

Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve

Committee Meeting

MARCH 10, 2016 – Jerry Brandenburg's house

Jerry called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

In attendance: Jerry Brandenburg, Scott Pavey, Brian Pitcher, David Lee, Bob Dobbs.

In virtual attendance: Tama Cassidy, Sean Cain, Dan Zubal, Patrick Gibson and Bill Carr

Scott made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting, Motion was 2nd by Tama and the minutes were accepted. Tama took the minutes for this meeting since Neena was not in attendance.

BC Caretakers report

- The dumpster has been changed out and moved farther away from the creek
- The porta potties were cleaned this weekend.
- Bill has talked to Shawn about the KOR and Open House porta potties. This is set up to go.
- The old lock in the ticket house door has been removed from the door and set aside. It was recently repaired and re-keyed, but it locked itself one day (an old habit which caused it's decommissioning in the first place many years ago). The Ticket House remains locked with the keyed lock and hasp on the outside.
- Shower house is in progress, Brian Pitcher asked Bill to hold off on opening it so that it could be sanded and painted before it gets all wet. Brian and David Lee will be working on it this coming weekend.
- WIFI is up and working there is a password on it. The password will be given out by request.
- Bill is working on getting a new modem
- A tree fell across the electric to the point. The tree was partially in the creek. Matt Fille moved the tree off the wire. There is still the branchy part of the tree in the creek.
- Jerry has hooked the electric back up to the point.
- Bill reported that a tractor part was in and would be in the white cabinet in the tractor barn.
- Bill is working on getting a projector screen for the shelter.
- Scott made a motion to allocate 150 for the new screen, Tama Seconded the motion. One hundred and fifty dollars will be allocated for the screen in the shelter. Bob will pick it up at Staples and he will be reimbursed for it.
- The large trailer was rewired for lights. The lights will not be stored on the trailer in order to extend their life.
- The zero turn is currently in London for repairs on the hydraulics.
- The mounds of dirt will be leveled out and has been confirmed with Pat. Pat will take care of it when the weather breaks.
- We will get grass seed for open house. Scott said we had plenty of straw we could put down. The area may need to be roped off for open house depending on how much grass has grown.

- Please leave the glass sliding door on the mondo open with the screen door closed so air can get in but not the critters.
- The land line hand set does not hang on the hook anymore. David will swap the old phone out with a phone that works.
- There were some shingles that blew off of the shelter house that will need to be checked.
- There was some question about a cave light that was reported to be not working perhaps the light on the pole outside of the cave.

Treasurer's report

The Treasurer's report was viewed on line and Scott made a motion to accept the report. Dan seconded the motion. The report was accepted. The Budget discussion was tabled until the April meeting.

Jerry reported that the Management plan was accepted by GCG and it will now go to RKC.

Bill requested some sort of calendar be made so that everyone was aware of group happenings.

April 20 Bob Dobbs will speak at the Richmond Rotary Club.

May 13 Bob has an elementary school field trip.

May 14-15 Open House

June 4th is the White Collar dinner in the cave.

June 10-12 COG request GSP for caving.

August 12-14 DUG requested GSP for Wormfest with the shelter and kitchen (but we could share with a few cavers)

OPEN HOUSE - May 14-15

COG will prepare the soup beans & cornbread as well as breakfast for volunteers. They will have control of the kitchen, no one else will have access.

There is a Face Book event page for open house created just last night that has had 4,600 viewings.

Last year's attendance was approx. 2,200. COG kitchen crew was advised to plan on 2,000 people.

Dan has a time line from Neena. As well as a list of what was purchased last year.

For open house the traffic flow will change to incoming down the hill towards scout camp and exit up past the shelter.

There is a rendezvous group of reenactors, about 10 to 15 people, interested in coming to open house. It was requested that when they set up they move back from the road about 10 feet or so to allow for foot traffic off the road, allowing cars to still drive through.

There was some question as to where the cube was or the square for taking credit cards, as well as an Ipad??

Bob will get toys and lights for selling.

Dan will work with David on getting information on how to best get electric to the point. They will look at going across the Dam, using poles and using trees. (Then there was a brief discussion on curling).

BC asked Patrick to get something for the ticket house for the internet.

Bob requested the wifi password be given out with camping passes.

The password for the wifi password is gspcaves all in lower case.

The next meeting will be April 7th. Same time same bat station.

Scott moved to adjourn the meeting, Tama seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.

[Corrections to minutes shown in blue added during the April meeting.](#)