collar dinner in the Cave
April 29-May 2, 2016	Amber Yuellig's Ball State Archeological investigation
April 30, 2016	Open House work weekend
May 14-15, 2016	Open House
May 21, 2016	Larry Simpson's daughter's wedding reception
June 10-12, 2016	COG will host Pittsburg Grotto at GSP
June 17-19, 2016	reserved for GCG to hold KOR (if they get a chair)
August 12-14, 2016	DUG will host Wormfest at GSP

Timeline for Open House at Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve

January

- ▶ Confirm date and put in GCG, BGG, and DUG newsletter calendars and online calendars.
- ▶ Appoint someone to run open house and schedule work weekend two weeks before Open House to get grounds and cave ready.
- ▶ Contact Livingston Fire Department to verify date with them.
- ▶ Contact Kentucky Living Magazine to list the event www.KentuckyLiving.com > Travel & Events
- ▶ Contact Rockcastle Tourism to advise of the date.

March

- ▶ Inventory supplies to be sold at the "cave store" and reorder items needed. Some possible sources are Speleobooks, Oriental Express, Cappels, and dollar stores. Also check stores for after-Halloween sales in the fall.
- ▶ Call Loveless Sanitation to schedule cleaning of on site port-o-lets and delivery of two additional (but the Green Latrine is where the additional ones usually are located).

April

- ▶ Update flyer and get copies.
 - 50 full page color are to be posted in store fronts, etc.
 - 800 half page black and white are to be placed on counters in businesses.
- ▶ Start putting articles in GCG, BGG, and DUG newsletters to get volunteers and promote Open House.
- ▶ Contact newspapers in the third week of April to have the date put in to run for three weeks straight before Open House.
 - Mt. Vernon Signal runs reduced version of flyer for free.
 - Richmond Register and the Sentinel Echo in London put it in their community calendar for free (they prefer a pdf).
- ▶ Appoint someone to buy/make and serve the free soup beans, cornbread, lemonade, and coffee to be served at the shelter.
 - 230-8 oz servings of beans (about 18 institutional size cans from GSS).
 - 5 lbs onions, 5 lbs salt pork for seasoning
 - 230 servings of cornbread (four boxes of GFS mix)
 - 200 servings of lemonade
 - 50 cups of coffee
 - Pans, bowls, spoons, cups, napkins, creamer, sweetener, stirrers for the above
- ▶ Print cave maps to give away during Open House.

Two weeks before Open House: Work weekend to get the grounds and Cave ready

- ▶ Follow up with Loveless Sanitation.
- ▶ Initial mowing, weed whipping, gather fallen branches, trim sagging tree branches, service outhouses, check cave lights, clean kitchen.
- ▶ Distribute flyers at business, restaurants, and tourist centers in and around Mt. Vernon.

Friday (day before Open House)

- ▶ Haul 3 picnic tables, 3 garbage cans, two chairs and a bench from shower house to cave entrance.
- ▶ Put up canopies and straighten up ticket shack.
- ▶ Clean up under shelter and arrange tables.
- ▶ Make sure you have change for the Cave Store.

Saturday morning

- ▶ Pull counter out of ticket shack and set items out for sale. Sweep out ticket shack and put up posters and displays.
- ▶ Put signs out at front gate, at the Y in front of Bill's house, at the bottom and top of the steps.
- ▶ Put up Melissa Soluski's Face cut-out painting.
- ▶ Open main gate and service gate and put orange cones in service road entrance.

Pray for Good Weather

Bob Dobbs
May 2010