

Great Saltpetre Cave Preserve Committee Meeting

February 11, 2021 – GoToMeeting

Committee Members Present:

Fred Ball
Josh Heinbuch
Werner Jud

Neena Jud
Scott Pavey
Chris Redmon

Also attending:

Gary Bush
Sean Cain
Bob Dobbs
Patrick Gibson

Kevin Lorms
Darryl Marsh
Matt Sumner
Sean Sumner

Meeting started at 7:02 pm.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes from the last meeting was reviewed.

NJ made a motion to accept the Secretary's report as amended, WJ 2nd.

Caretaker's Report: (called in to Scott before meeting)

Power and phone service was out due to ice storms in the area, back on again.

Kevin with BGG was unable to open the lock, neither was Bill. Scott authorized cutting off that lock and using one of our spares.

Treasurer's Report:

Detailed report available upon request to treasurer.

FB made a motion to accept Treasurer's Report, JH 2nd.

Old Business

FOGSP (JH): nothing new.

Kitchen (WJ): nothing new

Phone/Wifi (JH): nothing new. Josh commented that his phone service still worked.

COVID-19 (SP): Ohio lifted curfew. Vaccines are becoming available.

Scouts (JH & SP): nothing yet scheduled, but looking towards starting announcements in March to go on trips in April.

Ticket House: – nothing new.

Website (Gary Bush): He heard back from the NSS on his question of whether GSP can keep our website on the NSS account as a conservancy. The answer was yes, at no cost and he was given a login. In April www.caves.org/conservancy/gsp will go away.

Gary has copied the site to gsp.caves.org One thing on this new site that is not working is the email process from filling out the form.

Gary suggested that we may want to join the Consortium of GCG, KOR, RKC and OCS (Ohio Cave Survey) on A2 hosting. COG is also considering this. We tabled the decision to move until next month.

Matt Sumner offered to assist Gary with webmaster duties.

KOR (Bob Dobbs): This event is currently scheduled for August 13-15, 2021. NSS may be changing the date of its Convention from the end of June to end of July. This decision will likely be made in March. If this change is made, KOR may move one week later to August 20-22, 2021. Chris Bauer will be Chair of KOR.

Paypal problem (WJ): Paypal is currently in Roger June's name. Werner is on it.

Other Groups: Neena responded to the Crossroads Volunteer Fire Department request and copied Jerry B and Josh. Nothing heard since then.

Open House: Werner shared the timeline for Open House on screen and pointed out that we are running out of time to prepare for this event. Neena recapped the recent declines in COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations & deaths. This is an airborne virus. Places with good ventilation are safer. The Cave has limited ventilation and many people are inside at one time. Scott shared that the Federal Government announced that everyone should be able to be vaccinated by July. Bob reminded all how important this event is to the folks in the area.

Discussion ensued about when to have Open House this year. Suggestion to poll volunteers to see if we will have enough to hold the event, either in May or October. It may be possible that people will volunteer as tour guides more readily for October than May. **Patrick will ask JROTC. Neena will poll members of Grottos.** May 15-16 or October 2-3. Bob said the GCG Grotto meeting could possibly be held Friday night of Open House at GSP.

Will we have masking in the Cave? Will we ask volunteers to be vaccinated? What might we be liable for? What will our policies be? No resolutions to these questions.

Neena will be giving a virtual presentation on the early history of GSP for COG meeting on May 23, 2021. All are welcome to join. If anyone wants Tour Facts cheat sheets to study now, email Gary and he will send a pdf.

Kevin Lorms suggested a few more improvements to the Kitchen before Open House. These include painting the block walls and getting more Metro racks (wire racks, sometimes with wheels). One rack could hold the microwave and another could be dedicated to people's food they bring on weekends to keep the stainless steel table clear for food prep.

New Business

DUG: talking about a spring meeting in the field

Merchandise: Chris Redmon ordered a Saltpetre Empires Book, which sent Werner on a search to find our remaining inventory. None was found. Werner asked Angelo George

(author) if there are any more books that can be purchased. Gary will note on the website that this book is sold out.

Project – Shelter Roof: in early January, sections of shingles were observed to be sliding off the roof. We need to plan on replacing the shingles this year. Last fall, Scott spoke with James Clements who said he could bring his crew down and re-shingle it.

Fred Ball made a motion to engage James Clements to do a complete tear-off and re-roof the Shelter. NJ 2nd. No opposition. Scott will call James to set it up.

AED device: Werner spoke with Ron Hager about this. It is all staged and ready to be installed, but on hold due to COVID-19. Ron suggested he could bring some people to do some training on the device.

Adjourned approx. 8:00 pm.

Next meeting will be:

7 pm, Thursday March 11, 2021, via GoToMeeting.