

Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve

Committee Meeting

February 7, 2019 – via GoToMeeting

Committee Members Present:

Scott Pavey (online)

Jerry Brandenburg (online)

Elizabeth Copelin (online)

Neena Jud (online)

Werner Jud (online)

Dan Zubal (online)

Also attending:

Bill Carr (online)

Angie Pullano (online)

Molly Semones (online)

Andrew “Stitch” Rentsel (online)

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

Secretary’s report: Werner Jud made a motion to approve the minutes, Elizabeth Copelin 2nd, all in favor. Scott asked all Committee members to review the meeting minutes when they are sent out and respond with their approval (or not) so that they can be posted to the website as soon as possible.

Caretaker’s report

Bill Carr reported on heavy rains at the Preserve. There is a deep gully in the main road near the turn off to the Tractor Barn due to the heavy rains. Three more feet of the Crooked Creek bank is eroded, to the point that the third pole of the swinging bridge is gone. He recommends moving everything from the bank.

The dumpster has not been swapped out yet. He wants to empty it soon.

We have mice/rat problems again at the Kitchen. The wifi extender at the Shelter is having difficulties, apparently from rodents chewing on the wires. Bill purchased a box of mice poison bait from Tractor Supply and applied some to the top of the rafters. Angie requested using the mice poison bait in a live trap instead. She is thinking of the health of the normal predators of the rodents.

The Post Office put a bill for the next year’s service in the post office box. Amount due is \$94.00.

The address of 237 Saltpeter Cave Road was assigned to the Preserve (and Bill’s home) when addresses were updated (about 10-20 years ago). Bill reported finding out that 911 did not have a listing for the Preserve though. He spoke with Joyce from 911 and she wants the address posted. Neena reported that the Fire Code contains the requirements for the size of the address numbers. Between the Fire Department and 911 rests the authority to require us to display the address. Bill will ask what the requirements are.

When Scouts arrive (often on Friday night) they don’t seem to see the Scout camping sign. Many times a sponsor does not meet them at the front gate and

they tend to turn left, heading towards the Shelter and don't seem to find Scout Camp for a while.

The gravel authorized for the road was spread from Scout Camp almost to the kiosk. This came to almost 75 tons in three loads. Bill has receipts for Werner.

Treasurer's report

Expenses exceeded Income for the month of January 2019. Financial Report available upon request.

Old Business

Friends of GSP: After the January meeting, Elizabeth Copelin re-sent the GSP Management Plan revisions to all committee members and asked if we could vote by email to move this along. Neena Jud made a motion to approve it with two grammatical corrections, Fred Ball seconded the motion, Dan Zubal, Elizabeth Copelin, Werner Jud and Scott Pavey were in favor. No votes against it were received. The motion carried.

The Revised Management Plan was then forwarded to the Executive Board of the Greater Cincinnati Grotto with the request that they approve the changes and forward it to RKC before the March 24, 2019 RKC meeting.

Video production: Jerry reported that it was kinda fun. The sponsors ran extension cords and watched them do their thing. They gave GSP *the agreed upon donation* and an extra *amount* because we were so nice.

Eldon McGuire winter camping – there was no camping trip.

Scouts Darryl reported that this year looks to be nice and busy. David Hall will be helping more with Scouts freeing Darryl to do more adult training and recruitment.

Tractor Maintenance: It has been fixed. It may need new front tires.

Bee Garbage: Werner paid the first dumpster rental invoice of \$35.00. He reported that Rhodus never called back and that the operation in London officially said no. We are 20 miles beyond their furthest route. They asked us to check back in a couple of years.

Werner will talk with Jeff Renner of Rockcastle Recycling to see if he has any ideas. Contracting with Global Trash Solutions is not a good solution for us.

Due to the erosion of the creek bank, the dumpster, recycling bins and Port-O-Lets do need to move. Werner recommends further down towards the road to the Point. BC recommends the other direction and a bit closer to the road. He reports that the dumpster was located there in the 1990's. BC does not like the idea of closer to the road to the Point because there is a stone culvert artifact from the mining period.

It was decided to locate the recycling bins adjacent to the dumpster. And for right now, we will monitor the Port-O-Lets.

Werner will talk with Bee Garbage to see about yearly or half yearly dumpster rental payments to avoid sending a check each month.

Open House: we are looking for a coordinator.

New Business:

Plaques: Werner reported that he has finally made progress on a bronze plaque commemorating Ellie Schiller. He has a quote for a plaque with a bas relief image of Ellie on it. The cost will be around \$4000. He proposes to ask the Felburn Foundation and RKC to contribute to the cost of it.

In addition, he has a quote for a bit over \$300 for a bronze plaque with Neena's name on it as the Architect of the Green Latrine. This would be paid for out of the remaining GL funds.

Dan asked if something should be added to state inspired by Deb Bledsoe. Werner responded that we do have the temporary informational sign sitting in the accessible side that includes Deb. He would be glad to work with someone to refresh this sign into something more permanent. Jerry reminded all that we are putting in place the memorial wall on the ticket house to recognize the efforts contributed by all of us.

GoToMeeting: Dan Zubal relayed a request from the COG Executive Board to buy into the use of the GoToMeeting software. There is no limitation on the number of meetings per month. The only limitation is on how many people can call in or sign in at a time.

Neena recommended the COG Executive Board send an email to Dennis Green and copy Werner to make a formal request, since Dennis through GCG made the purchase.

Community Service: Jerry B introduced Andrew Whetsel "Stitch" as a young, upcoming caver. He will be moving to Kentucky soon and wants to do some community service for GSP. He reported that during the meeting he emailed someone about the address numbers regulations we were discussing during the Caretaker's report.

Work List: Angie Pullano would like to see a list of things to do at the Preserve posted somewhere that people can see when visiting. Scott will start a list and post it on the bulletin board under the Shelter. Werner suggested adding that the grate for the upper culvert needs to be left up so that it does not clog with leaves and debris.

Kitchen: Darryl reported that he found the water filter housing froze and cracked in half last weekend. The heater cord that he usually sees wrapped around it was found unplugged and laying on the floor, but the shade was pulled down in front. He turned things off and marked the Kitchen water out of order.

Dan Zubal made a motion to adjourn, EC 2nd. Meeting ended at 8:35 pm.

**Next meeting will be:
7:00 pm, Thursday March 7, 2019
at Jerry Brandenburg's house and will be available via GoToMeeting**

Calendar Summary:

February 7-9, 2019	BSA Troop 977
February 15-17, 2019	BSA Troop 148
March 1-3, 2019	BSA Troop 941
March 15-17, 2019	BSA Troop 1, 930
March 24, 2019	RKC annual meeting (2:00 pm)
March 29-31, 2019	BSA Troop 967, 471
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/GSWO & Redwood Coop. School Kindergarten
May 3-5, 2019	BSA Troop 21
May 4-5, 2019	Open House work weekend & Cinco de Mayo
May 18-19, 2019	Open House
July 19-21	KOR
August 9-11, 2019	BSA Troop 43
Nov. 8-10, 2019	BSA Troop 84
July 24, 2020	Zubal – Nicklas wedding