

# Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve

## Committee Meeting

March 8, 2018 – (no place in particular)

### Committee Members Present:

Jerry Brandenburg (online)  
Fred Ball (online)  
Elizabeth Copelin (online)  
Tama Cassidy (online)

Neena Jud (online)  
Werner Jud (online)  
Scott Pavey (online)  
Dan Zubal (online)

### Also attending:

Bill Carr (online)  
Sean Cain (online)  
Patrick Gibson (online)  
Debi Pavey (online)

Danny Young (online)  
Alejandro DeLeon (online)  
Chris Wood (online)

### 7:08 the meeting was called to order.

**Secretary's report:** Scott Pavey made a motion to accept the minutes from the last month's meeting, FB 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### Caretaker's report

Bill Carr reports that Jim, a line inspector from Jackson County Electric looked at all the electric poles and determined that the pole above the Cave entrance will need to be replaced. We should expect this to be done in the next couple of weeks.

The Showerhouse is not yet operational again. Probably in another week & a half he will bring it up.

Bob Dobbs wants two more Port-O-Lets for the School Field Trips. Bill will have them delivered in early April.

When the cartography class was at GSP and used the Cave to practice surveying, Bill reported that the Cave and Drive gate were left unlocked. When this was first reported, the Committee asked the participants by email what they recalled from that day. Danny Young remembered the process of locking up and that both gates were locked. Bill replied that the Cave lock went through only one hole and the gate was pulled into place, and that the drive gate lock was left on 2000 so it fell open. This information was not shared initially. Danny said he will be more diligent about double checking locks in the future. The Committee concluded that these were inadvertent errors.

### Treasurer's report

Due to the lengthy discussion in New Business, Werner will send a pdf of the Income & Expenses and Balance Sheet reports after the meeting.

Fred Ball so moved, SP 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## **Old business**

Road Repair: A few weeks ago, Don Brandner recommended finding out what it would cost to hire Clifford Collins to provide and operate the heavy machinery for this project. They have experience working on local rock and already own the equipment. Don and Bob Dobbs made the initial contact and we now have a proposal that might make the total project cost \$4-5,000 more than the project budget. **Scott Pavey made a motion to proceed and expend the additional money. FB 2<sup>nd</sup>, no opposition.**

The Ticket House no update.

Electric to the Point no update.

Property Line hike: no update.

Data Logger: Danny downloaded data and gave it to Jeff Young.

Friends of GSP: Bob Dobbs made a brief report about this at the RKC meeting. There was nothing new. Elizabeth reported that they have not discussed it this month.

Werner cautioned that the Friends of GSP program may make a dramatic impact and that we all should study the intent & direction of the Management Plan.

Solar Lease: Danny reported that GSP could install a solar array at a lower cost than what Jackson Energy is charging for leasing panels. Werner read an article about these solar array leases that raised a yellow flag for him. He proposed that we table this discussion for another couple of months.

Open House: Since the last meeting, Bob Dobbs volunteered to run Open House. Dan Zubal reported that COG is preparing to run the Kitchen. Jamie Thompson will be in charge. Patrick Gibson asked how to get in touch with Keith Graves, the Rockcastle JROTC instructor. It was recommended to ask Bob Dobbs.

Preserve Project List: This was reviewed in the last meeting. Dan Zubal asked about making the list a bit more public, like on Facebook, to ask for project managers. Neena suggested not until after Open House.

EKU: Nothing was heard by RKC. Neena contacted Melissa Dieckman who will talk with Andrew Polter.

Kitchen Plumbing: Werner will be at the Preserve tomorrow to re-install the water heater and new wiring. Next Friday, March 16, 2018, Keith will do the final hook-up of the Uponor brand PEX piping. Werner will get & install a roller shade to help contain the heat under the sink. A question was raised about the durability of PEX piping with heat lamps. It is rated for 140 degree water and will have heat tape on it.

Water: Werner confirmed that the bill has remained the same even though Kentucky Water took over our account.

Calendar: Gary Bush is working to get a GSP calendar on our website that has a member's log-in.

Waivers The waiver was updated by Gary Bush. It was sent to RKC for comment after the RKC meeting, but no comment has been received from RKC or by Gary.

### **New Business:**

Filming at GSP: A request came in via email to [gsp@caves.org](mailto:gsp@caves.org) to use the Cave for filming of a movie. Alejandro DeLeone, producer and Chris Wood, location manager (who lives in Covington, Ky) gave a presentation and answered questions about the filming proposal.

The working name of the movie is “Sinkhole”. It is being produced by a group of friends in the industry operating under the name of One in a Million Production Company. Julio Hallivis is their producing partner (not in attendance) and he has an established company named Chroma Travel LLC. Contracts will be prepared under that name.

Two main characters in the film story would be in the Cave and be chased by small monsters (actors in monster suits) and a large mother monster which may be mostly CGI.

They would also like to use the shelter for breakfast & lunch, parking for cast, crew and support vehicles, and some surface areas where they could build a temporary fence that the main characters would go through to find this hidden location.

They envision three days of shooting and two days of prep time. They are looking at filming between April 2 and 24, 2018.

We have a number of weekends committed to Scout groups who will camp at the Preserve and go on a wild cave trip on a Saturday. At some time during their visit they tour through GSP. We also have commitments for School Field Trips on Thursday & Friday April 19, 20, 26, & 27. And on April 21 & 22, and Orientation to Cave Rescue program will be held on site, primarily at the Shelter. So the filming needs to work around these commitments.

They are working on the filming budget, *and shared a possible a daily rate for compensation.* They will need our proper name and address for an insurance certificate and a location agreement. “If they break it, they fix it.”

We would like recognition in the credits for filming at GSP, and we will require maybe 2-3 sponsors on site while the film crew is there.

During the setup and filming they would want exclusive use of the Cave – no “tourism” on those days & nights. Committee members, volunteers or Grotto members that wish to observe should limit the group size and not interfere with their work. They will need security for their equipment when they are not on site, so the Cave will be locked.

Conversely the GSP Management Committee will not allow anything to be attached to the cave walls or ceilings. Conservation & preservation of the Cave and its environment is critical to us. If any liquids are to be used, there must be collecting tarps on the floor of the Cave. No loud bangs or noises (which might cause rocks

to fall). No relocation of existing artifacts in the Cave. No touching the walls with bare hands, no new graffiti.

They will have a 500 amp generator which they will park outside the Cave and run wires in to power their lighting. Also parked outside the Cave will be wardrobe & makeup trailers. They will have other support trucks of varying sizes. Discussion ensued about large vehicles on the local roads. Escort vehicles and/or special permissions may be needed for vary large trucks.

The two seater Green Latrine is on the road to the Cave. We will also have four Port-O-Lets near Crooked Creek. There was discussion of having one Port-O-Let in the Cave (Museum Section), the costs of which would be paid for by the Film.

Chris would like to visit the Preserve again and go into the Cave this time. At a later date he will bring people from the Art Department, Electric Department and Tech Scout to see the Cave and grounds. Bill Carr offered to meet with them and talk about conservation of the cave.

**Fred Ball made a motion to move forwards with this, pending a final agreement. No objections, motion passed.**

Microwave for Kitchen: Elizabeth Copelin has a microwave that she could donate to GSP. We declined the offer since there already are two microwaves in the Kitchen. She will donate it to Goodwill.

Motion to adjourn was made by FB and seconded by SP.

**Next meeting will be either:**

**7:00 pm, Thursday April 12, 2018 at Jerry Brandenburg's house  
Or 10:00 am, Sunday April 15, 2018 at GSP.**

**Calendar Summary:**

March 10, 2018	BSA Troop 249 – Delaware, OH
March 17, 2018	BSA Troops 1, 967, & 474
March 24, 2018	BSA Troop 320 – Kenney Hedges sponsor
April 14 2018	BSA Troops 952, 234 & 18
April 19, 2018	Rockcastle High School Jr ROTC 75 youth day trip
April 20, 2018	School – 50 Second & Fourth graders
April 20-22, 2018	BSA Troops 51 & 940
April 21-22, 2018	Orientation to Cave Rescue – BGG sponsor
April 26, 2018	South Laurel Middle School – 110 Eight graders
April 27, 2018	South Laurel Middle School – 110 Eight graders
April 28-29, 2018	Dirty Martinis – Angie Pullano sponsor CIG – COG sponsor BSA Troop 98 – Mark Swelstad sponsor/guide
May 5, 2018	Open House Prep weekend
May 19 & 20, 2018	Open House
May 26, 2018	BSA Troop 170
June 8-10, 2018	KOR
June 29-July 1, 2018	HAGS Cleveland (Girl Scouts)
July 19-21, 2018	BSA Troop 349