

Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve

Management Committee Meeting 12/8/2009
The Jud Residence

Start 7:04

Committee Members

Neena Jud
Werner Jud

Tim Hale
Mike McNabb
Richard Duncan

Also Attending

Bob Dobbs
Pete Stow

Janice Gott
Bruce Soluski
Brian Pitcher

Secretary

Minutes read and accepted

Treasurer's Report

Expenses exceeded income. Detailed Financial report available on request.

Caretaker Report

GSP Caretaker Report for November 2009 was read as submitted and reviewed. Detailed report available on request. The showerhouse has been winterized for the season, but maybe not before the outside shower pipes froze. After the main lines drain, the outside spigot will be turned back on. A load of dirt has been delivered to repair KOR ruts and 90 ton of gravel has been spread. BC estimates we need about 30 ton more to finish the main road. The Caretaker feels like the use of water bars on the gravel road will not work. BC has talked to state and county road engineers who have confirmed the need to correct drainage over the berm. BC is interested in exposing more of the historic water pipe to expose a joint and determine technique used to join the wood pipes.

The Caretakers report was discussed. A few years ago the committee discussed the water bar plan and had tabled the project till more information could be acquired. WJ has done a good bit of research on this and submitted a proposal by email on 11/26/09. The Kentucky Forest Landowner's Handbook has been a good source of information and WJ has also visited several sites on the Internet dealing with drainage and runoff on gravel roads. The committee has agreed to pursue this project. The committee also

authorized spending another \$400.00 for gravel. Regarding the proposal to excavate more wooden pipe: the Committee requires any excavation in the cave to be performed in consultation with an Archeologist and recorded with photos and written documentation, before and after, per our Management Plan.

Kentucky Film Commission. NJ contacted the KFC. We were no longer on their list but now we are.

School Trips. School in Laurel County has sent us many nice drawings.

Art. John Agnew has been busy on other projects. Werner will meet with him soon.

National Register. TH is on track for submitting the first draft by Feb. 2010

Archeological Projects. Chris Hacker, no report.

Management Plan. Has been submitted to RKC for review. RKC will discuss and vote on thru email and come back with any comments or questions. There was some elaboration of the minor revisions to the Management Plan. No dissent was heard.

Scouts. There has been some confusion as to whether scouts have full camping privileges. Committee confirms that anyone who pays the camping fee has access to the showerhouse. GCG will start to schedule the wild cave trips in March. GCG will schedule Scout trips from May 1st thru September 30th. Great Saltpetre Cave is available for tours year around.

Web site. No progress yet.

Budget. The 2009 budget was reviewed and 2010 budget discussed.

Water bars. Werner will continue to develop this project and present details to the Committee before any work is done. The first section of road to address is between the tractor barn and the shelter. We will monitor that section and proceed from there.

Project list. Discussed and accepted. A number of these projects still require budgets.

Motion. TH made a motion that no new project can be added to the list until a current project is completed or tabled. WJ 2nd. All agreed.

New Business. Tabled till January

WJ motion to adjourn. M. Mc. 2nd.

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Next meeting will be 7:00 PM Tuesday, January 12th at Molly Malone's 6111 Montgomery Rd., Pleasant Ridge.