

# Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve

## Committee Meeting

June 13, 2019 – Jerry Brandenburg's house

### Committee Members Present:

Scott Pavey

Fred Ball

Jerry Brandenburg

Tama Cassidy (online)

Elizabeth Copelin (online)

Neena Jud

Werner Jud

Dan Zubal (online)

### Also attending:

Bill Carr (online)

Patrick Gibson (online)

Josh Heinbuch

Andrew (Stitch) Rentzel (online)

**The meeting was called to order at 7:14 pm.**

**Secretary's report:** Dan Zubal made a motion to approve the minutes, EC 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### Caretaker's report

Bill Carr reported that the biggest issue in Rockcastle County right now is water – mudslides, erosion, and trees falling over. With all this water, ruts have developed in our gravel roads. He will blade the roads shortly.

He will post the Jackson Energy phone number next to the phone at the Shelter along with our address (237 Saltpetre Cave Road).

The dumpster is three-quarters full. He will wait until closer to KOR to have it emptied.

Mice are still disrupting the phone line. The mice deterrent has not been working. Bill sees some difficulty with installing the phone lines in conduit due to the size of the end connectors.

Bill talked with someone with French's logging crew about this work. Expect it to start in about 30 days. (see topic under new business)

### Treasurer's report

*Income exceeded expenses for the month of May 2019. Financial Report available upon request.*

We received a credit from the flag supplier since the new GSP flag did not arrive until after Open House.

Werner asks all involved with Open House to have any receipts and expenses to him by the end of June.

Bill Carr explained that part of the donation from R. Mullins was due to the efforts of Stitch and Josh for cleaning up the Champ Mullins Cemetery.

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

### **Old Business**

Friends of GSP: Elizabeth Copelin reported that two families joined at Open House. There was a lot of interest, but so far no new members have been received by mail. She plans to organize a work day for this summer. The checking account is scheduled to be opened tomorrow.

Scouts: Josh Heinbuch reported that Scout visits are in a lull right now, but new caving adventures is filling in.

Creek bank erosion: Scott reviewed the site conditions with Jeff Werner. It was agreed that getting rock from somewhere on the Preserve would be very difficult, thus any rock solutions would be very expensive. Scott (and Jeff) suggest getting the willow saplings installed.

Werner opined that any work done should be passive. Wherever trees are along the creek, their roots hold the bank together. The last rain did not seem to cut any further into the bank.

Open House ran smoother this year, both in the kitchen and souvenir sales at the Ticket House. Scott declared it to be a success. It went more smoothly than he expected. He expressed sincere thanks to everyone who helped (Debi counted 60 volunteers), including the Livingston Fire Department and the JROTC. Patrick composed a letter of thanks to the JROTC and forwarded it to the Committee for comments or approval prior to sending.

Project List: Scott still hasn't assembled this. Send any ideas to Scott and he will compile it.

The Champ Mullins Cemetery (albeit not on the GSP property\*) should be on our maintenance list before Memorial Day or Open House. Roland would prefer that the vinca minor (periwinkle) groundcover remains. It was planted by his mother or grandmother.

\*When Roland's father sold the family property to John Lair, a one acre tract at the cemetery was excluded from the sale. Their family retains ownership.

Scott noted that recently the Sara Corrie trail loops were cleaned, the pivot bolt on the front gate hinge was fixed and our address was installed on the fence.

### **New Business:**

KOR: The quantity of electric sites is 12 along the tree line plus Bruce & Brian's spot on the Point plus the lower Mondo (total: 14 if the Creek don't rise).

Danny Young sent a request to the Committee through Scott regarding the camping donation to GSP for teens at KOR. They are only charging \$10 per Teen for registration, and only recently realized that this brings in less than the \$6 per person per night. They asked GSP to accept \$3 per night per teen for this year and they will work to fix this for next year.

Discussion ensued including comments about similar issues in the past, low number of teens, and compromise options. Scott & Werner will discuss after the meeting and respond to Danny.

Sauna: David Lee is asking for funding for sauna repair costs specifically for a chimney. Discussion ensued including comments about its location in floodway. Compromise ideas were mentioned including costs associated with moving it higher on the hill and needing to see a budget. Fred will talk with David about this.

Tractor blades are not cutting very well. Scott will get new blades for both the zero turn and the mower.

French: Bob Dobbs sent an email to the Committee saying that Mr. French told him at Open House that he planned some logging in a few months. He asked us to confirm our property line prior to the logging so the loggers will stay away from it. Werner has hiked this before. He will send an email when he can go to the Preserve and hike it again. Much interest was expressed in joining him.

GCG info booth at the Cave in the Museum Center:

Wifi: Patrick reported that BC doesn't want to manage the Wifi system. Patrick is willing to, but he needs another device: a directional antenna (to aim towards the field for KOR vendors) and a remote access dongle. Eventually he wants redundancy in the system and redundancy in volunteers. **Someone made a motion to allocate \$225 for the equipment mentioned above. No opposition. The motion was approved.**

GSP Equipment Manual is in progress.

Fred Ball made a motion to adjourn, NJ 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting ended at 8:58 pm.

**Next meeting will be:  
7:00 pm Thursday July 11, 2019  
Harrison branch of the Cincinnati Public Library**

**Calendar Summary:**

June 17-21, 2019	NSS Convention in Cookeville, Tennessee
June 21-23, 2019	BSA troop 71
July 11, 2019	GSP Meeting
July 12-14, 2019	BSA Troop 4015
July 13-14, 2019	KOR work weekend
July 19-21, 2019	KOR
August 9-11, 2019	BSA Troop 43
August 16-18, 2019	Cincinnati Waldorf School, BSA Troop 41
Nov. 8-10, 2019	BSA Troop 84
July 24, 2020	Zubal – Nicklas wedding