

Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve Committee Meeting

October 10, 2013 - Grosbeck Library

Committee Members Present:

Chris Hacker
Werner Jud
Neena Jud
Scott Pavey

Also attending:

Darryl Marsh
Debi Pavey

Meeting started at 7:07 pm.

Announcements:

Werner Jud provided camping passes for the GCG Auction in November.

Traci Hacker has volunteered to be the GSP Committee Secretary for the duration of Chris Hacker's tenure.

Secretary's Report:

- Minutes from the September meeting were summarized.
- ***WJ made a motion to accept, SP 2nd.***

Meeting minutes are posted on the GSP website (without actual dollar amounts in the financial report). The minutes contain the facts and decisions, not necessarily all the discussions and opinions. To be fully informed, it is best to attend the meetings.

Treasurer's Report:

Income exceeded expenses. Detailed Financial report available upon request.

- One scout troop did send in monies for camping and donation.
- ***NJ made a motion to accept, SP 2nd.***

Caretaker's Report:

Chris will again send his email address to BC who claimed to not have it in his report.

- Tractor may be leaking antifreeze... may require additional upkeep.
- Grounds have been mowed
- BC will fill gas cans
- Dumpster is getting full.
- Ticket house light not working again, even though WJ just put in a new lightbulb.
- Looking at putting in new PA workings aside from the receiver - wants \$300 to do this. Committee wants more information before committing to monies.
- Pipe - wants to know if we bury it or not, previous motion had been made to bury by November 1, but wants particulars about how to "properly" bury a pipe. See Old Business.

Old Business

- Port-o-lets by Picnic Shelter: Comments have been received regarding the shelter port-o-lets causing an odor for the climbing tree, concerns about erosion, and user-friendliness (people don't know that they're there, or that they're usable). As to erosion - a shovel was used to move a very small amount of dirt, so there is no real danger. As for user-friendliness, Werner will post a sign about the 2-holer on the hill behind Scout Camp. Chris moves to leave the shelter facilities there for the winter and table the issue until spring.
- Concert Request: On June 15, 2014, the Johnson Sisters want to do a concert for the elderly. Estimated size is 30 people. This is Father's Day weekend. The only concern is KOR, and Chris will bring it up to the GCG Board. Neena made everyone aware that the group is charged money by a tour operator to attend, from which donations are given to GSP. Concerns about cave-for-pay and whether this would be a contradiction to our management plan.
- Pipe Joint: If no information on scientific method by October 25, pipe will be unceremoniously buried with a rock covering the location. Millie has also been sent an email asking how, but she has not responded. We will also post on the Yahoo group. ***Chris made a motion to extend the "cover" date to Sunday November 3 so that the work can be done that weekend - WJ made motion to accept, NJ seconded.***
- Subcommittees:
 - Archaeology subcommittee - Chris is willing to formalize this committee to set guidelines for GSP Cave concerns. Tama, Bill Carr, and Amber Yuellig seem to be the current group. Chris will tell the committee that we need a quarterly update of activities, requesting a concept plan for the group.
 - Vandalism Group - Chris, Neena, Tama, Bob Dobbs are this group. Chris will contact Carl Sewanigan, Rockcastle LE officer who owns Pine Hill, concerning involvement and LE contact in the local community. Wants to also look into making contact with lawyers and additional LE in the Rockcastle area for guidance.
- Black Oak Timbers - we need to coordinate pick up from Duke Hopper in London, KY. These are cut to fit shelter, they're ours, and we need to pick them up.
- Wi-Fi
 - Wi-Fi was acquired for use by events and members as needed. It has been invaluable to the events, and useful to members who have taken advantage of it. GSP originally decided to provide this service as long as the income existed to pay for it (approximately \$50 per month, and it must be paid every month). The GSP Committee currently does not have the money to pay for this service through the rest of 2013, and as of December 1, the service will go away.
 - Werner requested that someone take charge of the Wi-Fi situation. Chris offered to let GCG know that this money is needed each month in order to keep the Wi-Fi, and to solicit for someone to take charge of the Wi-Fi situation. James Clements, Patrick Gibson, and Ron Hagar were suggested to take it over.
 - The GSP Committee also received a request for extending the Wi-Fi to Scout Camp. If the service goes away, this will be a moot point. If the service stays,

this extension of the service may be against the goals of the Preserve and will have to be further discussed.

- Culvert Pipe: Bob Dobbs inquired about a culvert pipe in the ditch toward the back field. Bob Dobbs brought plastic pipe down and stored it behind the shower house for the project. He has had an offer for help, but wants someone to take this on. Is there a practical reason to be able to drive back there? This requires more discussion for later.
- KOR Income - We are waiting for reimbursement for an invoice, and the "traditional" donation to GSP for the event.
- Graffiti Issue
 - Neena reviewed the history of graffiti found this year in the Cave (see August meeting minutes). Scott Pavey reported on his discovery of new graffiti in Signature Alley.
 - During last month's meeting a motion was made to **Form an Official Committee for Vandalism Mitigation and Deterrence**. It was not seconded, voted upon, or tabled at that time.
 - *TC re-made the motion, NJ 2nd, Unanimous in favor.*
 - It is important for all of us to educate our guests and stress to all visitors that the Cave is a living museum. Stay on the pathway. Do not touch walls or artifacts.
 - The GSP website includes Cave Rules
http://www.caves.org/conservancy/gsp/info/rules_cave.shtml
 - There is a Cave Key Form for use by Committee Members when loaning a key to Grotto members. When you unlock the Cave gate for anyone, you are responsible for their actions.
 - A suggestion was made to add information to Tour Guide sheets to remind cave guides what to say in various places, i.e. just before entering Signature Alley.

New Business

- Eagle Scout Project Request: Andy Wall with Troop 234 has requested that we allow him to take on a picnic table project for Scout Camp for his Eagle Scout project. The committee overwhelmingly agreed to this proposition. There is a suggestion that we offer to match costs/materials, to which the GSP Committee also agreed.
- GSP Cave Re-survey: Howard Kalnitz is re-surveying the Cave. Please leave any survey tape that you find in place.
- Thank you: James Clements has been upgrading the kitchen, and Chris would like to formally commend his efforts somehow, if even only with a formal thank-you. Chris will also get a projected list of future projects.
- GSP Kitchen/Shelter:
 - The GSP kitchen is in need of a 'new' upright freezer and requests any information/donations. The outdoor 'freezer' is actually heating things up now and needs to be looked at. Werner will send out email blasts about this.
 - If the kitchen sink is to be replaced, Neena suggests a 3-section sink that is deep enough to submerge pots and pans.
 - Instead of throwing away dishes/tableware in kitchen, we would like to see them donated from here on out.

- School/Scout trips
 - volunteers are still needed for the next couple of weeks. Otherwise, the trips are winding down.
 - A new liaison is needed for scout troops. Because of volunteer issues, the current liaisons suggest that we not limit trips per month anymore (as tried in 2013). Darryl will act in the position until a new liaison is found, but he cannot stay in the slot long-term. DUG and BGG will also be approached. Chris suggested offering this to potential Eagle Scouts as projects.
 - A question was brought up as to how important scout trips in GSP are, as volunteers for guides are few and far-between. Darryl suggested that maybe outside sources might be approached for guide purposes, including contacts for those groups who are often coming to GSP.
 - Neena reminded everyone of the Google Documents scheduling form, and set processes, that we've used, and that they have been working well.

- Darryl suggested that GSP add an announcement to the website that we are interested in being Eagle Scout Project recipients.

- Scout Shelter - 95% finished. Need to add T111 and maybe gutters before it's complete. Want to nail a sign to the shelter with information, and may want to add a tack-board for use by groups there.

- KOR Monies - Chris wants to put in a formal pay-by date for future KOR Contracts so we know when we'll have the funds and can prep our budget.

- Budget:
 - Werner provided traditional numbers from last year and proposed a method for setting the 2014 budget by averaging prior years.
 - The group would also like to create a "reserve fund" for large future projects. Any unused monies from previous years' budgets would be added to this fund. NJ reported that last year's GSP Committee said that \$1000 would be put into this fund, but it never happened. With this year's projected net gain of \$800, the correct amount for the end of 2013 would be \$1800. The GSP Committee does have a People's Bank Account that is not being used for anything, and this would be a great place to put this money.
 - Werner suggests that we base 2014 budget on the 2013 budget, and that we allocate the money in People's Bank for our reserve fund. Chris suggested that we formalize this in December. Neena suggested that we think about the Large Project Fund figure for 2012/13 for this and that we finalize in December.

The next meeting will be Wednesday November 6 at 7pm, location TBD. The December meeting will be on Thursday the 19th at 7pm, location TBD.

Motion to adjourn by SP, seconded by WJ. Adjourned at 8:35.