

Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve Committee Meeting

May 7, 2017 – GSP Shelter

Committee Members Present:

Jerry Brandenburg
Fred Ball
Neena Jud

Werner Jud
Bob Roth
Dan Zubal

Also attending:

Bill Carr
Bob Dobbs
Tim Hale
Amy Hill

Pat Hutson
Patrick Gibson (online)
Darlene Kisner

Meeting started at 10:15 am

Secretary's Report:

Dan Zubal made a motion to accept the minutes from last month, FB 2nd.

Caretaker's Report:

Bill is in the midst of the fourth mowing of this year. Will finish Wednesday-Thursday of next week. He got new shear bolts for the mowing deck, because a sweatshirt that had been left in the grass got all bound up in the blades and the pins got bent.

Loveless is confirmed for four Port-O-Let servicings this month. The extra trips schedule in May are Saturday of Open House and the following Wednesday.

Bill put new pages in the Register at the kiosk. Extra pages are in the gray filing cabinet in the Kitchen. He keeps the filled pages in his house.

Dan Zubal made a motion to accept the Caretaker's report, FB 2nd.

Treasurer's Report:

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

Old Business

Timbre concert in GSP has been cancelled.

Road Repair grant funding: Nothing new.

Light on the American Flag: Gary and Werner are on it.

Open House:

The Rockcastle High School Jr ROTC will help with parking. They will arrive Friday and will camp both Friday & Saturday nights. They will be directed to camp a good distance off the road in Scout Camp.

Volunteers should park vehicles at their campsite or at the Tractor barn. Camping should be around the bend or generally out of sight from the Shelter and Cave. We will have one way traffic.

Discussion ensued about adding gravel to the road prior to Open House. **Dan Zubal made a motion to get a single axle truck load of Dense Grade Aggregate with fines dumped in the Upper Parking Lot that we can use to fill in the low spots. Fred Ball seconded the motion. No objections.** Bill will call Everett Wagner to get the gravel delivered as soon as possible. Pat Hutson may be able to bring his bobcat down next weekend and spread the gravel.

There will be an orientation meeting for all guides, Saturday morning of Open House 8:30 am at the Shelter.

A few guides should be at the Cave entrance by 9:30.

Additional copies of the Cave Map are needed. We have about 150. Neena will contact Ron Hager to have 500 more printed. We have sufficient number of Tour facts sheets.

Bronze plaque honoring Ellie Schiller: No further developments.

The Ticket House Matt's concept drawing will have text written by Bill Addington which briefly explains the project and asks for donations. This will be made into a 24" x 36" size poster by Ron Hager, who can also provide a couple of easels for display.

After Open House, stuff needs to be cleaned out of the Ticket House to provide room to work. It was decided that T-shirts & merchandise could go in the back room of Bill's house. Stuff not subject to pilferage can be moved to one side and tarped, or moved into the old Men's Toilet Room. It was also decided to remove all old plumbing fixtures.

EKU meeting: On Thursday April 27, 2017, Neena met with Melissa Dieckmann, Chair of the Department of Geosciences at Eastern Kentucky University to discuss developing a relationship between ECU and RKC/GSP. This could provide ECU with a place to take students for hands-on learning experiences, which would give RKC/GSP more data and information about the cave and the Preserve.

An initial visit by ECU professors & staff was proposed for Monday after Open House, during which they could see the Preserve and begin to visualize how they might incorporate it into their teaching. It was requested that the meeting be early on Monday. Four to six people in today's meeting should be able to be there, and maybe others from RKC could join.

RKC/GSP should be prepared to talk about what we think is highest priority for them to start on. Cleaning up the tea lights in Roundstone, although not directly related to RKC/GSP, is foremost for everyone.

New Business:

Kitchen Totes: Dan Zubal observed that one or two new totes were needed in the Kitchen for supplies. Dan to get what is needed and be reimbursed.

Recycling: Rockcastle Recycling came to pick up our recycling, but they didn't take much since it was not separated and bagged. After the last School Field trip, Bob Dobbs separated and bagged much of it and found a lot of trash mixed in. They don't take cardboard or paper – only glass, metals, and plastics 1 & 2 (with openings smaller than container). We need signage on the recycling bins, with graphics indicating what goes in each. Werner to check with James Renner to see if he has information or standardized symbology for this. Jerry can come up with a framework for the signage.

Bill reported that Renner gets yearly grants to build recycling trailers. As a non-profit, we would be eligible to apply for the same funding. He suggested that Renner's craftsman could fabricate a trailer to our specifications. Werner to ask James Renner about the grant program and his recycling trailers.

Project List - Brief update: Scout Shelter Bulletin Board is completed and installed (thanks Jerry!). The Lower Mondo Porch Floor has been replaced. Budget for the Ticket House has been set at \$20,000.

WJ made a motion to adjourn, FB 2nd.

Meeting ended at 11:40 am.

**Next meeting will be:
7:00 pm, Thursday June 8, 2017 at Jerry Brandenburg's house.**

Calendar Summary:

May 11, 2017	School Field Trip – 44 Laurel County 4 th graders
May 20-21, 2017	Open House at GSP
May 22, 2017	EKU professors tour of GSP
May 26-27, 2017	Speleofest at Lone Star Preserve
May 27, 2017	Mullins family reunion at the Shelter
June 11, 2017	RKC Meeting
June 17-24, 2017	NCRC Training in Bend Oregon
June 19-23, 2017	NSS Convention in Rio Rancho, New Mexico
July 21-23, 2017	Karst O Rama at GSP
September 9, 2017	Caver Appreciation Weekend at GSP