

Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve

Committee Meeting

April 14, 2019 – GSP Shelter

Committee Members Present:

Scott Pavey
Fred Ball
Elizabeth Copelin

Neena Jud
Werner Jud
Dan Zubal (online)

Also attending:

Bill Carr
Bob Dobbs
Josh Heinbuch
David Lee

David Long
Debi Pavey
Molly Semones
Mark Swelstad (online)

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 am.

Electricity was off, then on, then off again during the meeting so very little was heard remotely by GoToMeeting.

Secretary's report: Dan Zubal made a motion to approve the minutes, FB 2nd.

Caretaker's report

Bill Carr reported that the dumpster was changed out. It was filled with the debris from re-roofing the Lower Mondo. Hopefully this will last until after Open House.

The Port-O-Lets have been cleaned. Loveless is now on the "every two weeks" schedule. One Port-O-Let at the electric sites will be swapped out due to damage sustained during the February flood.

Bill recommends putting the loose items near the sauna on higher ground so they will not be carried away (again) during the next flood.

The Showerhouse is operational.

Treasurer's report

Income exceeded Expenses for the month of March 2019. Financial Report available upon request.

Old Business

Friends of GSP: RKC approved the GSP Management Plan revisions to establish FoGSP. On Friday, Jeff Brickley & Elizabeth Copelin went to Community Trust to open a banking account and encountered some obstacles. Elizabeth needs to do more research to determine which type of account to establish, but anticipates that any account will require a minimum balance in order to avoid fees.

Werner Jud made a motion to approve sufficient seed money to open a checking account at Community Trust Bank without fees, the seed money to be repaid once they recoup the money. DZ 2nd, all in favor, no opposition.

Elizabeth was considering establishing a website for the Friends. This idea will be tabled until after the GSP website hosting is resolved. A facebook page is being considered.

Molly Semones requested literature about FoGSP that she could share with her (and any other) grotto.

Waivers are currently paper based. There is no expiration date, they are good until any information therein changes (i.e. address). Signed waivers go to Bob Roth for scanning into a database and then filing in the filing cabinet in the Storage building.

One more set of keys will be needed for the officers of FoGSP.

The first tasks any Friends work weekends should address are the standard items on a general task list. As they get familiar with the property, they can begin to develop projects.

Scouts Josh Heinbuch reported that a number of Scout troops and a 4H group from Michigan visited this month.

The pump house has been cleaned out and they are considering moving the Scout supplies in there, but it needs new roofing and some new roof framing. Scott Pavey will be salvaging some galvanized metal from a barn. He will check the amount of material and should be able to bring down enough for this building.

Josh will review locations of services with Scouts as they arrive, such as the two-holer outhouse above Scout Camp and water spigots etc. Darryl will prepare a map to hang on the Scout Shelter bulletin board.

Open House: A suggestion was made to offer “tickets” to help control the length of the line. After discussion it was determined we would not do that this year. The “centipede” method of sticking close to the tour guide in front has been working. Other considerations for next year: starting one hour earlier, and posting that we plan on changing some things next year.

It was determined that any notices about Open House on Grotto pages should be to ask for volunteers. Notify members that there will be a review of guiding tours on work weekend as well as Friday night before Open House. Neena to send the Tour Facts cheat sheet to representatives of all grottos for distribution to their members. Spread the word that “old timey” clothing adds to the visitor’s experience.

A number of inquiries have been coming in requesting information about Open House. It is time to post the facebook event. It would help to have some FAQ’s.

Bob Dobbs reports that Tony Renner will be providing entertainment both afternoons from 1-3.

Neena will contact Livingston Fire Department to invite a FD representative to see the creek bank at Work Weekend.

The budget for the kitchen and the matter of an advance was not resolved last month. We discussed a budget of \$2000. Dan Zubal explained that where the budget last year included an amount to purchase a “Church Kitchen roaster”, this year they are proposing to get a batch of 40-45 quart matching stock pots so that the exact same quantities of ingredients can be added to each pot and have 4-6 on the stove at any one time. We could phase out the current stock pots that are not in good condition. The new stock pots could possibly be stored in the kitchen rafters as the roaster currently is, or in Jamie or Mark’s basements.

Scott Pavey made a motion to approve the budget & advance the \$2000 to Jamie Thompson. WJ 2nd, all in favor, no opposition.

Neena reported that Kentucky Living magazine will have Open House as one of four featured events in the May issue. She showed the April featured events page. When it arrives, she will scan & distribute the May featured events page to all in attendance.

Lower Mondo re-roofing project is mostly complete thanks to James Clements. It involved some sheathing and framing repairs as well as a new membrane roof. Perimeter trim is still needed but Bob Dobbs happily reports there are no leaks.

Flood cleanup occurred two weeks ago. Many items were recovered.

The Sauna is mostly back in place. The Sauna crew still needs to make a few repairs. It was decided that they should construct a platform or rack to store rugs & items out of the floodway.

Creek bank erosion: Ideas are being developed by a number of people including Jeff Werner & Scott Pavey; Dustin Kisner; Bob Dobbs & Pat Hutson. Pat suggested that there may be some state Soil & Conservation funding available, possibly 75% of the cost of repairs.

Kitchen equipment repair: Werner completed the repairs two weeks ago. This past Friday, Jackson Propane cleaned out the gas lines in the oven/range, adjusted the pressure. It is now working very well. They will return within a couple of weeks to fill the propane tank.

Plaque for Ellie Schiller: RKC has approved their 1/3 contribution. Werner received a proof of the plaque which was not acceptable. They are working on it.

GoToMeeting: COG Executive Board sent an email to Dennis Green accepting the amount he proposed for their share of the annual software cost. This is in process.

GSP posted address: Scott Pavey will pick up some 4” high reflective adhesive numbers & letters to display our address “237 Saltpeter Cave Road” on the entrance sign.

The sign for Scout camping across the road from BC’s house is not legible. Scott will repaint the sign letters white or yellow. If that is not sufficiently readable, he will paint or stain the background brown.

Locks: Fred Ball got four more locks keyed like the kitchen. Two will be used on the Showerhouse. Spare locks will be kept by BC. Keys will go to Jerry Brandenburg. One sesame combination lock for the entrance drive gate was given to BC. FoGSP will need one set of keys for Beth & Jeff Brickley (one Cave and one Kitchen/Showerhouse).

New Business:

Speakers for PA system: BC reported that the last set of speakers have gone bad. Two weeks ago he installed a gently used set of speakers that he had in time for Bob Dobbs' use with the school field trips. Bob stated that they worked very well. He is offering these speakers to us for \$100. An internet search revealed that similar ones would cost about \$300. By the way, the wireless microphone is working.

Neena Jud made a motion to reimburse Bill Carr \$100 for his speakers. FB 2nd. All in favor, no opposition.

School Kids: Bob Dobbs has four more field trips. Help is needed for the three trips in May. (They are listed below in the calendar summary.)

Saturday's facilities walk-around revealed that:

- There are two huge trees down across the Sara Corrie trail near the power line cut above the Cave.
- The Showerhouse needs to be cleaned.
- The hinge pin on the entrance drive gate was inspected and a decision was made to repair it. BC will give Scott the contact information for Mark the welder in Mt. Vernon who worked on it before.
- Werner Jud will work with Danny Young to replace the main service panel at the Cave. Scott fabricated a grate for the new upper catch basin. Large flat rocks are still needed behind it against the bank.
- Gravel is needed on the road along the bend in the creek (#58's or larger) before KOR.
- Gravel is needed for 50-60' in front of the service road gate at the base of the Sara Corrie trail.
- Gravel with fines is needed to fill the steps and ramp going up to the Cave. We may need to refresh the cross-path drainage.

A decision was made to have BC call Everett Wagner to deliver a load of crushed limestone with fines just before work weekend. He is to place some at the base of the Sara Corrie trail to the service road gate and stock pile the remainder for our use. Also BC to order a load of larger rock before KOR.

An operations manual will be developed from this walk around.

Neena Jud made a motion to adjourn, DZ 2nd. Meeting ended at 11:33 am.

**Next meeting will be:
10:00 am-ish, Sunday May 5, 2019
at GSP, GoToMeeting may not be available, we'll see.**

Calendar Summary:

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| April 19-21, 2019 | BSA Troop 149, OSU Mountaineering Club |
| April 25, 2019 | Hazel Green First grade field trip |
| April 26-28, 2019 | BSA/GSWO, BSA 332 & Redwood Coop. Kindergarten |
| May 3, 2019 | Mt. Vernon First grade field trip |
| May 3-5, 2019 | BSA Troop 21, 6 |
| May 4-5, 2019 | Open House work weekend & Cinco de Mayo |
| May 16, 2019 | Brodhead Third grade field trip |
| May 17, 2019 | Brodhead Fourth grade field trip |
| May 18-19, 2019 | Open House |
| May 20, 2019 | International Society of Scratchboard Artists (WJ sponsor) |
| May 25, 2019 | Mullins Family reunion at the Shelter |
| June 6-9 | Foxboro Neighborhood trip (Mark Swelstad sponsor) |
| June 7-9, 2019 | BSA Troop 555 |
| June 17-21, 2019 | NSS Convention in Cookeville, Tennessee |
| June 21-23, 2019 | BSA troop 71 |
| July 5-6, 2019 | KOR work weekend |
| July 12-14, 2019 | BSA Troop 4015 |
| July 19-21, 2019 | KOR |
| August 9-11, 2019 | BSA Troop 43 |
| August 16-18, 2019 | Cincinnati Waldorf School |
| Nov. 8-10, 2019 | BSA Troop 84 |
| July 24, 2020 | Zubal – Nicklas wedding |