

Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve

Committee Meeting

July 11, 2019 – Harrison Branch Library

Committee Members Present:

Scott Pavey

Jerry Brandenburg (online)

Elizabeth Copelin (online)

Neena Jud

Werner Jud

Dan Zubal (online)

Also attending:

Bill Carr (online)

Sean Cain (online)

Nathan Jud

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm.

Secretary's report: Werner Jud made a motion to approve the minutes, SP 2nd.

Caretaker's report

Bill Carr reported that Scout Camp is mowed and the remaining areas are under control. He will wait until Monday to mow the main fields.

He posted the phone number for Jackson Energy next to the phone at the Shelter to call when the power goes out.

The dumpster is still about three-quarters full. He will have it emptied on Monday.

The pole light between the Ticket House and Cave is out. A new light is needed before KOR.

Bill has observed Scouts losing a lot of water when they carry containers back to Scout Camp from the spigot in front of the Shower House. There was a water spigot installed near the power pole in the middle of the electric sites during the NSS convention. It was an extension from the water line & spigot in the upper field. He can reconnect and activate this line if no one has objections. Werner's only concern was wasting water if the line is left on. Unanimously approved.

Treasurer's report

Expenses exceeded Income in the month of June 2019. Financial Report available upon request.

The Scout Fund is still increasing by \$1 for every \$7 camping contribution made by Youth Groups.

Neena Jud made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, EC 2nd.

Old Business

Friends of GSP: Elizabeth Copelin reports nothing new. She anticipates a FoGSP work weekend next month.

Creek bank erosion: Scott brought some willow sprouts to GSP and stuck them in the creek bank. They wilted, seemed to come back then died. After more research he found that Fall is the best time to plant them. He will bring more in a few months.

KOR prep: Scott & Bill will work together on Friday to prepare a list of things to do for KOR work weekend. Weed-eaters would be greatly appreciated. Bill has the mowing under control.

Gravel is still needed at the creek crossing. If we don't get gravel, then we cannot put Port-O-Lets in Long Bottom or Barton Field. Everett Wagner had suggested two loads of #58's. In addition, one load of DGA would be very helpful on the "road" from the Lower Mondo back to the Sauna. All were in favor of BC contacting Everett for three truckloads of gravel. He will do this next week.

French: Werner Jud will walk the Property line this weekend. He asked that if anyone has a metal detector to please bring it.

GCG info booth at the Cave in the Museum Center: Darryl posted that it went well.

Equipment Manual: still in progress.

Ticket House: nothing new.

New Business:

Bill Carr saw Trey Ferris camping in Barton Field last weekend. When approached, Trey claimed he was a member of DUG (which he was not) and later refused to sign a waiver or the register at the Kiosk. He has not contributed anything for camping for a number of years.

Scott Pavey commented that whenever he noticed Trey that weekend, Trey turned and walked the other way. He left that night, under cover of darkness.

The last time Trey was seen at the Preserve (December 2017), he claimed he had a camping pass (which he did not and was not even a member of one of the managing grottos). Subsequently, Werner mailed him a letter requesting his camping donation and reminding him of the rules. At this encounter, Trey told Bill that he never received a letter.

It was decided that Werner would coordinate with Scott and craft a stronger letter. This new letter will be sent certified mail. If Trey returns, BC will contact the local constable to escort him off the Preserve.

Managing Grotto lists: Please send lists of current members to Bill Carr at least quarterly, if not monthly. This will enable him to check whether people coming on to the Preserve are actually members. Werner Jud also refers to membership lists when people want to buy camping passes.

Werner Jud made a motion to adjourn, NJ 2nd. Meeting ended appx. 8:20 pm.

**Next meeting will be:
7:00 pm Thursday August 8, 2019
Location TBD**

Calendar Summary:

July 12-14, 2019	BSA Troop 4015
July 13-14, 2019	KOR work weekend
July 19-21, 2019	KOR
August 8, 2019	GSP Meeting
August 9-11, 2019	BSA Troop 43
August 16-18, 2019	Cincinnati Waldorf School, BSA Troops 617, 41 & another
August 23-25, 2019	BSA Troop 141
August 23, 2019	Lyla Mullins Powell - Shelter
Aug. 31 – Sept. 1, 2019	BSA Troop 320 & another
Sept. 7-8, 2019	BSA Troop 555
Sept. 7-8, 2019	Caver Appreciation Weekend & GCG Meeting in the Field
Sept. 8, 2019	GSP Meeting (10 am)
Sept. 13-15, 2019	BSA Troops 888 & 646
Sept. 20 – 22, 2019	BSA Troops 263 & 161
Nov. 8-10, 2019	BSA Troop 84
July 24, 2020	Zubal – Nicklas wedding