

Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve

Committee Meeting

September 8, 2019 – GSP Shelter

Committee Members Present:

Scott Pavey

Fred Ball

Jerry Brandenburg

Neena Jud

Werner Jud

Also attending:

Bill Addington

Bill Carr

Bob Dobbs

Mary Gratsch

Ron Hager

Debi Pavey

Mike Wuerth

Danny Young

The meeting was called to order at 10:13 am.

Secretary's report: Fred Ball made a motion to approve the minutes, JB 2nd.

Caretaker's report

Bill Carr reported that due to heavy rains, he has been mowing and grading the roads.

He had the Port-O-Lets cleaned an extra time, and also obtained a Port-O-Let for Scout Camp, which has been heavily used. He suggested additional signs be placed directing Scouts to use the upper two-holer.

Bill reconnected the waterline, it now has six splices. The line is rated for 100 psi, and when tested at the bottom he found it was 130 psi. He turns it off at the end of each weekend. He plans on getting a 200' length of 160 psi rated waterline next year. He anticipates it will cost about \$150. Scouts are making good use of it.

Treasurer's report

Expenses exceeded income for the month of August.

Financial Report available upon request.

Werner paid the balance for the plaque for Ellie Schiller. The supplier is also providing a powder coated aluminum pole for setting into a concrete base. He anticipates splitting the cost three ways with RKC & the Felburn Foundation.

Werner got a very detailed camping breakdown from Gary Bush for KOR.

Old Business

Friends of GSP: Bob Dobbs reports that there are now four families who are members. They had the first work day last month, working 3.5 hours. The first

FOGSP picnic was yesterday at lunchtime. They hope to get more members this fall, recruiting from School Teachers and two local community events.

French property line: Yesterday Werner Jud led another hike completing the common property line, from the cliffside opposite Scout Camp to the “White Oak at the Old Campground”. This is a historic location at the top of the hill where the trail forks to go to Hard Baker Cave.

The light at the front sign was replaced with an LED fixture. It produces lower lumens, but is acceptable.

Locks – Fred brought new locks and retrieved others from BC. There is one on the front drive gate and one back-up.

Discussion ensued about locking procedures for the front drive gate. It was decided that when anyone unlocks the gate with the intention to leave it unlocked for a bit, it should be locked onto a new eye-bolt on the back of the wood fence so it is visible to all members who come in, and it cannot possibly be construed to be locking the gate.

When messages go out to Scout groups, this should be explained to all drivers.

Scott will contact David Hall to discuss this, and invite him to a GSP meeting so he can explain to all what he sends out to Scout groups.

Ticket House: The first priority is to close up the outer shell of the building. BC will contact Tony Renner (local stone mason and caver) to see if he will give us a price to lay the limestone along that side. Werner offered to get additional threaded rod assemblies to equalize the force on the tie rods for the roof. After the outside is weathertight, we can come up with a new plan for the interior layout and how to finish the insides. A new sub-committee was suggested.

KOR: GCG made approximately \$2000 from this event.

Mike McKinney tour group on Sunday June 14, 2020 has been approved. BC will be the contact person. All cavers are welcome to listen in.

Wifi was down this weekend. Ron Hager & Danny Young will take on this problem of failed modem. A new modem/router will be installed, and they will work with Patrick Gibson to ensure that it can be accessed remotely only by Patrick.

Kitchen security: There were two recent issues of the gas being left on in the Kitchen. Danny Young requested that the Committee consider re-keying all locks since there is an ongoing issue with the keys. Discussion ensued.

Werner made a motion to authorize Fred Ball to propose a new Keying system for all GSP locks, including a budget, with the goal to change the kitchen lock by winter. Fred will not be the key distribution person. NJ 2nd the motion.

New Business:

Secretary: Neena is stepping away from the position of secretary for the Committee. Please contact Scott if you are willing to take the position.

Justin Allen with KET requested permission via email to come to the GSP and film a segment in the Cave for the show: Kentucky Seasons. He requested it in the next few weeks in order to include it in the summer section.

Discussion highlights: Dave Shuffett with Kentucky Life, another KET show, was here in April of 2013 to film a segment. Bill Addington has volunteered to sponsor this. It is better to schedule filming when something is going on at the Preserve. Scott will contact Justin and ask him to attend the next meeting to discuss.

Lost Keys Darryl's lost GSP keys have been replaced by Fred.

KOR: GCG is having difficulty getting volunteers to help plan KOR. They are still considering options, but want to ask the GSP Committee to consider whether they would want to take over KOR. One suggestion of how it could be handled is to ask all the managing grottos to take responsibility for one portion of the event, in exchange they would keep any profits from that portion. This is not a formal request, only asking the Committee to mull it over.

Lyla Mullins Powell would like to use the Shelter on Thursday, September 23, 2019 and a Saturday in the first part of October.

On August 23rd she came down with kids and 30 bag lunches. She uses the kitchen, primarily the refrigerator and sink. We need to keep the refrigerator cleaned out.

Bob Dobbs has three School Field Trips scheduled. See the calendar below.

AED: Ron Hager was just made aware of the automated external defibrillator that was donated one year ago. He will take responsibility for obtaining a safe enclosure for it and getting the batteries and pads that are needed. He commented that it is meant for the general public to use.

Werner made a motion to authorize Ron to look at the AED, propose a case for it, and prepare a budget for the case & supplies as soon as possible. The motion was adjusted to include an oxygen bottle for the First Aid Kit. NJ 2nd the motion.

Shelves for Storage Barn: Bill Addington proposed constructing a set of shelves that run along the three walls of the Storage barn to organize the storage in the building. The ¾" thick shelves would hold the 24" deep totes. The shelves would stop two feet short of the end wall with the doors on each side for the tall items. He projects a budget of \$100. Werner made a motion to authorize this, FB 2nd, no opposition.

Post Hole digger: BC requested the purchase of one. Scott and BA have parts of three. They will work together to get one whole post hole digger down to GSP.

Willow shoots: Danny Young reported on his research. The willows will work to retain the Creek bank if they are planted after the leaves drop in late October through mid-November. He can bring hundreds of cuttings down and get started this Fall. The Committee authorized this effort.

Werner Jud made a motion to adjourn, FB 2nd. Meeting ended at 12:20 pm.

**Next meeting will be:
7:00 pm Thursday October 10, 2019
Jerry Brandenburg's house**

Calendar Summary:

Sept. 13-15, 2019	BSA Troops 888 & 646
Sept. 20, 2019	Laurel County 5 th grade field trip (84 youth + 15 adults)
October 11, 2019	Mt Vernon 2 nd grade field trip (110 youth + 15 adults)
October 18, 2019	Berea 7 th grade field trip (93 youth + 6 adults)
Sept. 20 – 22, 2019	BSA Troops 263 & 161
Nov. 3-5, 2019	BSA Troop 741
Nov. 8-10, 2019	BSA Troop 84
Nov. 15-17, 2019	Loveland Girl Scouts & GS of Western Ohio
March 13-15, 2020	BSA Troop 1
April 17-16, 2020	BSA Troop 200
Sept 18-20, 2020	Girl Scouts
June 14, 2020	Mike McKinney tour group – Johnson Sisters
July 24, 2020	Zubal – Nicklas wedding