

Great SaltPetre Cave Preserve

Management Committee Meeting August 9, 2011
7 pm at Blue Ash Library

Committee Members Present:

Neena Jud

Richard Duncan

Werner Jud

Tim Hale

Mike McNabb

Also Attending:

Bob Dobbs

Bruce Soluski

Janice Gott

Howard Kalnitz

Chris Hacker

Brian Pitcher

Secretary's Report

Minutes of 6/7/11 were read. **Motion** to accept the minutes (Tim, Werner, by acclaim). **Motion** to accept the April minutes of 4-5-11 (Werner, Tim, by acclaim).

Treasurer's Report

Additional donations from Open House in May were uncovered, with an additional \$346 from donations and \$310 from sales. This improved the profitability from Open House. Net income for July was \$694. Camping donations from KOR have not been Included yet.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report (Richard, Mike, by acclaim).

Caretaker's Report

Bill Carr reported that he changed out the fuel sending unit on the tractor. The grounds were not left in optimum condition after KOR. The Decontamination Station was left up. He finally had to call to have the dumpster removed. Bob Dobbs hopes to fill some of the potholes in the asphalt road with "cold patch" soon, with Don Bradner. **Motion** to accept the Caretaker's report (Tim, Richard, by acclaim).

MIM Work Weekend

Werner notes that the tractor and Z-turn have had their maintenance (oil & filter change). They should be in good shape for mowing. Lights in the cave have been replaced. The box grader was used to smooth gravel roads.

There was a special conference call meeting on 6/21/11 regarding camping at GSP during Music in the Mountain. Camping will be limited to Barton Field, Long Bottom and the Point. GSPC will offer free camping for out of town cavers with a MIM ticket on Friday and Saturday night. If no ticket, regular system for DUG, GCG and BGG members.

KOR 2011

One load of gravel was delivered and placed just before the event. A silent auction brought in \$412. Kitchen net income was \$772. The rainy mornings helped the kitchen sales.

NSS Convention

The John Agnew art was on display. By mistake it was not judged or displayed with a price. This will allow it to be entered again next year.

Music in the Mountain

BD notes that there has been radio as well as print advertising. Tammy Otten has been interviewed on several radio shows. Currently 168 tickets have been sold. He says Renfro Valley still expects 500 tickets to sell overall. There are still a number of work projects still to do before the event.

A number of merchandise items are ready to sell, including a new run of green sweatshirts with the GSP logo on the front (\$20 each) and additional Map T-shirts. Lacie Braley will be in charge of sales. Bob Dobbs has been selling tactical flashlights for \$20 to benefit the sauna, but he will provide some to sell at MiM, with \$5 each going to GSP. The round GSP logo stickers were donated by Ron Hagar, which will be sold for \$1 each. RD looked into obtaining a charge card machine for the event, but the cost seemed prohibitive.

Green Latrine

Recently completed: Cut hole for vent pipe, assembled interior portion of vent, fan unit on composter, cut holes in top surface for chutes, painted upper door frame, completed upper wiring, one light installed.

Getting closer! Still to do:

Install one light fixture

Install electric for composter

Install vertical section of vent pipe

Complete installation of toilets (when remaining chute piece arrives)

Assemble wood shavings and starter compost

Install TP shelves and signs

Prepare instructional material

We have spent \$19,401 on the Green Latrine, and have raised \$18,686 so far, with an additional known \$400 coming. Werner proposes that GSP's general budget cover the remaining few hundred dollars.

Cave Signs

Bob Yuellig brought an RKC identification sign down to GSP, but left it to the GSP committee to place it. RKC is placing one on each of their

preserves. The committee wanted to see the sign before deciding placement. They are considering the kiosk and the cave entrance. The verbiage for interpretive signs is under final edit. Motion to table the sign placement (Neena, Tim).

Maintenance issues

Bruce made a donation for part of the truck load of gravel. Placing the Wayne Barton memorial plaque in the back field will need a generator for a drill. There is one in the tractor barn that can be used.

New Business

Movie Proposal: A group wants to film “Hidden in the Bluegrass” at the cave on August 27th. They are being funded with donations, and offered to give us credit in the film, but nothing financial. Reece Walter from BGG has shown them the cave and offered to sponsor them. It was suggested that additional sponsors should be there. Neena also requested a donation from them to cover electric costs. Neena has edited a location release form for the group, Grace and Glory Pictures. There was some discussion of the terms of the contract that they want signed. Howard noted that when the wording was finalized, Neena should send a copy of the contract to RKC, asking for permission to enter into the contract, just to cover all the bases.

Cave Tour: Beech Grove Baptist Church from Crab Orchard would like to tour the cave on Saturday, October 15th or 22nd. We will need to check the calendar for conflicts with the school field trips and other events. The tour will also need sponsors.

KOR Camping Fees

Attendance at KOR was down this year. The KOR committee wanted to economize on the amount given to GSP. There were 720 person-nights of camping at the event. Brittany hoped that GSP would accept the old camping rate of \$4 instead of the agreed new rate of \$5/night. They note that KOR is no longer making money from Ice and Kitchen sales. They would like to agree on a rate and write a check and close their books for the year. There was much discussion about the topic. The amount, being based on a fee per night, was also lower than GSP’s budget anticipated, due to the low attendance. The committee wanted to ponder their options further, and time was short at the meeting location. The topic was tabled.

Next Meeting

The next GSP Committee Meeting will be on September 11th, the Sunday during caver appreciation weekend at 10 am.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.