

GSP Committee Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2021

Call to order 7:02 pm

Committee Members in Attendance:

Dan Zubal, Neena Jud, Scott Pavey, Jerry Brandenburg, Chris Redmon, Fred Ball

Non Committee Members in Attendance:

Debi Pavey, Bill Carr, Kevin Lorms, Sean Cain, Bob Dobbs, Stephanie Suen, Gary Bush, Pat Gibson, Jared Embree, Lacey Braley

Secretary report:

Amended previous minutes were accepted NJ Motion, JB second.

Caretaker report:

There were about 50 people for the Revival sponsored by Lyla Mullins Powell. Approximately the same amount tonight based on parked cars. Friday night may have a larger group. Many parts of the cave are roped off to keep people from wandering.

BC Reports a lot of tree trimming is needed, especially in the upper parking lot. A branch to the right of the Y protrudes into the road.

Treasurer's report:

NJ made a full report in WJ's absence

We were in the red this month because we paid more towards the outstanding outhouse bill for 15 months including most of last year.

CR motion, DZ second

Old business

FOG:

No report

Scouts:

There are no trips set until July, then set through November.

There is a need for volunteers for a scout troop August 21, the weekend after KoR.

There is a Scout Troop scheduled for Caver Appreciation Weekend. Scott Pavey agreed to take them to a new cave. The assistants are lined up.

Ticket House:

Ceiling materials were donated. SP and JB have a plan for the interior walls. There was a fire pit donated by Jeff Werner. We still need lumber for rafters.

Work continues on the Bier Garden.

Website:

Website is up to date.

KOR:

August 13-15th

We will have a gate master at the cave again this year. The gate will be locked sometime between dinner and beer and through the night. It will be unlocked only when we have volunteers to be gate keeper. Scott asked all Committee members to commit to two or three hours of gate keeper duty.

The committee discussed how registration will track people and if numbered wrist bands will be used so we can track people who enter and leave the cave.

There will be a work weekend July 31st.

Fred has agreed to be the gate keeper.

Open House:

Open House will be October 2-3, 2021.

Kevin Lorms sent out an amazing document listing out duties, responsibilities and what needs to be done to run Open House. There was a meeting the previous Tuesday that added to the list.

More directional signage is needed. We will inventory the signage during the KoR work weekend.

Kevin is getting a list of people who's contact info he needs.

Scott reported that when he went to pick up the Climax water from King Bottling Company two years ago they were surprised since no one contacted them before hand. The long standing deal was that if however many cases of water we purchased, they would donate the same number of cases. In 2019 we purchased 10 cases and received 10 more donated. We ran out. Bob Dobb reported that previously we had purchased twenty cases and received twenty cases. Pick up needs to be done early on Friday.

Kevin stated we have doubled every year since 2015 up to 4,000 people. Where is the critical point where we can't handle any more? One thought is to close the gate at 3:30. There is also a thought to note that we have a maximum capacity, and may need to turn people away later in the afternoon. We need to emphasize come early in advertisements. Facebook posts, and on our website and closing time for front gate.

The Bittersweet Festival will be occurring that Friday and Saturday, too. We don't know how that will affect our attendance.

JB has spoken with Coy Ainsley. Coy is trying to put together a group to come down, but it is not confirmed.

Lacey is willing to step up and purchase trinkets since she has been part of Souvenir Sales in past years. Bob will send info on sources.

New business:

School Field Trips:

Bob Dobbs will probably not be able to do any school field trips for a while. At this point, there are none scheduled or requested. It sounds like Josh and Stephanie and Gary Bush are willing to stand in.

Lyla Wedding:

Lyla would like to have a wedding for her nephew who is a member of the Livingston Fire Department in the cave and reception under the shelter on October 30th. Debi is trying to flesh out the details. There was talk of about 200 people being there, so there would be a need for additional sponsors.

NJ has agreed to start a list of everything Lyla would be in charge of and circulate it to the group for comment.

KOR / GSP Work weekend:

July 31st

Much work needs to be done.

WJ needs 3-4 committed people to help get power to the point completed.

There are two large trees down across the upper trail.

Ticket House will be worked on.

Open House Work Weekend:

September 25th

Contact:

As a committee member, please check your emails a few times a week and respond to any issues.

Kitchen Keys:

There has been a request to hold back kitchen keys from grotto members unless we can prove they have been kitchen trained.

Calendar:

There are many groups scheduled. Please see the calendar if you would like to bring a group.

July 24th Zubal – Nicklas Vow Renewal

July 31st KOR Work Weekend

August 7th Scout Trip

August 13-15 Karst-O-Rama

August 19th – Lyla Mullins Powell – work outing

August 21st Scout Trip

August 25 – Richmond Police Department youth field trip – need help, see Josh.

August 28 – Scout Trip

September 11th Scout Trip

September 11-12th Caver Appreciation

September 25th Open House Work Weekend

October 2nd & 3rd Open House

October 16 – Redmon/Campbell Wedding

November 13th Scout Trip

Next GSP Committee Meeting:

August 5, 2021 at 7:00 pm at Jerry Brandenburg's House as well as GoToMeeting

Standing Items:

Camping passes are available. The cost is \$40 for individual, \$60 for family.

GSP is following all COVID precautions and restrictions.

GSP is reserved on July 24, 2021 for the Zubal – Nicklas vow renewal

Motion to adjourn

NJ moved, FB second, meeting adjourned 8:49 pm