

Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve

Management Committee Meeting 1/10/2013
Jud Residence

Start 7:10 pm

Committee Members present:

Richard Duncan
Werner Jud
Neena Jud

Scott Pavey
Tama Cassidy

Also attending:

Janice Gott
Debi Pavey

Tim Hale

Secretary's Report

There was no meeting in December.

November's Minutes were summarized and accepted (SP motion, TC 2nd)

Caretakers Report

Bill Carr commented on the ditch to prevent access to Jackson Energy clearing under the power line and the Rat in the Kitchen chewing the phone, Wifi, & stereo wiring. He shared a request from the Johnson Sisters to use the Cave on Sunday morning June 23rd.

Jackson Energy is being very neat and cleaning up after any trimming on the Preserve.

Treasurer's Report

December 2012 was reviewed.

Expenses exceeded Income. Detailed Financial report available on request.

Report accepted (NJ motion, RD 2nd)

Old Business

Tractor: All parts are ordered through Eric at Moon Tractor. Sheet metal is straightened out. The deck is welded back onto the mower. Scott expects about 5-6 hours worth of work once he has the parts in hand.

Replacement reconstruction still: Pot is completed.

National Register of Historic Places: Tim Hale started the process. Neena will fill in the missing verbiage from her research into GSP's history over the last few years. A rough draft is due on February 1st and final version on March 1, 2012.

Youth Groups: Brian Blake is now the primary contact person for Scouts. For 2013, the plan is to have one or maybe two scout weekends per month. Schedule will be published. No Scouts on the work weekends before Open House or KOR.

There might be one Scout Troop scheduled in the month of February.

Scout Shelter: No recent work. Pat Hutson visited the Preserve, saw the progress, and knows it needs to get done.

Question was raised about the floor of the Scout Shelter. It will start as just grass/mud. Next we can get gravel for it, and later can pour a concrete slab – as funds become available.

Range Hood. Scott Pavey knows the scope of work to frame up the supports and cover them with a fire resistant rated material. Discussion ensued about when this will be done (after the Tractor is finished).

WiFi: Pete Stow was recently in the Kitchen, and the WiFi seems to work (but that rat is persistent!).

New Business

Budget:

Werner Jud shared the financial reports again. As in the past, we looked at the last three years actual numbers in the income and expenses categories, averaged them and used that as a basis to develop a budget for 2013. *Please contact Treasurer for budget information.*

Discussion ensued about Merchandise – what we have on hand, where it is, what else would be readily saleable, and when & where to make it available for purchase. It was decided to revisit this topic next month.

The Reserve Fund was budgeted to get \$ 1,000 this year. GSP had more income than expenses in 2012, sufficient to allow moving this amount into the reserve. This will be recorded as of 12/31/2012.

Scout projects: Tama Cassidy suggested that if Scouts want to do a project at GSP (particularly Eagle Scout projects) that rather than paying for all materials, we offer to match an amount of money they raise. This is what happens with the Scouts that do projects at the Miami County Parks where Tama works, and gives the Scouts experience in raising funds. This could apply to picnic tables for the Scout Shelter.

Upcoming Schedule:

Anticipate School Field Trips – probably just before Open House work weekend, and maybe two weekends before that. Bob Dobbs has been contacted by at least one school so far.

RD noted that GSP Committee meetings are listed on the GCG Yahoo calendar on the Thursdays after Grotto meetings. It was suggested to have some meetings at GSP on work weekends that are close to those dates. Therefore the May meeting will be Sunday the 5th.

The next GSP Committee meeting will be Thursday February 7, 2012, location to be determined (maybe Molly Malone's).

Adjourned approx 8:50 pm.

**The next meeting will be Thursday February 7, 2013 at 7:00 pm
location: TBD**