

Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve

Management Committee Meeting 3/7/2013
Anderson Township Library

Start 7:25 pm

Committee Members present:

Richard Duncan
Werner Jud
Neena Jud
Tama Cassidy

Scott Pavey
Pat Hutson
Jerry Brandenburg

Also attending:

Bob Dobbs
Janice Gott
Matt Keller
Tammy Otten

Beau Gergel
Dustin Kisner
Pete Stow
JoEtta Hutson

Secretary's Report

February's Minutes were summarized and accepted (JB motion, PH 2nd)

Caretakers Report

Dumpster should be emptied shortly. Hopefully the Showerhouse can be activated by the end of March.

Treasurer's Report

First two months of 2013 were reviewed.
Detailed Financial report available on request.

Report accepted (JB motion, PH 2nd)

Old Business

Recent Issue: On the weekend of February 22-24, 2013, a group of young adults were at GSP. Their behavior (which included loud music after quiet hours, and creation of ruts in the soft ground off established roadways) was alarming to the Caretaker. Much discussion ensued.

Motion was made and approved by vote (5 affirmative, 1 abstaining) to remove guest sponsorship privileges of the Grotto member, require him to come before the Committee to explain the actions of that weekend, and require him to return before the Committee sometime in the future if he wants to get guest privileges reinstated.

NJ will send a message to the Grotto member responsible for the group to make clear the consequences of those actions.

Committee would like a small group to have a discussion with Caretaker. RD to initiate this with Bill and work together to set this up.

Revival: May 3-5, 2013: Friday evening 5:00 – 9:30 in the Cave, Saturday 12:00 – 4:00 picnic at the Shelter, 5:00 – 9:30 in the Cave, and Sunday evening 5:00 –

9:30 in the Cave. Lyla Mullins Powell (owner of the north section of GSP) will be the contact with the Baptist Coalition of Churches. Bob Dobbs will continue as the direct contact.

They will take up a collection each night to give to GSP. They are aware that we will be there mowing and doing other maintenance tasks in preparation for Open House.

Although they will cover the cost of the Port-O-Lets, we will move them into the Cave. We are still waiting for response from Shawn Loveless as to whether he can provide one that can have the shell removed and transported separately from the tank.

Golf carts will be provided by Church members that have them. A concern was raised about allowing the Church members to drive in the Cave, but it is better to have the owner (who knows how it works) operate the golf cart. Only electric golf carts will be allowed into the Cave, Gas carts are fine outside.

They should plan on no more than 600 chairs. We will close certain passages during the revival and turn the lights off in those areas. A few cave monitors will be needed.

Open House: This year will be co-led by Richard Duncan & Werner Jud. Bob Dobbs prepared a "Timeline for Open House". NJ will forward this to RD & WJ. NJ will contact re-enactors from last year and invite them again. No hay, firewood or ice will be supplied, but no camping fees will be required either. Please note: Cavers who help with Open House will have their camping fees waived that weekend.

A volunteer is needed to run the Kitchen from where we serve free soup beans and cornbread. Janice is willing to help, but will not run it. RD will ask James Clements.

Flyers need to be figured out shortly, and a publicity co-chair is needed.

Tammy Otten shared that RKC would like to have a booth as in years past. If we have re-enactors, the RKC booth would preferably be down in the field. Otherwise it will be up near the Cave as before.

This year they will have a coffee & muffins reception for RKC members from 9:30 – 11:00 on Saturday only, followed by a scheduled tour of GSP.

KOR: GSP Committee will handle trash. The next KOR meeting will be March 18, 2013 at Matt Keller's house. NJ will attend.

Caver Appreciation Weekend: Richard Duncan would like to incorporate a pig roast. Some suggestions were offered. More consideration required.

Youth Groups: These are currently on the schedule:

- March 9 – two Scout troops (Shane Mullins) 857 (Suer) ? + VFW tour of cave
- March 23 – two Scout troops (GCG guides) 149, 420 (?956)
- April 20 – three Scout troops (GCG guides) 500, 21, 940 (own guides)
- April 27 – one Scout troop (Scott Pavey guide) 170
- June 8 – one Scout troop (GCG guides) 234
- June 16-22 – Camp Wesley Caving Adventures
- August 10 – one Scout troop (GCG guides) 1

Matt Keller reminded us that he will be sponsoring Troop 149 (15 scouts, 4 adults) on March 15th. This must be added to the calendar.

Beau Gergel said he will be sponsoring the Ohio State Geology Club (approx 20 people) on March 30 weekend. He should submit the standard request form located on the website at: <http://www.caves.org/conservancy/gsp/sponsor.shtml>

School Field Trips: Bob Dobbs has been contacted by only one school thus far: Sat. April 13, 2013 (Jackson Co. Middle School, 50 students). If any more schools contact him, he will encourage them to visit on Friday May 3rd or Thursday May 2nd.

Meals for Volunteers: Frequently Scout troops will offer dinner to the guides who take them caving, but those guides need to be hanging around the cooking tent when the food is ready or they will miss out.

It was decided to keep meals for volunteers to larger volunteer weekends. A tighter meals plan should be developed.

Projects

Tractor: has been returned to its home and is ready for use. Scott put in a new ignition switch and the old tractor key still works BUT: it tends to vibrate out during use. So please take the key out and stick it in your pocket, or figure out a place to hang it while driving the tractor.

Replica Moonshine Still: is expected to be delivered and set up in April.

Scout Shelter: James Clements will be down there this weekend with Tim Ryan to work on the roof. Bob Dobbs will join them.

Cave Gate Lock: Has been finicky of late. Plans underway to get a new lock and distribute keys to Caretaker, Committee, Grotto Chairs, RKC etc.

National Register of Historic Places: Neena submitted the nomination on March 1. She provided a couple of copies of it to RKC Board members for review. She gave one to RD to read and circulate amongst the Committee members. One will go to the GCG Library.

There has been some expense for printing copies of this. So far that has been absorbed by GSP in the archives category, but it seems like if a number of grotto members want their own personal copy they should cover the cost. Options are being investigated.

Next steps: brief presentation to the Kentucky Heritage Council, then it goes to Washington D.C. Final determination will probably be made by the end of the year.

Adjourned approx 8:50 pm.

**The next meeting will be Thursday April 11, 2013 at 7:00 pm
location: Groesbeck Public Library**