

**Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve
Committee Meeting**
June 12, 2014 - UC Braunstein Hall, Room 201

Meeting started at 7:10

Chris Hacker
Werner Jud
Neena Jud
Bob Dobbs
Jerry Brandenburg
Scott Pavey
Debbie Pavey
Ron Hager

Announcements

- The kiosk is fixed.

Secretary's Report

- Minutes were sent.

Treasurer's Report

Income exceeded expenses. Financial report available upon request.

NJ made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, JB seconded.

Caretaker's Report

- Road to back field at cliff is in need of gravel - would be \$175 for gravel - no objections to that
- There may be concerns about the tractor being abused
- People may not be signing in and paying at the pipe. While a good amount of envelopes and money were brought to Werner tonight, it is suspected that people aren't paying. However, the "camping fees" are actually voluntary donations, so we can't really enforce the issue. Chris will put something in newsletter.

Old Business

- **Shower heads** - Women's side shower was cleaned and the broken shower runs. Men's side was pressure washed. Men's side needs 2 new shower curtains.
- **Open House** - there was some rockfall in the cave on Saturday morning.
- **Tractor** - Zirque fittings acquired. Tractor has been repaired after the newest breakage from poor welds. BC took care of fixing this and once the new wheels are put on, the tractor is again in business. Tractor might need new tires, but that will be put off until the major activities at the Preserve are over.
- **Gravel** - Nothing was done with it yet, but this is probably a good thing given the recent rains.
- **Kiosk Repair** - JB completed... JB asked about whether we should ask for payment from the guilty party for materials (since he had offered to pay for it in the past. CH will draft a letter once the final costs are calculated and ask for payment.
- **Dumpster Corral** - On hold
- **Hydrant in front of shower house** - On hold
- **Scout Projects** - CH emailed the guy back about picnic tables and hasn't heard back from him.
- **Black Oak Timbers** - still waiting to be moved - SP wants to take WJ to get these after KOR.
- **KOR**
 - We're a little behind last year's pre-reg numbers, BD contributes some of that to the lack of a printed newsletter. Emails and other communications have also been sent.
 - Propane - is usually filled before KOR - we should have enough to get through the event. CH is going down on Wednesday and will check.
 - Ice will be under the shelter this year to be sold from the kitchen.
 - RD will take the new grill down next weekend to be used for KOR (Werner has built and seasoned the new grill already).
 - SP and BD both donated microwaves.
 - This coming weekend is set-up weekend.
 - Loveless is prepared for port-o-lets and cleaning.
 - James mentioned that someone replaced the GFI sockets and put in regular sockets in electric row. Werner had checked before, and everything was good, so we hope this is a mistake. Ron will check out this weekend, take photographs and report.
 - Cave hours are 8-1
- **Tractor** - D&D needs a new copy of our tax exempt form for their files.
- **Outhouse Repairs/Replacement** - Might be a good scout project - on hold until after KOR.
- **BGG and DUG Delegates** - CH sent email to Sean about delegates - they apparently don't have any yet. CH wants to explore solutions including possibly replacing the DUG and BGG members with RKC and GCG members. However it is currently unknown how the bylaws and such affect this. NJ suggested recognizing RKC's MOU is with GCG, making them first and foremost and allowing RKC to stay hands-off - would like to discuss with DUG and BGG to back down to a single representative. Needs to be further explored.
- **There is a new board for GCG**
 - **Chair** - Mark Skinner
 - **Vice Chair** - Kent Fasick

- **Editor** - Beau Gergel
- **Librarian** - Sherry Clements
- **Secretary** - Mike Wuerth
- **Conservation** - Harry Goepel
- **Treasurer** - Pete Stow
- **Remote Meeting Options** - Still need an option for this.
- **Photo Book** - Not obtained and is a loss.
- **Electronic Keypad entry** - No update from Fred Ball.
- **GSP Sign** - No input from Tony Renner yet. May have Ron do a vinyl wrap in the interim.
- **Communal Bicycle System** - No updates.
- **Dam Culvert** - has been cleaned out.
- **Wi-Fi** - WJ put out an email - Will discuss next meeting.

New Business

- **New GSP Cave Graffiti** - James Robinson saw email about new vandalism found by Tammy Otten on June 2. Dave said that he led Boy Scout trips through cave on Memorial Day weekend, and the graffiti wasn't there, but several groups went in afterwards and may have done it. We're trying to check and narrow down who may have done it. In the end, there needs to be balance between access and control... do we want to be open for whatever, or do we want to be a conservation property? Do we want to remove signature alley from the tour during Open House? Do we want to limit open hours for events? Do we want to close the cave during large events? These are issues to think about and discuss.

Calendar:

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 11 - Mark Swelsted is bringing a Columbus group

July 19 - Scout Trip

Aug 9 - Scout Trip

September 13-14 - Caver Appreciation Weekend and GSP Meeting in the Field

The next GSP Meeting will be July 10 at UC

Aug 7, 7pm at UC

Sept 14, 10:00am at GSP

NJ motioned to adjourn, SP seconded.