

Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve Committee Meeting

March 13, 2014 - Hacker Homestead

Committee Members Present:

Chris Hacker
Werner Jud
Neena Jud
David Brooks
Tama Cassidy
Jerry Brandenburg

Also attending:

Bob Dobbs
Traci Hacker
Richard Duncan
Mike Wuerth
Bob Yuellig
Pete Stow

Meeting started at 7:11pm.

Announcements

Werner replaced the contactor (the thing that klunks when electric is turned on) at the ticket house light pole at GSP last weekend. The previous one lasted 11 years and was 25 years old when installed.

Secretary's Report

There was no February meeting, so there is nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Werner Jud to all present.
NJ made motion to accept, TC seconded.

Caretaker's Report

Nothing happening - starting shower house maintenance once weather allows. Thinks several internal valves and two external were damaged by weather and would like to replace the 8 valves. Will check on status of all for sure and let us know.

Discussion:

- WJ suggests getting bleeder valves on the bottom for draining before winter - current ones has those but they're seized.

- Scott Pavey is down checking on some recent developments and will let us know what needs attention. WJ drove tractor up the Sara Corey trail and didn't notice coolant leak or anything wrong.
- NJ mentioned that the flags are bleached out and need replaced.

Old Business

- Tractor - As mentioned above, SP will check on this.
- Scout project - CH will request a Scout Project Coordinator for GSP in the next newsletter - preferably someone familiar with scouts and who knows their requirements.
- Black Oak Timbers - WJ would like someone to work on coordinating getting these from Duke Hopper's residence in London. They still "need getting".
- Photo Book - Never turned up. Richard and Mike McNabb said they don't have it. Chris will put something in the EC regarding this.
- Freezer is still needed for KOR. Need a full upright freezer. BD mentions that Craig's list has several currently listed. Pete mentioned scratch-and-dent outlets. WJ suggested a ceiling of 300 for used, 400 for new. Pete will check the outlets for a reasonable one. Frost-free is important. **CH made motion to approve \$300 for immediate purchase - and for Pete to call for the okay if it's more. DB seconded.**
- BD raised the question of the fridge outside - won't turn on. WJ suggested they look at it first.
- Grill - WJ has been nursing the grill for 6 years, and it needs replaced. CH suggested to let James try to get one donated, and will ask him. If he can't find one by the end of May, we'll buy one. BD mentioned Sean Cain who manages Wal-Mart in Danville for donation or price break.
- Open House
 - Fire department is coming.
 - DB needs to look into stuff for the store.
 - NJ said that flyers need made and we may want to say something on it about the National Registry ceremony. Flyer needs to be done in the next two weeks. CH requests that she move forward with those.
 - Paper says that they'll write an article for us.
 - Karen Barry has the cauldron for the beans and cornbread that we may be able to borrow (BD says that you can simply purchase canned beans).
 - BD offered to buy stuff, but Dave wants to look into it.
- DB talked to someone who does civil war reenacting - do we want them to come to open house? CH mentioned that we were hedging away from Civil War because there is no tie into the area. We need life on the frontier type stuff.

New Business

- Camping/Wi-Fi Passes - Sherry Clements offered to sell them at the grotto meetings. Process is that, once the pass is sold, let CH know (or input into the Google Doc) to give to Patrick. Login will change April 1.

- Wi-Fi - do we really want to keep it? It is now a necessity for KOR vendors, Open House, and other events, and it would almost cause more problems to get rid of it. Wi-Fi also includes unlimited phone in the bundle, so this is a pretty big deal. Perhaps we should market it for the free long distance? Or maybe a better deal would be that we split with GCG/RKC/GSP in a 33% funding for the dead time? WJ has the info for dead-time costs.
- Pat has a system that puts a system on the router for a User ID and Password, and allows for usage tracking and limiting bandwidth. WJ wants to go on record that he is totally opposed to raising the camping fees specifically for Wi-Fi. Everyone is in agreement - the proposal was to tack Wi-Fi fee ON TOP of camping pass to get it all done at once, not to raise camping fees for everyone to pay for Wi-Fi.
- Besides Event Usage, CH is looking at ISP cameras for security, which would make the argument that GSP should actually pay for some of this downtime. CH proposes we revisit this once the season is over and determine how much funding we have to take it through the winter and determine how much we need to pay during downtime.
- BD requests that someone check GSP electric sites to make sure they're functioning. Pete suggests that we have 20 amp GFIs on hand for replacing. DB said he'd go try them out.
- KOR - BD needs someone to run the banquet. James Clements offered to do the menu and even prepare the food - they just need someone to run it.
- Plaque and national registry: CH got an email from Danny regarding the plaque - might be the proof. NJ showed us the paper version she sent for the design. We may need to discuss the logos with them. JB brought up that aluminum doesn't like to be in the cave. CH said that the road sign in there is bronze and is holding up nicely... aluminum will rot. The majority in attendance want bronze for longevity. WJ suggests a larger size because this is pretty much a one-shot deal. CH will request additional estimates for larger sizes and pole options and forward to the group.
- Patches - Have been sold to the scouts and are running low. CH contacted the place that did them before, but they don't have any info on previous order. NJ said Identity Sportswear may do them. CH will check into this.
- Fundraising: This history here is that James Robinson's money-raising efforts have used GSP's name and logo, but says that the money is for KOR. Because GSP's info was primarily used, we want to be sure that the donators aren't "hoodwinked" because they've seen GSP's name. It is currently going into a sort-of escrow by GSP to be applied to the KOR expenses to be paid to GSP. The money would be applied to any due monies. BY would like the monies to go specifically to KOR. WJ has no issue in turning over the monies to the Grotto instead - just let us know.
- GSP Meeting location - CH was going to talk to Warren Huff about getting a place at UC for our meetings. We need to plan every quarter at once.

Budget

Werner passed out a list of what was spent on 2013 and did a swag of what might be brought in 2014 by doing an average of the past 3 years to plug in, and estimated expenses for 2014. After one adjustment, we ended up with a projected 'balanced budget,' pre-sign-expense. ***CH motioned that we adopt the budget as presented with the modification and determine additional income options for the sign once we get numbers. TC seconded. Budget passes with the change.***

Calendar:

March 20 - KOR meeting at BDs house

March 22 - Scout Trip

April 12, 8pm - KET KY Educational TV and repeats on the 13th at 4pm.

April 12, 19, 26 - Scout Trips

May 3-4 Pete's group and work weekend for open house

May 10 - Scout Trip

May 17-18 - Open House

May 24 - Kelly Hay's group and possibly the Mullins reunion (might be the 25th)

June 7 - GSP work weekend for KOR

June 15 - Johnson sisters Sunday morning concert wi BC sponsoring and GCG KOR setup

June 20-22 - KOR

June 28 - Scout Trip

July 6-12 - Camp Wesley - kitchen unavailable

July 19 - Scout Trip

Aug 9 - Scout Trip

The next GSP Meeting will be April 17 at 7pm. If not at UC, then location will be announced.

WJ motioned to adjourn, JB seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.

ADDENDUM

Receipt of quote for larger size bronze plaque from Eagle Sign was received the week of March 17th. On March 24th, GSP Chairman called for an email vote on Mar 24th on the following:

GSP Chair motions to:

- 1) Accept the Quote as stated,*
- 2) Authorize expenditure of the quoted amount from the existing funds,*
- 3) Authorize the 50 per cent down payment*

In your response, please indicate if you second the motion, and your vote response by "Yes" or "No".

Email Responses were:

Chris Hacker - Made motion and votes yes to all.

Werner Jud - Seconded motion.

Neena Jud - Yes to all.

David Brooks - Seconds motion and votes yes to all.

Tama Cassidy - No response.

Jerry Brandenburg - Yes to all.

Scott Pavey - Yes to all.

As recorded, motion passes.