

# Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve

## Committee Meeting

December 13, 2018 – via GoToMeeting

### Committee Members Present:

Scott Pavey (online)  
Fred Ball (online)  
Tama Cassidy (online)  
Elizabeth Copelin (online)

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

### Also attending:

Bill Carr (online)  
Sean Cain (online)

Bob Dobbs (online)  
Angie Pullano (online)

**7:01 the meeting was called to order.**

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

### Treasurer's report

*Expenses exceeded income for the month of November. Financial report available upon request.*

Werner sent some letters to KYEM regarding the FEMA grant for the road repair. He is still hoping for the remaining *funds expected*.

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report and seconded.

### Caretaker's report

Bill Carr reported that Jackson Energy called to schedule tree trimming at the easements. This will occur two days next week. They will manually trim above the Cave and near the front gate. Bill asked them not to clear out right at the road.

Mice are still gnawing at the insulation on the electric and telephone wires. Bill thinks we may need to install new wiring next year. Werner suggested running it through wire conduit.

Bill reports that the battery on the Tractor is dead. It lasted 10-12 years, but a new one is needed. Scott is getting a new starter for the Tractor and will also get a new battery. He will bring it down the second week in January. Bill suggested getting a battery tender.

The Showerhouse is drained down for the season.

Gertrude has not been seen this past week.

## **Old Business**

Friends of GSP: Most of the people attending tonight's meeting called in to the special FoGSP meeting last week. We discussed the amendment to the Management Plan and the Guidelines for the Friends as distributed by Bob Dobbs prior to the meeting.

Action item: Werner to complete wordsmithing the Management Plan and Charter for the Friend of GSP based on the Guidelines. He is to distribute both together for review and in time for us to vote on it at the January GSP meeting.

Video production: Bill Addington not in attendance. The Committee was copied on emails stating that the preferred date is January 9, 2019 beginning at 9 am, but definitely between January 6 and 16.

Replacement grille – The new grille is in place. It is rather similar to the old one.

Eldon McGuire winter camping – Eldon first contacted Bob Dobbs who told him that he would enable this camping trip for the group. Bob will be a sponsor and has two other people to help. They last talked about it two weeks ago and Eldon is to confirm things with Bob. Scheduled for January 10-13, 2019

## **New Business:**

GCG Conservation project – Angie Pullano has scheduled a road cleanup & cave trip for January 12-13, 2019.

GSP Chronological History Bill Carr noticed the History published on the “GSP cavers” facebook group. This is a restricted group that one must request to join. He commented that there is more information that could be added, but he was mostly concerned about a mention that “Wilbur Thomas set the house on fire, presumably to collect insurance”. His point was that if this got out, it could reflect badly on us. He remembers that the insurance agent ruled it inconclusive. Werner remembers that at an Open House a few years ago, Wilbur's kids voluntarily admitted to him that Wilbur burned it down.

Fred Ball noted that it is silent on the period 1824 – 1873, and he has information relative to Civil War movement in the area.

Neena stated that she sent both the History and the Tour Fact Sheet to Darryl, but did not think he would publish the History as a single document. She will continue to update it as more information is revealed.

Scott said a tree is blocking the Sara Corrie trail. Jerry called him to report that the largest tree on the Preserve has fallen with its crown and limbs across the trail. This is in the far back loop of the Sara Corrie trail. Three other trees have also fallen in this area.

Gravel for the loop road: Bill Carr reported that there is no gravel on the road from about the last electric site to the Scout camp swale. He suggested it would take three large truck loads of gravel. (\$15 per ton and 25 tons per truck load.) Scott suggested using some of the Scout funds for this. Three loads should be about

\$1000. It was resolved that BC would call Kevin to get two loads, and assess whether a third load is needed. Distribute on the road and if any is left over, put it in the upper parking lot. Have Kevin send the tickets to Werner for payment.

Committee member responsibilities: the Grotto representatives are the point of contact for their grotto members to get keys or access to the Preserve, and also are to verify a caver's grotto membership when they submit requests. Please remind group sponsors of their responsibilities to their guests and the Preserve.

The GSP event calendar link is on the GSP website under the information tab. Click on that, enter the password and members can see what is on the schedule. For better coordination, Committee members (especially the grotto reps) as well as Grotto leadership should have editing authority to post and update calendar listings. Please contact Gary Bush for editor log-in instructions.

Treasurer: to facilitate switching treasurers sometime in the future, Werner is looking at getting a cloud-based version of Quickbooks so that multiple users can access and/or edit it. There would be an ongoing \$50/year cost.

Werner also needs a second signatory to open the Wesbanco account for our Capital Improvements fund, but has been dragging his feet.

Scouting loaner equipment Dan reminded all that Darryl requested funds to purchase some equipment or supplies for Scouts and other youth to use when they visit for wild cave trips. (Bob Dobbs said that Darryl does get a budget from the Grotto to get some extra helmets, knee pads, etc. to increase Grotto membership.) Scouts and similar youth groups do bring in significant income to the Preserve and the Scout fund has been growing. Dan made a motion to allocate a budget of \$500 out of the Scout fund to spend on youth group equipment. NJ 2<sup>nd</sup>. There was no opposition.

Werner Jud made a motion to adjourn, DZ 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting ended at 8:24 pm.

**Next meeting will be:  
7:00 pm, Thursday January 10, 2019 via GoToMeeting**

**Calendar Summary:**

January 9, 2019	tentative music video recording in Cave
January 10-13, 2019	Eldon McGuire & friends camping
January 12-13, 2019	GCG Conservation project
January 19, 2019	BSA Troop 200 (not camping)
January 25-27, 2019	BSA Troop 52
February 15-17, 2019	BSA Troop 148
March 15-17, 2019	BSA Troop 1, 930
March 29-31, 2019	BSA Troop 967
April 5-7, 2019	Cincinnati Waldorf School & BSA Troop107
April 12-14, 2019	BSA Troop 940
April 19-21, 2019	BSA Troop 149
April 26-28, 2019	BSA Troop 21 & Redwood Coop. School Kindergarten
May 18-19, 2019	Open House
July 19-21	KOR