

# Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve

## Committee Meeting

May 10, 2018 – Jerry Brandenburg's house

### Committee Members Present:

Jerry Brandenburg  
Fred Ball (online)  
Tama Cassidy (online)  
Elizabeth Copelin (online)

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

### Also attending:

Bill Carr (online)  
Sean Cain (online)  
Bill Addington

Mark Huber  
Debi Pavey (online)  
Angie Pullano (online)

### 7:03 the meeting was called to order.

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

### Caretaker's report

Bill Carr reports that John from Clifford Collins was at the Preserve today to investigate the septic leak near his home adjacent to the road. He dug three holes about 3' wide and 2' deep in the recently filled road but the dirt in each was bone dry. Puzzling. John suggested waiting until the problem gets worse and calling them back out again. He filled the holes back in with gravel restored the road for Open House.

Some extra gravel from the original restoration of the road below Bill's home was used in the dip before Scout Camp.

He has been mowing for Open House. There is still more to be done.

Bill will check the condition of the Port-O-Lets after next weekend. If they have been minimally used, he will have Loveless wait until Saturday afternoon of Open House for the next servicing. This may save us money.

Bill would still like to get a water roller.

The film crew set up for four hours on Saturday, then returned for filming on Sunday through the wee hours of Thursday morning. We received a check for \$1500, equal to three days at the agreed upon rate. Bill thought that we would be paid for set up time as well as filming. He commented that the film crew filled the dumpster during their time at the Preserve, at a cost of \$210, which he thinks they should cover. They did send the extra \$100 for the Port-O-Let in the Cave. Bill will get that to Werner.

## **Treasurer's report**

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

We have two applications in to FEMA for reimbursement of 87% of the Road Repair project expenses.

Werner commented that he is willing to move the funds from People's Bank into another bank that will give us interest, but we need another person for the signature cards.

Fred Ball made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, SP 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## **Old business**

Road Repair: The work is basically complete. Our Grant Manager Esther White visited last Friday to see the results and take "after" pictures. She was accompanied by her boss, Geni Jo Brauner and they were very impressed with the project.

Ticket House: Jerry reported for Bob Roth. The front beam brace has been moved inside in the form of a T-brace. That makes it problematic to move the counter outside. The side wall is closed up for now. More foundation masonry needs to be done before Jerry can frame the wall.

Open House: Discussion of kitchen responsibilities. Kevin Lormes will be making cornbread. Tama Cassidy will be making Saturday night's dinner – pasta & salad.

During Open House prep weekend, Dan Zubal, with the help of Werner & Neena cleaned the kitchen. While doing so, they discovered a lead in the propane supply line. Werner contacted Jackson Propane and Paul Dick, the guy who has done all the propane work at the Preserve, is scheduled to come over Monday May 14, 2018 about 10:30 am to repair it. (They will also fill the tank.) BC can get him into the kitchen amidst his mowing. Werner asked that the line be extended to the right below the paper towels so that the shut off valve is visible, not behind the stove. (There is a partial concrete block on the floor acting as a stop so that the stove does not crush the flexible connector line.)

We have a square device for credit card sales & donations. Ron Hager loaned us a tablet previously. Fred Ball offered to bring one this year.

Bill Carr offered to install a button at the Historic sign and a buzzer at the entrance to tell the Gatekeeper when the tour moves on.

In an email discussion, Patrick Gibson suggested getting clickers to keep count of people going into the Cave, drive gate, etc. All agreed it would be a good idea. Patrick will order them.

Dan Zubal shared facebook statistics: 3,418 people are interested, 375 are going.

Werner gave a flyer to the Mt. Vernon Signal and confirmed that it will be printed. Kentucky Living magazine has our listing. Jerry made more donation boxes.

Water: Werner sent an email sharing a water quality report.

Calendar: The committee decided that Gary should make it a member's only calendar with a common password for all. No objections were made.

Electric to the Point: Bruce Soluski worked on the temporary electric.

**New Business:**

Model T group: A group of Model T aficionados will be having an event in Somerset on Thursday June 7, just before KOR. About 100 people in fifty vehicles will be touring the countryside and have asked to stop at GSP and tour the Cave. Bill Addington will sponsor them and lead the tour. They will arrive about 10:30 am, be there about 2 hours, having a picnic lunch at the Shelter. BC expressed concern about the business of the upper parking lot that day. Decision was made to have them park beyond the road to the Point near the Creek. BC will rope off a section for them. Scott Pavey offered to assist, and will arrive Wednesday.

Storage Shed: A discussion has been going on, both email and in person, about purchasing a Storage Shed to hold the KOR, Open House, and other stuff stored in the Ticket House so that it can be cleared out to enable the Ticket House renovation to proceed.

It would be best to get the shed before Open House so that when it is time to clean up & put everything away after the event, it can go in the new shed.

Discussion ensued about which size to purchase. The decision was made to purchase a small one. Jerry will call Bob Roth, confirm that this will work, and then get back to BC to get it purchased & delivered.

Logging on neighboring property. Werner has heard nothing back from his email to the loggers. Bill Carr heard sounds from that direction, but has not driven by to see.

Scott Pavey made a motion to adjourn, WJ 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Next meeting will be after KOR:  
7:00 pm, Thursday June 14, 2018 at Jerry Brandenburg's house**

**See Calendar summary on following page.**

**Calendar Summary:**

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| 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 3, 2018         | RKC meeting  |
| June 7, 2018         | Model T Club tour, Bill Addington sponsor              |
| June 8-10, 2018      | KOR  |
| June 15-17, 2018     | Friends of the Adlers, Mark Adler sponsor              |
| June 22, 2018        | Lyla Mullins' work group                               |
| June 29-July 1, 2018 | HAGS Cleveland (Girl Scouts)                           |
| July 19-21, 2018     | BSA Troop 349  |
| July 20-22, 2018     | Cub Scout Pack 104,                                    |
| July 21-22, 2018     | Adventure Women of Cincinnati, Angela Pullano, sponsor |
| July 27-29, 2018     | Foxboro Neighborhood Trip, Mark Swelstad sponsor       |
| August 10-12, 2018   | BSA Troops 112 & 555                                   |
| August 17-19, 2018   | BSA Troops 850 & another                               |
| August 24-26, 2018   | BSA Troop 170  |