

Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve

Committee Meeting

September 9, 2018 – Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve

Committee Members Present:

Jerry Brandenburg
Fred Ball
Neena Jud

Werner Jud
Scott Pavey
Dan Zubal

Also attending:

Bill Carr
Bill Addington
Dalene Burke
Bob Dobbs
Duke Hopper
Darryl Marsh
Adam Mathis

Debi Pavey
Angie Pullano
Bob Roth
Burse Soluski
Mark Swelstad
Mike Wuerth
Danny Young

The meeting was called to order at 10:16 am.

Announcements:

Wells Preserve is now managed by the team of Duke Hopper and Bob Roth.

Danny Young, Chair of the Greater Cincinnati Grotto, expressed thanks to Jerry Brandenburg for four years of service to the Preserve as Chair of the Committee. He went on to announce that Scott Pavey will be the new Chair, taking over from this point. The people on the Committee will remain the same, Scott & Jerry are swapping roles.

Secretary's report: Bob Roth made a motion to accept the minutes from the last month's meeting, JB 2nd.

Caretaker's report

Bill Carr reported that when Lyla uses the Shelter, she usually wants to use the kitchen sink and refrigerator. She has her own Cave Key. Bill asked if we can give her a Kitchen key so he does not have to unlock it for her.

After much discussion it was agreed to give her a kitchen key along with a copy of the rules of Kitchen Use and the Management Plan. NJ will send these documents to BC to print & give to her with the key.

Bee Garbage has not been maintaining dumpsters lately. Bill talked with them and recommended we plan for when they are out of business. He suggested we look into getting an apartment sized compactor (32 cu.yd.) mounted on a trailer so someone could hook up to it and haul to town. Concerns were raised about the

additional maintenance problems with such a piece of equipment. Bill raised this issue to consider for future years.

In three days a representative of Windstream will come to the Preserve to look at our telephone and Wifi problems.

Bill would like help with mowing, or at least getting the limbs cut and weed eating the swales & around the barrier rocks. Scott tentatively established the weekend of October 14 & 15, 2018 as a work weekend at the Preserve. He asked BC to compile a prioritized list of things he would like assistance with.

Thanks to the labor of Dustin Kisner, BC opened up the drainage ditch at six locations, cut out the filter fabric and added pea gravel. Now some water is coming out of the pipe. The filter fabric seems to be clogged with clay particles preventing water from seeping into the pipe.

Bill would like to get a Preserve vehicle like a gasoline operated golf cart or a Gator that has a platform on the back. He has seen pricing around \$3,000 – 3,500 for a used golf cart or \$5,000-6,000 for a used Gator. Scott volunteered to do some research to see what we can find. It would be kept outside Bill's house, Bill would maintain it, it would be available for all Preserve use.

Treasurer's report

Income exceeded Expenses in the month of August. Financial report available upon request.

Old Business

Friends of GSP: Bob Dobbs sent a Friends Guidelines document and brochure to a number of people requesting input. He only received a response from Janice Gott. The "Friends" group would give local folks limited and controlled access to the Preserve. This would include a Spring & Fall family picnic. Work sessions will be scheduled monthly if possible. Other visitation may be arranged by appointment with Friends Chair and will require a sponsor.

The Mission Statement reads: To foster a relationship between the local community and the Great Saltpetre Preserve and help build a strong sense of responsibility for future generations.

Bob questioned: Since most "Friends" groups for other parks and organizations are a separate 501(c)3, can ours be under RKC's 501(c)3? An answer was not forthcoming. Bob will bring this up at the RKC meeting.

Jerry asked about Liability Insurance? What would protect GSP from Friends working here with power tools? Bob will ask Attorney about Liability.

The Chair of the Friends Group would be appointed by the Chair of the GSP Committee and will always need to be a member of the Committee. The Management Plan will need to be modified to state this. Currently the Friends Chair will be Elizabeth Copelin.

There will be a Friends committee, as a sub-committee to the GSP Committee. It will consist of a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer to keep the general Friends group

informed. All members of the Friends committee must read & understand the GSP Management Plan and other relevant documents to inform the general Friends group.

Video production: Yanic Bercier will be at the Preserve at 5 pm today with an associate, Julie, to meet with Bill Addington and look through the Cave.

New Business:

When Lyla's groups visit GSP, BC often is asked by visitors about donations to GSP. The last time, Bill set some of our new donation boxes on tables, but shortly Lyla moved them into the kitchen. Bill suggested mounting a donation box on the wall of the Shelter with information. It was further suggested that it be as secure and similar to open & retrieve donations from as the Kiosk pay pipe. Jerry was asked to construct something.

Danny Young reported that Rick Webb donated a bunch of First Aid materials. This included an automatic defibrillator (AED) which has audio and written prompts for its use. It requires a set of adult and pediatric pads which if unused last eight years and a set of Lithium batteries, good for multiple years. Anyone who uses it in an emergency is covered under Good Samaritan Laws. Danny wondered if GSP wanted this. Questions were raised regarding appropriate storage conditions, will it last in an unconditioned location through the winter and humid summers? A suggestion was made that it be clearly mounted like in a glass front case.

As to the basic first aid materials, we will ask Gary Bush to go through that stuff.

Waiver: Darryl Marsh asked about our waiver, specifically in regards to an adult's signature who is not at the Preserve with their Scout.

Communication: Darryl also raised the issue of how our information is disseminated to all the Grottos. We have a website, visible to the whole world. Emails tend to go to a core group. Then there is disjointed and often non-coordinated communication that doesn't always get to everyone. Darryl proposed forming a new GSP facebook group and a GSP listserve, which could also integrate the new Calendar. He volunteered to develop and coordinate this effort.

Neena Jud made a motion to authorize Darryl Marsh to develop and manage a GSP facebook group and GSP listserve and integrate the new calendar into this. SP 2nd. No objections.

Calendar is currently located on the GSP website. On the Committee page at the top there is a link to the Events Calendar. All can view it. It is password protected for caver communication rather than the whole world. Postings on the calendar should be made by a few members from each grotto. It was suggested to add some general info such as hunting season. BC is willing to print out and post a copy of the Calendar at the Shelter weekly.

Sponsors: There was an issue last weekend with a large group sponsored by Jen & Mark Adler, BGG members. It seemed like all their guests were not aware of the basic rules and etiquette of the Preserve. Neena will email them to reinforce sponsor responsibilities.

Challenge for the new year: Bob Dobbs encouraged the GSP Committee members to be free thinkers, not just following. And also encouraged the new Committee Chair to break the Preserve responsibilities down – give every member of the Committee something to do, something to be responsible for. If you volunteer, volunteer for a purpose.

Dan Zubal made a motion to adjourn, FB 2nd. Meeting ended at 12:07 pm.

Next meeting will be:

7:00 pm, Thursday October 11, 2018 physical location TBD

All are welcome at the Pavey's in Indiana, it will be available by GoToMeeting.

Calendar Summary:

September 16, 2018	RKC meeting
October 14-15, 2018	tentative work weekend at GSP
October 19-21, 2018	BSA Troops 555, 68
November 2-4, 2018	BSA Troop 952
November 9-11, 2018	BSA Troops 84, 14
March 15-17, 2019	BSA Troop 1