

Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve Committee Meeting

August 10, 2017 – Jerry Brandenburg’s house

Committee Members Present:

Jerry Brandenburg

Tama Cassidy (online)

Neena Jud

Werner Jud

Scott Pavey

Bob Roth (online)

Dan Zubal (online)

Also attending:

Bill Carr (online)

Elizabeth Copeland (online)

Bob Dobbs

Patrick Gibson (online)

Darryl Marsh

Meeting started at 7:06 pm

Secretary’s Report:

Dan Zubal made a motion to accept the minutes from last month, WJ 2nd.

Caretaker’s Report:

Bill Carr has been mowing all week.

It was reported to Bill that the top freezer was found open and everything therein was thawed/melted. When he investigated on Sunday, he figured out that the stuff on top of the refrigerator interfered with the proper closing of the freezer door. In addition, he found that the microwave was running – since who knows when? We all need to more closely monitor the opening & closing of the kitchen.

A sign will be made which will say: **If you unlock this door, you are responsible for properly shutting everything down, turning everything off, and locking it up again.**

It was decided that any perishable food item that was in the freezer will be discarded.

The Shelter was used by 30-40 people this past Tuesday. Afterwards Bill found many cigarette butts and trash on the floor. He suggested putting the buckets of sand back on the tables. All agreed.

Bill reported that one day he found three bags of garbage had been pulled out of the dumpster, one was dispersed in the Creek. Bob Dobbs suggested setting the Wildlife Camera up to film this area, to see what critter is doing this. Bill needs to get six D cell batteries for it first.

Visitors are still getting into the Preserve. This time Bill met two guys from Berea College who pushed their bikes under the gate and walked onto the property with backpacks. They told him they were looking for a cave to visit. Bill told them to leave, they were trespassing. He would like a sign at the entrance saying “Cave Closed.”

People are having difficulty lighting the grille. Last time she was there, Lyla went home to get her own.

Dan Zubal made a motion to accept the Caretaker’s report, TC 2nd.

Treasurer's Report:

Income exceeded Expenses in July. Financial Report available upon request.

Eastern Rockcastle Water Association will be selling out to Kentucky American Water. This transfer of ownership will take some time, but hopefully maintenance of the system will improve.

Dan Zubal made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, SP 2nd

Announcement

1004 has been reduced to one lane wide at the 3 mile marker (hill going down to the RR tracks & bridge) for slide repair. This is anticipated to take three weeks while they install new pilings.

Old Business

The Ticket House will have a work weekend on August 12/13, 2017. Jerry will install rafter ties on Saturday. Bob Roth will work with Jerry on Sunday to shore up the south beam. General assistants could be useful around noonish to help.

KOR: There will be a final follow up meeting. The Decon Station didn't happen this year and it was missed.

Rick Webb's 10 year old grandson, Jacob Ashcraft, helped around the Preserve during KOR. He read the Ticket House poster and made a \$20 donation.

Recycling: Werner will contact James Renner to request a pick up.

Lawn Sweeper: will be delivered to the Preserve on Labor Day weekend by Scott Pavey.

Tractor: Scott Pavey reports that the blades & tires have not yet been acquired. Moon Tractor was unsure which bearings fit our tractor, so Scott will figure it out when he has the tractor in his home shop.

Metal Detecting: This will not happen because the group is unwilling to comply with GSP's requirements regarding documentation of any finds (where, what) and turning over to GSP any historical finds.

New Business:

Scouts: Darryl Marsh reports that a Scout Troop scheduled to camp at the Preserve on August 19 has offered to install gutters on the Scout Shelter.

An Eagle Scout project was constructing some multi-level bat nursery boxes. Darryl was wondering if GSP would like one or more. He will get more details about them such as the size.

Scouts are expected for the next three weekends and again in September and October.

Electric to the Point: David Lee made a \$500 donation towards funding this project. This generous gift is appreciated but even though the money is here, the project needs to be planned and a bill of materials developed before any work can begin. We have a standing invitation from Jackson Energy to contact them and they will come to the Preserve and set two new poles for us to get power across the Creek. Werner will not

be project manager but is willing to be a consultant. Neena will send GSP Site Plan .dwg to Dan Zubal.

Scott Pavey made a motion to adjourn, NJ 2nd.

Meeting ended at 8:18 pm.

Next meeting will be:

10:00 am, Sunday September 10, 2017 at the GSP Shelter.

Calendar Summary:

August 12, 2017	BSA Troop 161
August 19, 2017	BSA Troop 186
August 26, 2017	BSA Troop 43 & a troop sponsored by James Clements
September 9, 2017	Caver Appreciation Weekend at GSP
September 9, 2017	BSA Troop 320 sponsored by Kenny Hedges (DUG)
September 15, 2017	Clay Hill Baptist Church group
September 19, 2017	7 pm RKC meeting – Cinti contingent meet at Jud’s house
September 22, 2017	BSA Troops 258 & 646
October 27, 2017	BSA Troop 930
November 3, 2017	BSA Troop 631