

Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve Committee Meeting

May 8, 2014 - UC Braunstein Hall, Room 201

Committee Members Present:

Chris Hacker
Werner Jud
Neena Jud
Scott Pavey
Jerry Brandenburg

Also attending:

Bob Dobbs
Traci Hacker
Ron Hager

Meeting started at 7:05

Announcements

Secretary's Report

WJ - where do they get distributed? CH sends to Gary Bush to put on the GSP Minutes, and Chris has a distribution list of people who want minutes. TH should post a note about going to the GCG site to see the minutes.

Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Werner Jud to all present.

Caretaker's Report

- Plastic culvert washed away, so James Robinson installed cement culvert and asked for gravel to fill in.
- Wi-Fi - BC volunteered to move the Wi-Fi up to the cave for open house. RKC needs for Open House - will they throw in the \$? *Update - RKC set up under the shelter, making this unnecessary.*

Old Business

- **GSP Electric Sites** - The broken one was fixed, WJ needs to install a cover.
- **Shower heads** - Still need dunked in CLR. *Update - the women's shower near the west wall does not work.*
- **Open House**

- Flyers - CH and NJ put out some flyers.
- Article is in the paper.
- Souvenirs needed.
- NJ provided a report of what happened on work weekend (attached at end of minutes)
- RD and Janice are doing the soup beans & cornbread. BD says he spoke with RD who seems to have it under control.
- WJ needs to call Shawn Loveless for a couple extra port-o-lets - need handicapped and an extra regular
- CH wants to have a meeting at 9am at the picnic shelter for guides, etc. Wants to also have people in the cave with radios (sight-line) to determine how things are moving.
- **Freezer** - Was purchased - RD taking it down on Friday. *Update: now resides in the kitchen.*
- **Cooler** - Werner found that it needed a thermostat - bought and will fix. *Update: cooler is fixed and keeps things VERY cold.*
- **Zero-Turn** - Werner greased it, it seems to work. Still needs clutch spring and blades, but it isn't imperative.
- **Tractor** - WJ and Pat Hutson worked on and the tractor is working. Needs one zirque fitting - SP will bring some.
- **Grill** - Is clean and working - secondary grill is there. Next grill will be at WJ's in a week, but we won't take down until after KOR or lager.
- **Mowing** - Gas cans filled. Mowing has been done. Shear pin broke on bush-hog, but we have more down there. BD did a lot of weed-eating on the road to the cave.
- **Registry of Historic Places Plaque** - Plaque will be ready for pickup on the 12th or 13th. CH will ask to have it shipped to Ron Hager's business. BD and some kids dug holes for the sign - we need some 4x4 posts - JB will see what he can do.
- Gravel - Nothing was done with it yet, but with the recent rains, this was probably good.
- **Registry of Historic Places Ceremony** - Any updates from Neena (speaker commitments, etc)
 - Mayor Mike Bryant of Mount Vernon committed
 - Rolin Mullins committed
 - WJ will speak for GSP
 - Mary Gratsch will speak for RKC
 - Historical Society - no one available
 - Ann Henderson (daughter of John Lair) was suggested
 - Lila Mullins will be there and may say a few words - will extend the invitation to her brother and sister
 - NJ suggests having the ceremony outside instead of inside during tours. It was decided to have it at the Ticket House instead. Ron will bring an easel. If weather is bad, then we can move it inside. *Update: Ceremony went off without a hitch.*
 - Saturday 10:30
- **Kiosk Repair** - JB is still planning on doing this - soon.
- **Dumpster Corral** - On hold

- **Flags** - RD has the repaired GSP flag, CH took State Flag down. CH will get a replacement for the American Flag. *Update: Flags have been replaced.*
- **Hydrant in front of shower house** - On hold.
- **Scout Projects** - CH spoke with Darryl about the picnic table project. He would like a committee member as a POC to give dimensions before they run with it. CH will deal with him. WJ: when we designed the shelter, it was designed to hold 2 picnic tables across. Shelter is 24x20. Normal picnic size. We have a scout fund with \$1625 in it right now, so if they need some kick-in, we can help. NJ recommends a photograph of our smaller picnic tables and send dimensions.
 - Other ideas include:
 - Sinks of the Roundstone parking area clean-up
- **Black Oak Timbers** - still waiting to be moved
- **KOR**
 - Everything is covered
 - Emails sent to Grottos
 - Kim sending something to NSS for distribution
 - Next meeting is May 20 at Bob Yuellig's to determine numbers based on pre-reg
 - Work weekend is June 7
 - Ralph suggested conservation project of cleaning up the parking area to Sinks of the Roundstone - but we don't think there will be enough people.
- **Outhouse Repairs/Replacement** - Might be a good scout project
- **BGG Delegates** - still up-in-the-air.

New Business

- Microwave broken - SP will bring replacements.
- Coffee Maker was left on - we have backups.
- Committee Members - DUG barely holding together - Tama currently concerned with other matters. BGG barely holding together. GCG Board is not invested in GSP anymore. Will the committee survive to run GSP? Services for things like KOR may suffer in the future as the GSP Committee dies off.
- WJ suggests giving BGG and DUG the flexibility of only having 1 member of each grotto with GCG making up the difference. Will this make it necessary to make a change to a management plan? Will it be seen as a power-play?
- If someone could come up with a method of remote meeting option, this might not be such a big problem. JB will ask Brian Saul about options there.
- Photo Book - WJ send out an email about the book. We will work to pinpoint where the book is and see if it can be reclaimed.
- WJ sent email to Fred Ball regarding an estimate to install a keypad with codes that can be remotely changed. We know the technology is available, and Fred is in the business, so we'd like to speak to get some idea
- We should consider replacing the GSP sign and structure as well. Tony Leonard, mason and caver, has offered to help us put together a sign.

- JB - What would we think of a "communal bicycle" system at GSP? Like 6 bikes that could be used by people at the campground instead of using their cars. No one has a problem with it - SP even has bikes he could donate. JB will own it to see if it flies. We need to determine liability first.
- BD - dam culvert nearest to campground is clogged and needs cleaned.

Calendar:

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

June 7 - GSP work weekend for KOR

June 12 - GSP Meeting at UC, 7:00 pm

June 15 - Johnson sisters Sunday morning concert with 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 Thursday, June 12th at UC.

WJ motioned to adjourn, SP seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

Report from Work Weekend 5/3/2014

Committee members: Pat Hutson, Werner & Neena Jud

Others: Bob Dobbs, Andrew Daugherty, Ralph Mann, Danny Young, James Robinson,

Work completed:

- Tractor Boy mowed (and in some cases bushhogged) the field, the upper field, and most of the back field.
- Weed eating was done along steps & road to cave.
- A precariously positioned tree was cut down (from the back field I think) and cut up for firewood. Another tree on a telephone line was brought down and cleared off the service road it was blocking.
- T-shirt supply replenished and inventory complete - items are in ticket house.
- GL cleaned and prepped.
- Concrete culvert pipes placed at back field dip along with large rocks, now gravel is needed.
- Cave work included digging holes for sign posts. The holes are currently blocked by the highway sign. Light at end of Atlas Pillar repaired. New light at Richard's Run was concealed by rocks, as well as the nearby post with outlets & wiring.
- Werner checked the green refrigerator, and it needs a new thermostat. He can give a full report.
- Werner replaced the faucet in the Kitchen and installed the replacement new water heater element. Be warned – the water gets really hot!
- The coffeemaker died, so it is gone and the two spare coffee makers are on counter for use.
- The microwave is not heating foods or beverages. Someone might want to bring down another one.

Left to do:

- Blade the gravel at the roads, or apply more.
- Cut a small tree that is leaning over behind the port-o-lets,
- Hang flags (GSP flag was not finished – delivered to RD, Kentucky flag is in Kitchen)
- Sweep steps to cave,
- Refill all hand sanitizers
- Clean picnic tables
- Get 4 x 4 posts for plaque, get plaque

- Trim undergrowth & pull down dead limbs from road down to the Valley.
- Possibly salvage some 2 x 3's that are at scout wood pile for an easel for plaque.
- Kiosk repair
- one culvert in dam is clogged