

# Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve

## Committee Meeting

January 10, 2019 – via GoToMeeting

### Committee Members Present:

Scott Pavey (online)  
Fred Ball (online)  
Tama Cassidy (online)

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

### Also attending:

Bill Carr (online)  
Sean Cain (online)  
Kevin Lorms (online)

Angie Pullano (online)  
Molly Semones (online)

### 7:02 the meeting was called to order.

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

### Caretaker's report

Bill Carr reported on high winds at the Preserve. Several trees are down on the Sara Corrie trail and in Scout Camp.

Gravel for the roads is scheduled to arrive tomorrow (1-10-2019).

The firewood for Scouts is disappearing quickly, but no Scouts have visited. It is only for Scouts – pass the word.

The lock for the Kitchen was lost. Bill used a lock from the Showerhouse, which is now unlocked. Fred will order six locks tomorrow. They have a one month lead time. Werner has a spare cave lock – master keyed. He will give it to BC. Fred will retrieve it from BC and re-key it.

Bill reported that people are parking at the gate and walking around the property. He has the old “closed” sign which used to hang on the main sign near the gate. He would like to put it back up at the front gate. No objections were raised.

Jackson Electric took four days to trim the trees.

Mice are still chewing on the wires. Scott will bring a box of mice deterrent.

Gertrude returned today after a three week absence.

### Treasurer's report

*Expenses exceeded Income for the month of December 2018. Financial Report available upon request.*

Werner has not moved further on getting cloud based Quickbooks. Still need Scott to be the second signature on the Capital Reserve Account when it is opened.

The new 2019 budget discussion was tabled until February.

Camping passes are available - \$60 for family, \$40 for individuals. Mail a check to Werner, give him cash, or use paypal with a comment that it is for a camping pass and specify to which Grotto you belong. Kevin or Molly will email a current COG member list to Werner.

Werner emptied the pay pipe, retrieved some unfrozen loose cash.

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report and seconded.

### **Old Business**

Friends of GSP: tabled since neither Elizabeth nor Bob Dobbs were in attendance.

Video production: occurred today. They arrived at 7 am and it is still going on in the Cave. No apparent problems.

Eldon McGuire winter camping – not at GSP. In the GCG meeting on Friday, Bob Dobbs said that Eldon had not gotten back to him about this event. If they arrive, BC is to contact the Committee.

GCG Conservation project – postponed until the end of March due to weather.

Scouts are expected on each of the next three weekends, but Angie heard that this weekend's Scouts had cancelled.

Tractor Maintenance: Scott will try to get to the Preserve on Friday (feeling sick). If so, he will bring the starter and battery for the tractor. He has receipts for Werner. BC also mentioned the need for small cotter pins for the hood, antifreeze, and special nuts & bolts for the battery.

### **New Business:**

Dumpster: Werner received a surprise notice from Bee Garbage that we are getting a new monthly charge for dumpster rental. Werner negotiated out of the back charge for the previous month, but was unable to get it waived moving forwards. He started looking for a new trash pick-up service. BC should get a call from Waste Connections out of London and from Rhodus out of Berea. We will probably face 1-2 months of this rental fee before we get this issue resolved. Historically we have been paying \$1,050 to \$1,200 per year for about five dumpster pickups. If we change to one time or two times a month pick up, we will face a higher charge (even with a smaller dumpster).

BC looked into the cost of a compactor. It is too expensive at \$15,000 for the machinery. He also searched and found a company online that promised a good deal. Global Trash Solutions should be able to save us up to about 30% on our costs through an aggregation purchasing program.

Werner heard from more than one person that dumpsters are subject to deterioration – even more so when sitting on the bare ground. Werner suggested placing concrete blocks where the dumpster will sit, to allow water to drain away.

Neena further suggested a concrete pad considering the load of the front wheels of a dumpster collection truck.

John from Bee Garbage suggested to BC that we could get large garbage cans to set out on 1004 during the winter instead of a dumpster. BC also proposed burning garbage in a controlled enclosure.

Bill noted that the Creek bank is still eroding. One of the posts of the enclosure is now in free air. After this weekend, the dumpster will be full. When it is changed, it needs to at least move 4' to 5' forwards and be partially out of the enclosure. Scott directed Bill to make it so.

**Action item for all: Consider where the dumpster should be permanently relocated.**

Redbud Cooperative Kindergarten (sponsors Mark & Jen Adler with BGG) will have a field trip in April. They were looking for a small service project. Scott suggested planting herbs or flowers near the Shelter. Tama added pollinator friendly plants. Bill suggested picking up sticks in the mowing zones. Neena will relay these ideas.

A non-caver bicyclist contacted GSP to see about camping at GSP before the Redbud ride also in April. Neena explained that we are not a commercial campground. Then he asked for suggestions for a quiet campground in the area. Responses included the KOA and several campgrounds in the Daniel Boone which do not have full facilities but are still nice. Neena will relay these ideas.

Open House is coming up quick. The dates are May 18 & 19, 2019. We have a work weekend scheduled for May 4 & 5, 2019. We need to start planning and appoint someone to be in charge. Neena will get the dates into the Kentucky Living magazine. Please see the attached schedule of things to do in preparation. Credit for this list goes to Bob Dobbs.

Wedding reservation: Dan Zubal requested the use of Echo Auditorium and the Shelter for his wedding to Katie Nicklas on July 24, 2020. No objections could possibly be heard over the messages of congratulations.

Neena Jud made a motion to adjourn, FB 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting ended at 8:11 pm.

**Next meeting will be:  
7:00 pm, Thursday February 7, 2019  
Possible locations: Harrison Library or Jerry Brandenburg's  
and will be available via GoToMeeting**

Please see Calendar Summary on following page.

**Calendar Summary:**

January 19, 2019	BSA Troop 200 (not camping)
January 25-27, 2019	BSA Troop 52
February 7-9, 2019	BSA Troop 977
February 15-17, 2019	BSA Troop 148
March 1-3, 2019	BSA Troop 941
March 15-17, 2019	BSA Troop 1, 930
March 29-31, 2019	BSA Troop 967, 471
April 5-7, 2019	Cincinnati Waldorf School & BSA Troop107
April 12-14, 2019	BSA Troop 940
April 19-21, 2019	BSA Troop 149
April 26-28, 2019	BSA/GSWO & Redwood Coop. School Kindergarten
May 3-5, 2019	BSA Troop 21
May 4-5, 2019	Open House work weekend & Cinco de Mayo
May 18-19, 2019	Open House
July 19-21	KOR
August 9-11, 2019	BSA Troop 43
Nov. 8-10, 2019	BSA Troop 84
July 24, 2020	Zubal – Nicklas wedding