

Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve Management Committee Meeting

May 6, 2012

9 AM at GSP

Committee Members present

Neena Jud

Werner Jud

Richard Duncan

Tim Hale

Pat Hudson

Also attending

Bob Dobbs

Janice Gott

JoEtta Hutson

Bill Carr

Meeting began at 9:13.

Secretary's Report

Minutes were read and approved. Motion to accept Tim, Pat 2nd, by acclaim.

The GCG Bylaw change to revise the wording about the GSP Committee was voted on at the last Grotto meeting and approved.

Announcement

Slippery Elm trees are being stripped again. Lyla Mullins Powell called to say that Ralph saw one on our property near Edna's house, and there are likely more in other locations.

Treasurer's Report

Checking account is over \$13,000. The CD collateral for the Green Latrine has been closed out and the arrangement with Richard Blenz is complete. (This was done in March.) Scouting has brought in a significant income in donations for the last month. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Pat motion, Richard 2nd, by acclaim.

Caretaker's Report

Bill Carr reported that the grass has been mowed twice already, with Pat Hutson being a huge help. He has ordered a 3' x 5' GSP flag for the flagpole. He thought that we had a Commonwealth of Kentucky flag to offset it. The American flag is worn. **MOTION:** To get two new flags, a Commonwealth and American flag, and retire the old American flag, to add to the new GSP flag for the flagpole at the kiosk. To also purchase an inexpensive War of 1812 flag for Open House (Werner, Pat, by acclaim).

The parts to fix the shower are here.

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

Business.

Cave Signs The new cave signs have all been installed.

Culvert Pipe Richard priced an 18" x 10' culvert pipe to go in beyond the back field in the road to Lloyd Mullins' old homestead and will pick it up from Lumber King in the next few weeks.

Bumps in signature alley Neena scraped off a few bumps a found no piles of lint. Since it was just mud, there is no need for a conservation project. **Motion:** To put the bumps in Signature Alley conservation project idea to rest (Tim, Werner 2nd, by acclaim).

Scout Shelter Pat has determined a spot for the new scout shelter to go in. He hopes to have it up by KOR. Initially it will have just a light coating of gravel for flooring. It will need to be signed to not be used for camping. **Motion:** To name the Scout Shelter after Bill Simpson and Jack Hissong, and put a sign on it (Neena, Tim, by acclaim).

Firewood A Scout troop firewood stand has been set up, with wood divided into \$10 piles.

KOR We need to put in the guidebook what hours the GSP cave will be open. GSP Volunteers are needed to open and

close it. The hours will be 9 am to 1 am Friday and Saturday, and 9 am Sunday to early afternoon. KOR has asked GSP to be responsible for arranging for opening and closing the cave, arranging for dumpsters and port-o-lets, collecting trash and recycling, and checking and re-stocking the outhouses. GSP needs to find out if water is needed for a Decontamination Station during KOR– and where that will be located.

MIM In order to broadcast performances from the cave, WRVK needs a telephone line back to the big room. Bill says there are an RJX56 cable, a 6 pair data coaxial line, and 2 phone lines already in there, but they haven't been used for over a decade, and will need to be tested. Bob has the ticket site online ready, which will be activated soon. Ticketing will be set up across the road from Bill Carr's house. In order to do internet ticketing, for KOR and MIM, Bill could upgrade his wifi box, so they could use Bill's wifi, but the new box would cost \$50. This could perhaps be a GCG grotto or an MIM expense. On the other hand, for \$300 per year, the GSP phone could be upgraded with a package to include internet and unlimited long distance. If there are people willing to combine to stake this for a year, it would allow the ticket booth for MIM to be at the historic ticket house, where the phone line comes in. The same wifi box could be used on this line, so the wifi box is useful either way. BC will present this idea to GCG Board for consideration. GSP Committee does not want to pay for this upgrade.

Work weekend dates: The weekend before KOR, and two weekends before MIM.

Open House Thursday before Open House, there is a catered dinner for a group of Japanese visitors in the cave, sponsored by Peoples Bank in Berea. Neena & Werner will be sponsors. Saltpetre Encampment people will arrive on Friday, and set up between the road and Crooked creek, just past the drive to the point. The demonstration saltpetre vat will be on north side of the drive. The Livingston F.D.'s food booth will be across from the flagpole. The souvenir booth will add Climax Water to sale

up by the cave. Our camping will be kept out of site, around the corner towards scout camp. Roland Mullins will have “The Laurel Spur,” and two other authors will have locally oriented books for sale. They will set up near the grill in the shelter. The gates will be open 9 to 5 this year, but tours will be 10 to 4 as normal. We will need some parking signs, the MIM signs are in the ticket booth and could be used. Tours will have “stations” this year. “Devil’s Racetrack” will need 3-4 people operating as guides through it. They could also give a spiel on how we are a non-profit organization that depends on their donations. Neena thought we might want to publish a map with three loops – the regular one and two shorter loops. Someone will need to be stationed at Richard’s Run, near the V-vats, in Echo Auditorium and near the Pig Pen, to keep people from wandering off the paths. Paul Teirney will be lecturing in the museum section.

Sarah Corry Trail Bill has cleared the trail, but the wood under the existing signs is rotted. It needs either new signs or new wood.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 am.

The next meeting will be
Tuesday, June 12th, 7 pm, location TBD,