

GSP Committee Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2022

Called to order: 7:06PM all attended via GoTo - managed by Patrick Gibson

Committee members in attendance:

Scott Pavey	Werner Jud	Fred Ball	Chris Redmon
Jerry Brandenburg			

Other attendees

Debi Pavey	Pete Stow	Sean Cain	Gary O'dell
Jared Embree	Patrick Gibson	Jean Jagdmann	

Announcements:

Per GO: Susan Neumeyer and he will be visiting GSP this Saturday to begin an archeological evaluation of still uncovered GSP Saltpetre works. Purpose is to begin a scientific investigation and how to get grant money to fund it.

BC is officially vacated from GSP caretaker residence. Several people worked on cleaning the place out this past weekend. It was a mess; completely filled the dumpster and another change-out is needed. Our little trailer also filled high with trash.

Shed behind Caretaker's Residence (CR) still locked with BC's stuff inside. He has till June 24th to clear it out.

Transfer of ownership with BC's Windstream account for phone and internet, has been accomplished by Josh. GSP now has this new bill to pay. Old GSP phone # will eventually be dropped. Work to extend this new phone# and Wi-Fi service to shelter and ticket house, is in progress.

Secretary Report:

Motion to accept amended May minutes: ? (missed, and no one recalled who did)

Seconded: ?

Caretaker Report / Equipment

No longer a Bill Carr report. Caretaker reports from committee members.

Jerry mowed property. Z-turn has blown head gasket. Scott is getting parts and will make repairs. It is time to get our large fiberglass ladder back from BC and the key to the P.O. Box.

Treasurer Report:

Income from Open House and merchandise sales created a spike in May. However expenses keep rolling in. Revenue and Expense + Balance sheet report for May provided. More questions or details: contact WJ. Recent memo was emailed from WJ about being mindful of sales tax exemption purchases. Scott mentioned this as a

reminder. Documents easily obtainable. Contact WJ for assistance.
Motion to accept treasurer's report: FB Seconded: ?

Old Business

FOGSP: There was a booth at Open House.

Ticket House: James Clements installed a new roof about 10 days ago. New shingles installed on top of old. Donated material and labor. Still needs a vent cap installed later. Gutter and downspout all completed. All looks good. Interior electric still requires attention.

KoR: Plans are going as expected. Work weekend on June 25th. KOR July 8th, 9th, 10
Pre-reg closed.

GSP Shirts: All sold out. More shirts and sweatshirts should be ordered for KOR

DUG: FB has taken the helm to bring DUG back to life and reports official meeting was held at Open House. Officers were instated and membership meetings planned. Minutes of this meeting were distributed and available to others on request.

Open House: Statistics; about 3100 people in cave; 3235 on property. Good event considering heavy rains on Saturday and high price of fuel. Well run. Kevin and his kitchen crew did great job. Two television news cast videos from Lexington were done with Neena talking about the cave before and during Open House. Good publicity and well done. Both broadcasts are posted on GSP Cavers Facebook site.

School Field Trips: There were field trips Friday and Monday before and after Open House and the following Friday. They went well. None since then.

Daughters of 1812: Tabled till Neena reports back.

New Business:

GSP 33: Patrick G. will kick-off and manage this fundraising campaign for GSP to be able to pay back our lenders who have helped us pay for the CR. Flyer was drafted and shared with committee, using a modified GSP logo that he and NJ designed. Thirty-three people donating \$25/month for five years is the core concept behind this. Patrick will get the word out. Among perks for donators will be 5 years of free camping at GSP. A special camping badge will be issued instead of our regular GSP camping passes. Fred B said he will help launch this with an immediate lump sum donation as the first of 33. GSP 33 campers who are not part of managing Grottos, must still abide by our management plans and sign waivers like everyone else.

Josh will host a cave trip for a KY tourism lady, Kelly Burton, of London, KY who was at Open House. Dates are Saturday August 6 and Sunday Oct 2. About twenty people are expected per visit and hopefully a good donation. Josh has made it clear GSP Committee is NOT interested in promoting GSP as a general public tourism stop. This is just granting a special visit request made by Kelly Burton.

Caretaker Transition: A meeting of the Transition Committee planned at Open House did not occur. Lots of work ahead of us on CR repairs and refresh. Water line in house has developed a leak near main shut-off valve (improper piping installed). Water has been turned off and pipes must be replaced ASAP. WJ said he would handle this. Much discussion about getting a new caretaker and instituting a proper application form and procedure. Jean J. has offered to take on the role. JB made insistent endorsement for Jean (his cousin) that she would be an ideal and 'ready to move in' candidate and is better than any cameras and other remote security efforts. Fred B pointed out that continuing with property security and cameras is still worth vigorously pursuing aside from finding a person to live there. Anyone residing there could 'suddenly be absent' and won't be there 24/7 anyway. Committee needs to be in better control than it was during BC's time; especially since it is now our asset. Another Caretaker Transition committee meeting will be planned as soon as an updated agenda is completed.

Discussion about KY National Wildlife Heritage tabled till we hear from Gary O'Dell.

Scott said some leak was detected in one of the men's shower stalls by the shut-off handles.

Next Meeting:

Tentatively July 14th 2022 @ 7pm

Motion to adjourn at 8:36 PM: FB moved 2nd: WJ

Minutes recorded by WJ

Calendar:

July 8-11, 2022 - KoR

Sept 10, 2022 - Caver Appreciation