

# Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve

## Committee Meeting

January 11, 2018 – Jerry Brandenburg's house

### Committee Members Present:

Jerry Brandenburg  
Fred Ball (online)  
Elizabeth Copelin (online)  
Neena Jud

Werner Jud  
Scott Pavey (online)  
Dan Zubal (online)

### Also attending:

Bill Carr (online)  
Bob Dobbs

Debi Pavey (online)

### 7:12 Jerry called the meeting to order.

**Secretary's report:** Werner Jud made a motion to accept the minutes that were taken by Tama Cassidy, SP 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### Caretaker's report

Bill Carr reports that the weather has been nasty at GSP. The day before this meeting, Loveless serviced the Port-O-Lets and created a bunch of ruts in the ground in front of the main units. Bill figures this was done by one of Sean's associates since he knows about our soft ground areas. Bill wondered if he should call to nicely mention this, and got an affirmative answer.

Some items were delivered to the Post Office box that were intended for others. There was a check, which Bill mailed to Werner on 1/10/18. And there was an envelope from Google My Business addressed to Darryl Marsh at 237 Saltpetre Cave Road. The Postal employees put it in the PO box. Bill was asked to open it, which revealed it to be a google verification code. Bill will give it to Darryl this weekend.

NJ moved to accept the caretakers report, DZ 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### Treasurer's report

*Income exceeded Expenses for the month of December 2017. Financial Report available upon request.*

### Old business

Road Repair: Neena submitted a quarterly report to our Grant Manager, stating the project was 5% complete. Materials have been ordered and are ready for delivery. Jerry took care of the tree clearing at the swale. Neena verified pricing for the heavy equipment.

Filter fabric & grass seed await resolution. Neena to email coverage area to Scott for purchasing of seed. Work will get underway as weather allows.

The Ticket House has seen little progress this month. Jerry needs to get a hammer drill to break up some large chunks of rock in the excavation.

Electric to the Point is on hold until the road repair is completed, per Dan Z. Jerry installed the weather protection cap on the second pole.

Data Logger: no new information from Jeff Young about this.

Property Line survey: Neena emailed copies of our survey drawing and metes & bounds description to Committee members and others. Werner still intends to lead a hike along the property line, but the weather has not been favorable.

BC visited the area near where he saw the logging preparations. Nothing has changed.

Friends of GSP: Bob Dobbs reports that this will require a concerted effort by more than one person to develop since it can have a major impact on visitation and relationships with the managing grottos. Elizabeth Copelin will work with him on this. Eventually will need an online presence and brochure. This whole process will probably take a year.

**Motion:** Authorize Bob Dobbs to form a subcommittee which would develop a draft of an organizational structure to form a Friends of GSP group. This would address issues of dues, visitation policy, & local support. It would return to the whole GSP Committee to be hashed out. Neena so moved, EC 2<sup>nd</sup>, no opposition.

A former GCG member has been visiting GSP and not paying for camping. He claimed to have a camping pass, but Werner disagrees – no pass was purchased. This person is not a member of COG, per Patrick Gibson, nor of DUG per Fred Ball. Werner sent a letter asking him to contribute his fair share and follow the rules about visitation. No word has been heard from him since.

Changing the gate combination involves notifying many services & utilities and is done with a few months advance notice.

### **New Business:**

Werner Jud saw an article in the Mt. Vernon Signal, then another in Kentucky Living magazine about leasing shares in a solar farm that has been constructed near Winchester. For a one-time payment of \$460, the customer would get a 25 year lease on the output of a single solar panel which was projected to produce 460 kilowatts per year. He asked if the Committee wants him to look into leasing a panel for the Cave meter. Considering our electric usage by the Campground and Tractor Barn meters, those would probably not be worth it. But the Cave meter, which also serves the Shelter, records the most electric usage.

Advantages: It could save us money in the long run. Publicizing this would demonstrate our green image.

Dan asked a question: at what rate would our bill be credited for the energy produced? Werner answered: the same rate as they normally bill us.

**Motion:** Werner to run the numbers and investigate further. Fred Ball so moved, SP 2nd, all in favor.

Kentucky Music Hall of Fame: Bob Dobbs checked in with Avery Bradshaw in November to gauge interest for this year. Avery expressed interest and needed to work on dates. Nothing has been heard since then.

Open House will be May 19 & 20, 2018. We are looking for someone to handle the coordination. Bob Dobbs prepared a valuable timeline & checklist a few years ago. No volunteers spoke up at the meeting. Dan will send the word out through COG, Fred will do likewise with DUG. Fred will be the Gate Master again.

Motion to adjourn was made by NJ and seconded by WJ. Meeting ended at 8:15 pm

**Next meeting will be:  
7:00 pm, Thursday February 8, 2018 at Jerry Brandenburg's house.**

**Calendar Summary:**

February 10, 2018	GCG Cartography exercise in GSP – Howard Kalnitz
February 17, 2018	Venture Crew 128
May 19 & 20, 2018	Open House
June 8-10, 2018	KOR