

Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve Committee Meeting

September 10, 2017 – GSP Shelter

Committee Members Present:

Jerry Brandenburg
Fred Ball
Tama Cassidy
Neena Jud

Werner Jud
Scott Pavey
Bob Roth
Dan Zubal

Also attending:

Bill Carr
Elizabeth Copeland
Bob Dobbs
Beau Gergel
Ron Hager

Darryl Marsh
Tammy Otten
Brian Pitcher
Pete Stow
Danny Young

Meeting started at 10:17 am

Secretary's Report:

Someone made a motion to accept the minutes from last month while the Secretary was getting organized, someone else 2nd.

Caretaker's Report:

Bill Carr continued to mow in preparation for this weekend.

Scott Pavey brought a lawn sweeper to the Preserve which Bill used on the main field. The piles of grass were visible near the creek to those in attendance.

Mice chewed through the internet wires in the wall of the Shelter. Bill Carr was authorized to buy a new 50' cable.

Although the dumpster does not look like it is full, rain compacts the materials therein. A decision was made to have it switched out for a small dumpster.

There are still two extra Port-o-lets on site from KOR. A decision was made to keep them here through October for School Field Trips.

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

Treasurer's Report:

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

Boy Scout Troop 186 installed gutters on the Scout Shelter. This work was coordinated by Darryl Marsh. The Troop received a \$75.00 reduction in their camping fees, and we are expecting bills for the materials to be paid out of the Scout Fund.

Fred Ball made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, TC 2nd

Old Business

Road Repair: The grant funding has been approved. Neena will be the Project Manager. She and Werner in his role as Treasurer had a meeting with the Grant Coordinator on

Friday evening to review the payment application paperwork. We have nine months (until Open House 2018) to complete the project to cut or re-cut swales on the uphill side of the gravel road from the split below Bill's house to the Shelter, to install two culverts across the road, to compact & regrade the gravel road, and plant water loving grasses & sedges for absorption and concealment.

Federal FEMA will be contributing 75%, Kentucky will contribute 12% and we will need volunteer labor to equate to 13% of the project costs. Neena included a line item in the budget for fuel for the volunteers to cover food and some gas cards.

A meeting at the Preserve will be arranged in late October or early November with those who want to be involved in this project. Please let Neena know if you are interested.

The Ticket House roof rafters have been tied together and excavation has begun in earnest for new south footing. Manpower is needed to move a lot of dirt and rock to get to a good bearing surface.

Tractor: Scott Pavey will take the differential out in November and take only that to his home shop.

New tires and blades have been installed on the zero turn. The tread pattern is more aggressive for use on our hills. Be careful when turning so that you do not scalp the grass.

Recycling signs: Werner sent the information to James Renner who will have signs made for us at no charge. We have a responsibility as an Environmental Conservancy to minimize our waste.

Trail Camera was put in place aimed at the dumpster to attempt to record the wild animal scattering trash from the dumpster. It successfully recorded three crows a fox, a few other small animals and ... (wait for it)... some humans relieving themselves on the recycling bins.

Friends of GSP: Bob Dobbs would like to revive the idea of a "Friends of GSP" group to involve local volunteers to help us around the Preserve. He spoke with Tony Renner about this idea, and he is willing to be an intermediary.

Tama Cassidy is the Public Education Coordinator for the Miami County Park District in Troy, Ohio. They have an active volunteer program and she will bring information to GSP of how that volunteer group is structured.

New Business:

Lost Child: This morning, and through the meeting, calls came in to the Shelter looking for cavers to volunteer to help with a search for a lost child near Wind Cave in Jackson County. Bob Roth will be leaving after the meeting to volunteer. If anyone else wants to participate, contact Bob for details.

Handwashing Stations: When Dan Zubal was at OTR, he saw molded plastic handwashing stations and thought that they would be helpful for us at Open House and KOR. It was commented that they are rather expensive. Dan will gather more information.

Saturday night the new board of the Greater Cincinnati Grotto was instated. The new grotto chair, Danny Young, asked Jerry to continue as Chair of the GSP Committee. He agreed and is asking all the committee members if they will also continue to serve. All agreed (including Werner who is staying on for another year to handle the Road Repair Grant paperwork).

Werner Jud made a motion to adjourn, SP 2nd.

Meeting ended approximately 11:50 am.

Next meeting will be:

7:00 pm, Thursday October 12, 2017 at Jerry Brandenburg's house.

Tama Cassidy agreed to take minutes in Neena's absence.

Calendar Summary:

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| September 19, 2017 | 7 pm RKC meeting – Cinti contingent meet at Jud's house |
| September 22, 2017 | BSA Troops 258 & 646 |
| October 27, 2017 | BSA Troop 930 |
| November 3, 2017 | BSA Troops 631 & 741 |