

Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve Committee Meeting

July 13, 2017 – Jerry Brandenburg's house

Committee Members Present:

Fred Ball (online)
Jerry Brandenburg
Neena Jud
Werner Jud

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

Also attending:

Sean Cain (online)
Bill Carr (online)

Bob Dobbs
Patrick Gibson (online)

Meeting started at 7:06 pm

Secretary's Report:

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

Caretaker's Report:

The final mowing for KOR has begun. Scott Pavey mowed the back fields, Jerry will mow middle field (arriving late Friday). Bill Carr refilled the gas & diesel cans.

The large dumpster has been delivered to replace the small one which was full.

Port-O-Lets are arriving. Werner asked Bill to remind Shawn to send an invoice for the first half of 2017.

Don Brandner arrived this afternoon. BC will work on getting electric to registration. Fred Ball will arrive Thursday afternoon.

RKC will need to have a tent set up. Mary Gratsch will be in charge to the RKC outreach at KOR.

There may be a need for power at the east end of the upper parking lot. There is apparently a break in the triplex line that goes up the road to the post at the end. Discussion of wrapping the line with yellow caution tape and moving it out of the way.

Scott Pavey made a motion to accept the Caretaker's report, NJ 2nd.

Treasurer's Report:

Income exceeded Expenses in June. Financial Report available upon request.

Elizabeth from the Blue Grass Grotto was a great assistance to Werner in counting the donations at the end of each day at Open House. She may be a candidate for treasurer, and has indicated that she is willing to do this. Bob Roth will coordinate an exchange of emails & phone numbers between Elizabeth & Werner.

Add a line to future camping passes: "This does not include electric"

Bob Dobbs gave a receipt for unleaded gas to Werner.

Dan Zubal made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, SP 2nd

Old Business

Road Repair grant funding: Our contact expects the Environmental & Historic Preservation Review to be concluded in August.

Thanks to Patrick Gibson for sending a thank you note to the Rockcastle High School Jr ROTC for their help at Open House.

The Ticket House has had minimal progress this month. The tents from Open House are still in the way. Nonetheless, Bob had lumber delivered to the Tractor Barn for this project. He asked all to review the narrative on the group fb page and give him comments.

Recycling corral: Scott Pavey delivered it to the Shelter and got everything set up. The cans fit in nice and snug.

KOR prep: The women's side of the Showerhouse is cleaned. (The women's bench is halfway up the hill to the cave at a landing) There was a wasp nest in the men's side hindering the efforts of the cleaner. The bug lights in front of the Showerhouse were replaced with spares found in the Kitchen. Debi Pavey thoroughly cleaned the Kitchen.

There are 178 people pre-registered for KOR, in comparison to 102 last year. Either we will have a greater number of attendees (since we typically get the same number of on-site registrations as pre-reg) or more people pre-registered to be able to purchase the t-shirt.

BC is handling campground security, but we need a dedicated person for Cave security. Fred Ball will handle this. Names & wristband numbers will be recorded as well as time entering and whether they have exited the cave. We will need signs stating the Cave's open hours. Since Mike Wuerth is in charge of signs, we should ask him to prepare three – one each for Registration, Shelter & Cave.

Fred offered to give an educational trip through the Cave, and asked for a cheat sheet.

Concert: The Kentucky Music Hall of Fame "Concert in the Cave" was cancelled by them due to insufficient lead time.

Recycling: Werner has the verbiage to let James Renner know what our signs should say. They will not be ready for KOR.

Flagpole light: Werner reports that the quick disconnect worked well when he & Neena took down the flagpole to straighten & secure the GSP flag.

New Business:

Tractor: Scott Pavey recommends making the following purchases:

- Blades \$75.00 a set
- Tires \$95.00 each, two are needed.

Scott was authorized to use the credit card and handle it.

The four wheel drive is partially repaired but will need two new seals and two new bearings after KOR. Bill Carr will order these parts from Moon Tractor. When Scott is at the Preserve for the November 4th Scout trip, he will pull the four wheel drive assembly and take it home to rebuild it in his shop. He will return it in a couple of weeks.

Visitors locked in Preserve: BC reports that 3 different families have been locked into the GSP property over the last month. He suggests we have a sign saying that GSP is closed. Two were let in by Scouts leaving for a wild cave trip thinking they were cavers who belonged. One time Roger June did the same thing. All are requested to consider options to address this.

Scott Pavey made a motion to adjourn, WJ 2nd.

Meeting ended at 8:10 pm.

**Next meeting will be:
7:00 pm, Thursday August 10, 2017 at Jerry Brandenburg's house.**

Calendar Summary:

- July 21-23, 2017 Karst O Rama at GSP
- September 9, 2017 Caver Appreciation Weekend at GSP