

Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve Management Committee Meeting

March 6, 2012

7 PM at Molly Malones

Committee Members present

Neena Jud

Mike McNabb

Tim Hale

Richard Duncan

Also attending

Bob Dobbs

Janice Gott

Ron Hager

Meeting began at 7:15.

Secretary's Report

Minutes were read and approved. Motion to accept Tim Hale, M McNabb 2nd, by acclaim.

Treasurer's Report & Green Latrine

GCG made their usual donation. Camping passes brought in a significant amount. There were a number of expenses for cost of goods for Open House sellable items purchased. Green Latrine received \$600 so its expenses and donations are now even. Almost all of the expenses have been made already, except for signage. The loan from People's Bank is collateralized with a CD from People's Bank, which was purchased with money from Richard Blenz. When the CD comes due, there is sufficient money allocated for the GL to pay back Mr. Blenz. In a few weeks the manure starter and water will be added. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report, McNabb, Duncan 2nd, by acclaim.

Caretaker's Report

Bill Carr will be opening the shower house soon. BC had requested a concrete pad to park his vehicles on, as the humidity coming through the gravel is causing his vehicles to

rust. He was asked for more information. He only wants to make a 20'x 30' concrete pad, and also wants to put up a shelter for his vehicles. His ramp to the shed is more of an eyesore, and he feels the concrete pad will be nicer visually. He is willing to pay for it.

Motion for the GSP Management Committee to make a recommendation to RKC, to allow an approximately 20' wide x 30' long concrete pad to be constructed by Bill Carr at his expense in front of his shed in place of his ramp. Neena Jud motion, Hale 2nd, by acclaim.

Motion to accept the Caretaker's report RD, 2nd Mike McNabb, by acclaim.

Business.

Calendar There are 3 scout troops planning to camp at the preserve these next two weekends. At the end of the month there will be an NCRC Orientation to Cave Rescue Training at the preserve. School field trips are scheduled for April 19th & 20th. T-shirts and bats will be available for sale to the kids.

GCG By-Laws Changes have been proposed to the GCG By-Laws. They were read at the March meeting, and will be read again at the April GCG meeting and voted upon.

Cave signs. Bob Dobbs and Ron Hager reported that most of the posts are installed. Ron did not yet have access to a trimmer to finish the sign backer boards. They are planning another trip to place the signs.

Open House – Saltpetre Festival. Neena has sent out invitations to re-enactors for the "village." She has put up a form on the website for interested parties to apply for a site. Ron has information from Costume Gallery in Newport (between 6th & 7th on Monmouth St). They will give our people a discount if we have 10 or more people who are willing to rent costumes from them. They have full outfits for rent, and pictures of the dress in that period. They will also add our event to their website. Bob mentioned that Schenz in Camp Washington also has period costuming.

Saltpetre Festival Publicity: The WRVK local radio station in Mt. Vernon runs a regular history program on air. RD has emailed to the station about doing a show on GSP's saltpetre history. Neena is developing a history program for the GCG meeting in April, that could also be used for the radio show. Bill Carr contacted the Kentucky Bi-Centennial Commission, who has in turn contacted Neena about publicizing our event. Neena & Gary Bush are updating the history info this year's schedule info on the GSP website. Mile McNabb is looking for suitable cedar for re-constructing a V-vat. Open House Work Weekend is scheduled for May 5-6th, with caving on Sunday.

Budget for 2012 The budget for MiM expenses has been set at \$900. The line item for cost of goods has been increased. With the addition of MiM as an event where merchandise is sold, the anticipated item sales income for 2012 should be weighted more towards the 2011 history, rather than an average from the last 3 years. The former Woodland Altars group is planning to come back to GSP this year.

Scout Camp Pat Hutson has estimated \$1,955 for material costs for the proposed Scout Camp shelter. It would be similar to the Fairview Cemetery shelter, but with a thicker metal roof. The extra fee for Scout camping will cover this expense over the next few years, as was intended. There is enough money in the general account to cover this initial outlay in the short run. RD intends to also develop a fire circle in Scout Camp with Scout labor, as an ongoing service project for them. Motion to approve the \$2,000 for a capital improvement project in Scout Camp for a shelter house, McNabb motion, RD 2nd, by acclaim.

Music in the Mountain Bob Dobbs had no new information.

Saltpetre Poster Bob Dobbs & RD possessed old artwork depicting the cave's historical saltpetre works, created by Sam McCausland in the 1980s. This artist has since passed away. Ron Hagar has digitized and enhanced the poster. Offering

copies of the poster for sale at the Saltpetre Festival was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 pm.

The next meeting will be
Tuesday, April 10th, 7 pm at the Jud's house,