

# Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve

## Committee Meeting

April 12, 2018 – Jerry Brandenburg's house

### Committee Members Present:

Jerry Brandenburg

Bob Roth for Elizabeth Copelin  
(online)

Neena Jud (online)

Werner Jud (online)

Scott Pavey (online)

Dan Zubal (online)

### Also attending:

Bill Carr (online)

Sean Cain (online)

Bob Dobbs

Patrick Gibson (online)

David Lee

Darryl Marsh (online)

### 7:07 the meeting was called to order.

**Secretary's report:** Dan Zubal made a motion to accept the minutes from the last month's meeting, SP 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### Caretaker's report

Bill Carr reports that the Showerhouse is up and functional, with the exception of the outside shower.

He will start mowing tomorrow in preparation for the filming and school field trips.

Filming starts Monday and goes through Wednesday. Long hours are expected.

The blacktop at the entry is in bad shape, and a small load of gravel is needed for the road to the right from Bill's house towards the upper Mondo.

Bill is concerned about the Recycling boxes and the dumpster because the creek bank is being eroded more and more.

Jackson Energy wants to replace the pole above the Cave, but do not have the equipment to do so at this location. They proposed setting new poles from the pole near Bill's over to the Cave. Bill talked them into at least waiting until after KOR. Patrick Gibson asked if the line could be buried. Bill has not seen that done around here.

There is a Fire Ban on until the end of April. They are having issues in Brodhead with fires.

We now have six Port-O-Lets next to the dumpster & recycling bins. Bill asked that only one person handle ordering these units to avoid mistakes.

The dumpster is full and starting Monday there will be even more trash generated. Decision was made to switch out for another small dumpster.

## **Treasurer's report**

*Expenses exceeded Income this period. Financial Report available upon request.*

### **Old business**

Road Repair: The work is 95% complete. They will return, possibly tomorrow, to smooth out the dirt at the headwall and move the rocks into place. Jerry Brandenburg will be at the Preserve this weekend. He will assess the progress and apply the seed & straw if the dirt is ready. He also reports that with the compaction of the dirt around the Sycamore tree, it will need vertical mulching. Patrick reported that Wendy is working to get \$50 worth of free plants from Franklin County. They will see what they can get that is water loving and native to Kentucky. They might be able to bring them down at Open House.

The Ticket House footing is poured. Last weekend he planned to set the foundation blocks, but got rained out. And next weekend looks equally bad weather. All the materials have been moved to the back or side of the building, cleaning up the view of the building for the visitors. The plan is to frame up the wall, sheath it with oriented strand board (possibly temporarily) and paint it with leftover beige paint.

Friends of GSP: An important decision will be needed on how to handle the money for the Friends. Should it be a separate account, or should it go to GSP and be tracked for Friends?

Bob Dobbs will try to organize a meeting at GSP in the next few weeks with Elizabeth and anyone who is interested. Gary Bush, Janice Gott and Brian Saul should be specifically invited.

Solar Lease: No new information. Werner is setting it aside until later in the year.

Open House: Discussion of kitchen budget. Decision to include some light breakfast and dinner for volunteers and JRROTC kids on Saturday night. Also include Climax Water (with the thought that any left-over will be sold at KOR) and either iced tea or lemonade. Do not include beer for volunteers in the budget.

Neena made a motion to allocate \$1500 to COG for the budget as outlined by Dan and modified as written above. Motion passed with no objections.

Patrick will be directing the JRROTC kids. 20-25 cadets are expected this year to help out with parking, kitchen and shelter. Patrick will wrangle them and rotate them around every couple of hours. They will be camping from Friday night through Sunday. We will waive camping for them and include them in dinner Saturday night.

Dan Zubal launched the facebook page Monday night. It already has many likes and shares. He will share to other local pages in a few weeks (just to be neighborly).

Bob Dobbs lined up some musicians for Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

Bob has the flyers designed and will get them to Ron Hager for printing. In addition he will send the image to Mark Swelstad to share/post.

Kitchen Plumbing: is complete.

Water: Kentucky Water is having billing issues.

Calendar: Gary Bush is not in attendance. Neena reported that she has been discussing the calendar with Gary and they suggest a single log-in to make the calendar restricted to the members of our managing grottos. A decision on this was tabled until Gary can be involved.

It seems that new grotto members do not know how to join the meetings. After discussion, it was decided to share the GoToMeeting log-in information with members of all grottos to make it easy for anyone to participate.

### **New Business:**

Scott Pavey will get oil & filters for the Zero turn to prepare for summer usage.

Bob Dobbs has six school field trips coming up. See calendar below.

The temporary Electric to the Point works only sporadically. Bruce Soluski will work on it this weekend to try to keep power at the Mondo.

A nearby property has been advertised as having a cave which connects to GSP.

Orientation to Cave Rescue classroom portion will be held at the Shelter on April 21. Back-up plan is to hold the classroom in the Cave. On April 22, the training exercise will use Climax. Bob Roth reports that the class is capped at 40 people. There are 37 registrations, but only 26 have paid. He asked if there is a map of the property that he can share with people new to the Preserve. Neena will email a pdf.

Darryl Marsh has been leading introductory caving trips to get new people interested in caving and share opportunities to get involved through volunteering with scout trips and similar endeavors. This has led to some new members in our local grottos.

There are some folks who have been to GSP before, sponsored by a member of a grotto, who have volunteered to help with scout trips. They do not necessarily realize that although they have visited the Preserve and volunteered, they do not have full access. Darryl is talking with them to get this straightened out by explaining they must be members of one of the managing grottos.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30.

**Next meeting will be:**

**7:00 pm, Thursday May 10, 2018 at Jerry Brandenburg's house**

**Calendar Summary on next page.**

## Calendar Summary:

April 14 2018	BSA Troops 952, 234 & 18
April 16-18, 2018	Filming at GSP
April 19, 2018	Rockcastle High School Jr ROTC 75 youth day trip
April 20, 2018	School – 200 Second - Fifth graders
April 20-22, 2018	BSA Troops 51 & 940
April 21-22, 2018	Orientation to Cave Rescue – BGG sponsor
April 26, 2018	Brodhead – 56 First graders
April 27, 2018	Roundstone – 35 First graders
April 28-29, 2018	Dirty Martinis – Angie Pullano sponsor CIG – COG sponsor BSA Troop 98 – Mark Swelstad sponsor/guide
May 3, 2018	South Laurel Middle School – 110 Eight graders
May 4, 2018	South Laurel Middle School – 110 Eight graders
May 5, 2018	Open House Prep weekend
May 12, 2018	OVCC photo club, Bob Dobbs will sponsor
May 19 & 20, 2018	Open House
May 26, 2018	Mullins Family Reunion at the Shelter
May 26, 2018	BSA Troop 170
June 1, 2018	Lyla Mullins family from Texas gathering
June 7, 2018	<i>tentative Model T Club tour, Bob Dobbs sponsor</i>
June 8-10, 2018	KOR
June 22, 2018	Lyla Mullins' work group
June 29-July 1, 2018	HAGS Cleveland (Girl Scouts)
July 19-21, 2018	BSA Troop 349
July 27-29	Foxboro Neighborhood Trip, Mark Swelstad sponsor