

Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve

Committee Meeting

December 7, 2017 – Jerry Brandenburg's house

Committee Members Present:

Jerry Brandenburg

Tama Cassidy (online)

Elizabeth Copelin (online)

Werner Jud (online)

Dan Zubal (online)

Also attending:

Bill Addington

Sean Cain (online)

Bill Carr (online)

Patrick Gibson

7:06 Jerry called the meeting to order.

Secretary's report was read. BA made a motion to accept the minutes, TC 2nd. (Tama Cassidy is taking the minutes tonight due to Neena's illness.)

Caretaker's report

Shower house has been closed for the season. Water can still be obtained from the spigot in front of the Showerhouse.

Bill advised there is a bulldozer working along the back of the property on the point of land between the forks of the creeks. It looks like they have bulldozed on the trail in an area that connects to the Sarah Cory Trail. Bill was advised to make himself seen in the area. It is believed to be Mr. Gilberts who is doing the logging.

WJ moved to accept the caretakers report and DZ seconded the motion.

Treasurer's report was presented on screen

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

Information about any donations to the Ticket House project should be sent to Werner for proper record keeping of income and expenditures. He can also send receipts to the donors.

Camping passes are available - \$40 per year for individual, \$60 per year for family. This does not include electric.

DZ moved to accept the treasurer's report, TC seconded.

Old business

Road Repair materials were ordered from Interstate Construction Products in London, Ky. They will deliver, but not until we have people on site ready to receive the items. Neena & Werner were at the Preserve two weeks ago and confirmed some spot elevations in order to determine final locations of pipes. The work will likely be delayed until early January due to Neena's illness and availability of volunteers during the holidays. But Jerry B is encouraged to go ahead and cut the trees in the swale.

No report on the Ticket House because Bob couldn't make it to the meeting.

Asphalt Paving: Bill will continue to look for the blacktopping crew in the neighborhood to see if they could cut us a deal on repaving the entrance drive..

Electric to the Point: Werner met a crew from Jackson Energy at the Preserve two weeks ago. They were able to set two poles for us. The campground side pole was set 8' into the ground and is in line with the trees. The pole on the Point is high on the hillside and was set at least 6' into the ground. Jackson Energy did this work for us at no charge, saving us a lot of money.

Dan will resume working on this likely after Open House. The Jackson Energy crew is willing to return and run the wires from pole to pole across the creek.

A question was asked about the data logger in the Museum section. Jerry will contact Jeff Young to see what is going on with it.

Elizabeth Copelin is officially the BGG representative, taking over from Bob Roth.

New Business:

Bill Carr asked about getting a survey of the property due to the bulldozers and logging work. Werner said we have a good survey that the Felburn Foundation paid for. It was done by Charles Mullins in 1985 and Werner has walked most of the boundary. In the area of concern, our property line runs along the centerline of each creek or drain, which Werner and Bill walked a few years ago with others. The request for a new survey was tabled for a month.

Werner suggested that it would be wise for other members of the Committee to be familiar with where the property boundary is. He will send out a scan of the survey to the Committee members and offered to lead a hike this winter. Angie Pullano was going to upgrade the hiking trails. It was suggested that she join Werner when he goes out to walk the property lines again.

Bill asked about holders of keys to the back gate to the Cave as he suspects someone has been out through it. There are only a few back gate keys.

Next meeting will be:

7:00 pm, Thursday January 11, 2018 at Jerry Brandenburg's house.