

Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve

Management Committee Meeting 5/5/2013
Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve Shelter

Start 10:15 am

Committee Members present:

Richard Duncan
Tama Cassidy
Jerry Dixon

Werner Jud
Neena Jud
Scott Pavey

Also attending:

Bill Carr
John Boyer
John Cassidy
James Clements
Bob Dobbs
Janice Gott
Dr. George Crothers
Tim Hale
Kevin Hughes

Kelly Hay
Ron Hager
Ralph Mann
Shane Mullins
Debi Pavey
Pnut Rickerts
James Robinson
Mike Wuerth
Chanda Ziegler

Announcements

Richard expressed appreciation to all for coming to help ready the Preserve for Open House.

Camille Westmont will be graduating this evening from UK with a degree in Anthropology.

Secretary's Report

April's meeting was briefly reviewed.

Treasurer's Report

Expenses exceeded income. Detailed Financial report available on request.

GSP will make a one month contribution to the WiFi fund.

Caps have been ordered and will be ready in time for Open House.

Motion to approve: NJ, 2nd TC, all in favor.

Caretakers Report

Expressed appreciation to Scott Pavey for working on the tractor. Bill has used it to mow quite a bit, and will repeat before Open House. He experienced an issue with the ignition switch and will work with Scott to resolve it.

Old Business

Open House:

Help needed: someone to fix & serve the beans

Cave Guides (Ron Hager & Kelly Hay volunteered)

Traffic control near the Upper Parking lot (James Robinson volunteered)

All are encouraged to dress up again (early 1800's time frame)

Re-enactors will return.

Many posters & flyers were distributed on Friday. Bill Carr, Shane Mullins & RD will distribute the rest early this week.

Bob Dobbs will contact the Entertainer who sang last year to see if he can return.

New Business

Discussion of a Decontamination Station for KOR and considerations for a permanent location: For KOR, it was suggested to have a temporary station to the side of the Showerhouse using the decking salvaged from the Kitchen floor, the white barrels that are stashed at the side and a hose. Scott Pavey suggested constructing a lean-to as a permanent fixture at the Preserve with instructional posters. This will show that as a caving organization, we really encourage decontaminating.

Concerns: Who will keep this cleaned and solution fresh? Maybe post the message: "If you use it, you clean it, and leave it like you found it." This could significantly increase water usage. It could be a muddy mess – needs to be well thought through. During events someone needs to manage the Decon station (Beau Gergel will handle this for KOR).

In comparison, CRF does not have facilities for Decon. Their policy is "responsible cavers should be bagging everything before it goes into the vehicle, and can Decon at home."

Considering the chemicals used in the solution, it is not good for the ecosystem to have the permanent station near the level of the Creek (or where it could infiltrate the Showerhouse leach field). There may be a better location higher on the hillside, but it needs to be convenient for use and proximate to a water source.

Projects

The replica Moonshine Still has been delivered and set in place. A big thanks to Scott Pavey for fabricating it! Concern for its security was once again raised. It was recommended that Tour Guides refer to it as a "replica still", and that photographs of John Lair's arrangement were consulted to match the appearance.

Adjourned meeting to go up to the Cave and view the pipe joint with Dr. Crothers. Motion to adjourn: NJ, 2nd SP, all in favor.

**The next meeting will be Thursday June 13, 2013 at 7:00 pm
location: To Be Determined**

In the Cave, Dr. George Crothers strongly recommended re-covering the pipe joint. Fungal growth and deterioration is visible on the wood. He followed the straight line of the pipe and found another end, just visible at the surface of the sediment. He theorized that the rock piles in this passage were pipe supports.

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