

Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve

Committee Meeting

August 8, 2019 – Jerry Brandenburg’s house

Committee Members Present:

Scott Pavey

Fred Ball (online)

Jerry Brandenburg

Tama Cassidy (online)

Elizabeth Copelin (online)

Neena Jud (online)

Werner Jud (online)

Dan Zubal (online)

Also attending:

Bob Dobbs

Bill Carr (online)

Sean Cain (online)

Patrick Gibson

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm.

Secretary’s report: The minutes for the last meeting that were distributed stated that the money to “pay back” the Capital Reserve Fund had not been moved from General Funds, nor had the 2018 allocation. This was incorrect, Werner moved the money in May. Neena proposed to amend the minutes by striking that line.

Someone made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, someone else seconded.

Caretaker’s report

Bill Carr reported that the dumpster has been changed out from KOR. He mowed and rolled out the ruts after the rains.

He reported that there was a gold or copper colored vehicle that drove to the entrance of the Cave on 7/23/19. The people did not sign the register. Two days later Bill found the Cave gate unlocked.

Twice since KOR he found the propane valve in the Kitchen left on.

Scouts have been using the Port-O-Let in the electric sites a lot – to the point of it being over-used according to Shawn Loveless. Bill suggested getting another Port-O-Let for Scout Camp.

Lightning strike at the front gate took out the contactor & transformer that sends a signal to Bill’s house when someone opens the gate. He wants to replace them. Bill has authorization to spend up to \$100 within reason without asking.

He expressed a concern about how people are parking and camping on the septic tank in front of the Showerhouse. He suggests that we fence it off or something to get people to stop in order to avoid damage to the unit.

Bill has no spare locks for the front drive gate, only the one lock that is on there now. During KOR work weekend, the lock was found broken, and Bill replaced it

with his spare. Fred will order another, and he asked Bill to give him all the old broken/dead locks so he can investigate their problems.

Treasurer's report

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

Werner sent the letter to Trey Ferris. No one was at home to sign for it. It might float for 20 days or so.

Werner spoke with Gary Bush about the KOR facilities fees. KOR will cover the cost of the dumpster for KOR and half the Port-O-Let added expense. BC will see Shawn Loveless tomorrow and will ask him about the bill.

Werner asked if anyone knows Dakota Lutz? She paid for camping and claimed to be a DUG member. John Cassidy, DUG Membership Officer, disagrees.

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

Old Business

The Cave entrance light was fixed by Danny Young. The Tractor Barn light is now on all the time.

The Scout water supply is not yet hooked up.

Friends of GSP: Elizabeth Copelin reports there will be a board meeting this weekend. She would welcome any suggestions on how to grow the group.

French property line: Werner Jud led a hike that covered about half the common property line, from the point at the tight turn in Mullins Station Road over to the cliffside opposite Scout Camp. Bob has heard nothing further from Mr. French. BC has heard voices on the hill for the last week, but no sounds of equipment.

Ellie Schiller's plaque is ready to be picked up from Louisville.

Equipment Manual: still in progress, nothing further.

Member's lists – BC received lists from COG, GCG, & DUG. He still needs a list from BGG. Elizabeth will contact David Lindemuth and ask him to forward the BGG list to Bill.

Ticket House: Jerry reported that Bob Roth will finish up the outside of the building, then others can finish the inside. Both Jerry & Scott asked Bob to let one of them know when he will be coming back to work on it so they can get the word out and people can come down to help.

KOR: When the grass was wet a lady was walking down the slope from the Shelter to the gravel road. She slipped and broke her leg. An ambulance came for her. When asked, Bill could not describe where she slipped, but he offered to show the Committee where this occurred when we are at GSP for Caver Appreciation Weekend.

BC recalls five other people who have been hurt on the grass slope, mostly sprains. Pete Stow broke his leg eleven years ago when he was walking down the

steeper slopes to the kiosk straight from the fire ring, not from the Shelter. Bill's suggestion is to construct a 4' wide designated gravel path/route possibly with steps running from the middle of the Shelter to the gravel road. Discussion ensued and was tabled until the meeting at GSP.

New Business:

Caver Appreciation Weekend will be September 7 & 8, 2019. The activity planned is hiking around the Preserve showing folks where the known caves are located. Some folks may go caving. GCG meeting Saturday night after the pot-luck dinner. GSP Committee meeting will be Sunday morning at 10 am. The RKC meeting which might have overlapped, has been rescheduled for Sunday, September 15, 2019.

Port-O-Let or outhouse for Scouts: Following up on BC's comments above, discussion ensued on how to encourage them to use the existing outhouse. David Hall has mostly taken over the coordination of Scout trips. Scott will make another sign to install in Scout Camp, pointing towards the outhouse. He will also talk with Darryl & David to emphasize use of the outhouse in their pre-caving presentations.

Mike McKinney sent a request for use of the Cave for a few hours so that the Johnson Sisters can sing for his tour group on Sunday June 14, 2020. We do not know when GCG will want to schedule KOR. (for reference, the NSS Convention will be July 27-31, 2020). Neena will respond to him saying it looks favorable but we need to coordinate with GCG before we can give a firm answer.

Lyla Mullins Powell would like to use the Shelter on Friday, August 23, 2019.

Patrick Gibson asked Bill Carr if he could check the wifi dongle to see if it was powered on. Patrick cannot reach the routers remotely. Bill said that people seem to be able to take the router down from its place on the wall in the kitchen and change its settings. Discussions ensued on how to secure the wifi system from misuse.

Werner was very dismayed at hearing Bill's comments about the propane in the kitchen, especially with the repairs that were required this winter due to mi-handling. Scott thinks it might be time to change the locks on the kitchen to limit who can get in and use the kitchen. The subject will be revisited at the next meeting.

Jerry Brandenburg made a motion to adjourn, DZ 2nd. Meeting ended at. 8:29 pm.

**Next meeting will be:
10:00 am Sunday September 8, 2019
Shelter at GSP**

See Calendar Summary on next page.

Calendar Summary:

August 9-11, 2019	BSA Troop 43
August 16-18, 2019	Cincinnati Waldorf School, BSA Troops 617, 41 & another
August 23-25, 2019	BSA Troop 141
August 23, 2019	Lyla Mullins Powell - Shelter
Aug. 31 – Sept. 1, 2019	BSA Troop 320 & another
Sept. 7-8, 2019	BSA Troop 555
Sept. 7-8, 2019	Caver Appreciation Weekend & GCG Meeting in the Field
Sept. 8, 2019	GSP Meeting (10 am)
Sept. 13-15, 2019	BSA Troops 888 & 646
Sept. 20 – 22, 2019	BSA Troops 263 & 161
Nov. 8-10, 2019	BSA Troop 84
Nov. 15-17, 2019	Loveland Girl Scouts
March 14, 2020	BSA Troop 1
June 14, 2020	Tentative: Mike McKinney tour group – Johnson Sisters
July 24, 2020	Zubal – Nicklas wedding