

Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve Committee Meeting

August 11, 2016 – Jerry Brandenburg’s house

Committee Members Present:

Jerry Brandenburg
Fred Ball (online)
Neena Jud
Werner Jud

Scott Pavey
Bob Roth (online)
Dan Zubal (online)

Also attending:

Bill Carr (online)
Bob Dobbs

Patrick Gibson (online)
Darry Marsh (online)

Meeting started at 7:14 pm

Secretary’s Report:

WJ made a motion to accept the minutes from last month, DZ 2nd.

Caretaker’s Report:

Mowing has been done and Port-O-Lets have been cleaned in preparation for Wormfest. As reported last month, many branches overhanging the road still need to be trimmed. This may make it difficult for large campers to get down to the electric sites.

The throttle cable on the zero-turn is fixed enough to use it, but it is very difficult to operate. It is kinda short. The clutch on the tractor requires two people to adjust it. Scott Pavey will try to get there the weekend before Caver Appreciation weekend.

Scott can get the manual for the John Deere zero-turn in Batesville. The money for that purchase is in BC’s hands.

Ralph reports that the register is out of pages. Bill will go to Office Max to copy more.

Werner reports that there are some lights in the cave that need to be re-lamped, this includes Bunker Hill, near Pig-Pen, and mid-level lights in Echo Auditorium.

SP made a motion to accept the Caretaker’s report, DZ 2nd.

Treasurer’s Report:

Expenses exceeded income for the month of July. Financial report available upon request.

Old Business

Road Repair grant funding: No new information. Grant application is still going through the process.

GSP fundraising/friendraising: Dinner in the Mountain update

- Website is live. Posts are going out on facebook to advertise. Save the Date cards have been mailed. Nineteen tickets have been sold so far.
- Bob is encouraging everyone to ask co-workers, employers and friends to buy tickets or tables. He will also be asking cavers (individuals or grottos) to buy tables.
- Information on the event can be found at MusicInTheMountain.com.

- Tickets are \$150 each. Tables will seat eight people.
- Sponsors at the \$2,000 level will get a table and full page ad in program. Sponsors at \$1000 level will get four seats at a table and half page ad in program. He would like to add a \$500 level sponsor who would only get an advertisement – no seats. No objections voiced.
- Mike McKinney & George Ridings have a press release to send to newspapers. Neena will forward the email addresses for newspapers that have published press releases for us in the past.
- Volunteers will be needed the day of the event. Bob asks that people wear a long sleeve white button down shirt (aka dress shirt) and he will provide a tie for everyone.
 - Ticket takers
 - Escorts to lead people into Echo Auditorium
 - Golf Cart Driver
 - Cave Tour guides (4:00 - 5:00 and 7:00 – 8:00)
 - Parking directors (but maybe Bob can get the Jr ROTC to do this)
- Since this is a fundraising effort, all covers assisting and eating will be asked to cover the bare costs of their meal, which may range from \$35 to \$50 depending on how many full price tickets are sold and what the final expenses are.
- Paper tickets can be bought directly from Bob Dobbs, otherwise purchase online.
- Ralph Hacker was the “Voice of the Wildcats”, a radio announcer for UK sports. He will be doing the speaking on behalf of RKC. Neena to forward to Bob the information prepared for the radio interview prior to MIM.
- The caterer will bring their own tables and chairs and stuff. This will need to be taken into the Cave. Lighting and screen placement should be verified 1-2 weeks prior.

Strategic Plan: Tentative date & location: Sunday, November 6 or 13, 2016 at Jerry’s.

Dog issue at the Shelter: The Committee will be enforcing the rule that dogs are to be kept away from the Shelter during times of heavy use. Werner prepared a draft of something to send to all the Managing Grottos to be included in their newsletters. He will distribute that to all in attendance. All are requested to review and comment by the end of the week so it can be sent out.

The signs that were posted for KOR stating “No Dogs allowed in or around the Shelter” have been taken down. We need to replace them.

Scout Shelter furnishings: Jerry Brandenburg & Dan Zubal returned the signed paperwork to Samuel Mauney. He received the dimensions and materials list from Bill Carr. He is very early in his Eagle Scout project and no update was heard from him this month.

Second signature on accounts: is still needed. This would preferably be the next candidate for Treasurer. 2016 Audit is still needed.

Concert in the Cave: Justin Tucker is looking towards Spring 2017. Timbre will visit the Cave to check it out. They will handle all the promotion, as she has her own following.

Scout Jamboree will not happen this year.

Virtual Reality: nothing from Jared Embree recently.

Michael St. Amour (aka Johnny Appleseed); nothing further about the trees that we authorized last year.

Artifact Case: The Committee is looking for someone to manage the project of reconstructing and preserving the artifacts.

Collar around recycling cans: Scott will construct this by next Spring. He envisions a white picket fence around the cans which can be moved from one location to another if desired.

COG probationary period ended in March. YAY! Thanks for the COG energy!

No New Business:

Meeting ended at 9:07 pm.

Next meeting will be:

7:00 pm, Thursday September 15, 2016 at Jerry Brandenburg's house.

Calendar Summary

August 12-14, 2016	DUG will host Wormfest at GSP
September 10, 2016	Caver Appreciation Weekend
September 11, 2016	RKC meeting at 10:00 am under the Shelter
September 24, 2016	White Collar dinner in the Cave
November 6 or 13, 2016	GSP Strategic Planning Meeting