

Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve Committee Meeting

July 14, 2016 – Jerry Brandenburg's house

Committee Members Present:

Jerry Brandenburg

Fred Ball (online)

Tama Cassidy (online)

Neena Jud

Werner Jud

Bob Roth (online)

Dan Zubal (online)

Also attending:

Bill Carr (online)

Bob Dobbs

Darlene Kisner

Samuel Mauney (online)

Nick Snow (online)

Meeting started at 7:20 pm

Secretary's Report:

DZ made a motion to accept the minutes, FB 2nd.

Caretaker's Report:

Storms washed out the roads again. Many branches overhanging the road need to be trimmed.

A new finishing deck was purchased. It was decided at a previous meeting to purchase a manual for the John Deere zero-turn with money remaining from the sale of the old zero turn and purchase of the new finishing deck. BC will purchase one.

The tractor needs work. This information will be shared with Scott Pavey.

NJ made a motion to accept the Caretaker's report, FB 2nd.

Treasurer's Report:

Expenses exceeded income this month. Full Financial Report available upon request.

TC moved to accept treasurer's report, FB 2nd.

Old Business

Road Repair grant funding: Our project is still moving through the process to be awarded the funds to repair the gravel road. Therefore we shall not regravell the road at this time.

GSP fundraising/friendraising: There was a working meeting at the Library in Berea to plan the dinner in the Mountain fundraising event scheduled for September 24, 2016. It was attended by George Ridings & Mike McKinney among others. Decisions made at this meeting:

- Individual tickets will be sold for \$150.00 per person.
- Mike McKinney will handle arranging the catering. Cost will be approximately \$35.00 per person which will include tables & chairs, nice plates & silverware and a good menu.

- Mike McKinney has arranged for a sports announcer to be our speaker. We still need to develop the verbiage for him.
- The Johnson Sisters will sing, as will the Penny Loafers – a four man a cappella group.

More decisions (or revisions) made during tonight's meeting:

- Based on seating ten people at a table - \$1500 for families to buy a table, \$2500 for corporations to buy a table as a sponsor.
- We will need one or two golf carts.
- A budget is being prepared based on 100 people.
- Since this is a fundraising effort, all covers assisting and eating will be asked to cover the bare costs of their meal.
- More work is needed on the Invitation List. Darlene offered to help.
- It was suggested that ticket sales could happen through the Music in the Mountain website. No decision was made.

Strategic Plan: Discussion tabled until August meeting

Dog issue: Discussion tabled until August meeting

Bulletin Board for Scout Shelter: Discussion tabled until August meeting.

New Business:

Scout Shelter furnishings: Samuel Mauney, an Eagle Scout candidate with BSA Troop 644 (Dan Bear Council), brought a proposal to construct picnic tables for the Scout Shelter.

This was favorably received by the Committee, and we moved into discussion details.

We asked that he copy the design of most of our tables under the main shelter. Bill Carr will help him get the dimensions and angles of the legs as well as a photograph of one that would be good to replicate.

We understand that part of the challenge of an Eagle Project is to establish a budget and acquire the funds. Once Samuel figures out all the materials and their associated costs, GSP will provide half the funding.

In order for Samuel to move forward with this, he needs a signature approval of his project. He will send the form to Jerry who will sign and return it.

Candidate for new Treasurer: Nick Snow attended the meeting to offer his services to assist the Treasurer. He is a manager of a bank in Columbus. Much discussion ensued which exposed a common concern of both Werner and Nick – that of the need for the treasurer to be close enough to GSP to visit there often. Werner & Nick will talk further about how Nick can assist, but the search is still on for a new full time Treasurer.

Concert in the Cave: Justin Tucker, a new member of GCG has a musician friend in Nashville for whom he would like to organize a concert in Echo Auditorium. Timber is a harpist who plays classical folk and indie rock music and she is excited about this. Potential time frame – October 2016 or Spring 2017.

When Justin proposed this to Jerry, he asked for the Committee's approval and for contacts for lighting and sound. We have lighting in Echo Auditorium, and our experience has been that sound amplification does not work in that space.

If the Committee approves of this, it needs to be financially worth our while. Timber is looking to cover her travel expenses and the remaining net income would go to GSP.

Bob Dobbs will contact Justin and offer advice.

Meeting ended at 8:45 pm.

Next meeting will be:

7:00 pm, Thursday August 11, 2016 at Jerry Brandenburg's house.

Calendar Summary

August 12-14, 2016	DUG will host Wormfest at GSP
September 10, 2016	Caver Appreciation Weekend
September 17, 2016	TENTATIVE Scout Jamboree
September 24, 2016	White Collar dinner in the Cave