

Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve

Committee Meeting

August 9, 2018 – Jerry Brandenburg’s house

Committee Members Present:

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

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

Also attending:

Bill Carr (online)
Bill Addington
Sean Cain (online)
Bob Dobbs

Patrick Gibson (online)
Darryl Marsh (online)
Zachariah Barth (online)
Yanic Bercier (online)

7:09 the meeting was called to order.

Secretary’s report: Tama Cassidy made a motion to accept the minutes from the last month’s meeting, SP 2nd. Thank you to Dan Zubal for them.

Caretaker’s report

Bee Garbage didn’t want to do anything about the Dumpster. It is three quarters full, and animals are still pulling stuff out of the bottom. BC will have it switched out before Caver Appreciation Weekend.

Bill could use help with mowing. Also some trees need trimming.

Bill reported that rains are washing out the road to the Point. Gravel is needed.

The temporary cave lock is narrower than the old one. It is not easy to open and doesn’t actually side through the gate holes. Discussion ensued, and it was resolved that a lock from the showerhouse (which is the same size as the original) could temporarily be used on the cave gate with a note stating “use kitchen key”. Jamie will deliver the old lock to Fred tomorrow so he can investigate it. Scott will work with Fred to improve the way the lock fits on the gate, either Labor Day weekend or Caver Appreciation Weekend.

Treasurer’s report

Expenses exceeded Income during the month of July. Financial report available upon request.

Old Business

Road Repair: waiting on reimbursement funds.

BC’s sewer line problem: not really fixed, but not currently a problem as there is

nothing bubbling up in the road or smelling. As a result of the repair attempt, there is a lot of gravel around the pipe – acting like a leach field.

Friends of GSP: Bob Dobbs reported that Jeff & Beth Brickley are willing to be on the committee with Elizabeth and himself. Next step should be a meeting at GSP to figure out what needs to be worked out within RKC and GSP Committee for this to proceed. Also need to resolve the financial aspects – separate account to receive deposits?

Wifi: The Windstream Engineer has not come out yet. Bill has made the request. It takes a while to get him out there.

Water bill: Werner reported that the billing has been caught up and is in order. : The most recent bill was \$32.00.

Gertrude is still hanging around.

Barton Field (aka backfield): Kristen has cut and mowed, but not baled the cut material.

JROTC – Patrick reported that Keith Graves declined the gift, preferring that the money be spent at GSP. Next year we can get T-shirt sizes ahead of time and give them shirts that weekend. Bob Dobbs reported that he offered them a wild cave trip, but has heard nothing from them.

New Business:

Zachariah Barth is looking for an Eagle Project. He joined the meeting and asked if there was anything that we could suggest. He is looking for something that will require him to do a significant level of research/oversight (picnic tables just won't cut it). Three projects were suggested for him to consider:

Two months ago, Bill Addington suggested planning a section of the back field with blackberry bushes, but has done no more research to develop that project. BA is willing to advise Zach on this.

We have been talking about plant materials at the new culvert drainage outlets. Tama Cassidy suggested developing a rain garden at one of them. It could incorporate informational/educational signage. Tama is willing to advise Zach on this.

We have also discussed adding diverters & rain barrels to the gutter & downspout system at the Scout Shelter for the Scouts to use. Similar to that, adding a gutter & downspout and installing the rain barrel at the Green Latrine to provide water into the composter. Neena & Werner Jud are willing to advise Zach on either or both of these.

If Zach can raise half the funds for his chosen project, GSP would match that out of our Scout fund.

Video production: Yanic Bercier of Wave Transform Studios based in Knoxville, Tennessee joined the meeting to discuss his request to use the Cave for a video production. His company focuses on audio production for musicians, but added video a few years ago.

He heard about GSP from a friend of his whose father-in-law, Bob McGuire, was a Cave Guide with kerosene lanterns.

Yanic is part of a rock band (he is the drummer) who likes to show the beauty of history or nature as part of their music videos. This is the group for which he is making the request. The production team would include the five musicians plus five assistants and two camera operators. They would like to use the cave for ten hours and are looking at dates in mid-November, mid-December or early January 2019. They would like to settle on a date by the second half of September so the out of town members of the team can make travel arrangements.

Although they are a rock band, there will not be any amplification in the Cave. There will be a pre-recorded audio file played through ear buds for the musicians to sing and play with. Afterwards the editors will sync the video recording with the audio. Their primary power need will be for five to ten low power lights (the majority are not LED's). Werner explained that there is 120 volt power available. Long enough and heavy duty enough extension cords will be required. They will be bringing drums, guitars, bass, lights, recording gear.

Terms were discussed. They would add GSP to their insurance certificate. They would be there only the one day for filming including all their set up and packing up. They will give a donation for use of the Cave. They will not involve a caterer, will bring food and drinks in coolers. They will recognize GSP in the credits and check with us ahead of time for correct wording. They will give us a copy of the album once it is released in Spring of 2019. The video will be available on YouTube. They will memorialize this discussion in a half-page agreement with dates and instruments that will be used. No objections were raised by Committee members or others.

Bill Addington has offered to be their contact person and sponsor. He will work with them to help protect the Cave and orient them to where things are located at the Preserve. They would like to do a site visit in August or September so they can plan for their one day event. BA will coordinate with them on that.

Werner Jud made a motion to adjourn, NJ 2nd. Meeting ended at 8:52 pm.

**Next meeting will be:
10:00 am, Sunday September 9, 2018 at GSP Shelter**

Calendar Summary:

August 10-12, 2018	BSA Troops 112 & 555
August 17-19, 2018	BSA Troops 850 & another
August 24, 2018	Lyla Mullins Powell - Shelter
August 24-26, 2018	BSA Troops 170, 617 & 646
September 7-9, 2018	BSA Troops 141, 320 & 850
September 8, 2018	Caver Appreciation weekend
October 19-21, 2018	BSA Troop 555
November 9-11, 2018	BSA Troop 84
March 15-17, 2019	BSA Troop 1