

# Great Saltpetre Preserve Committee Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2022 Thursday

Called to order: 7:04 PM all attended via GoTo - managed by Dan Zubal

Committee members in attendance:

Scott Pavey	Werner Jud	Fred Ball	Dan Zubal
Neena Jud	Jerry Brandenburg	Josh Heinbuch	Chris Redmon

Other attendees

Kevin Lorms	Jared Embree	Meg Gaskin	Sean Cain
Gary Bush	Pat Gibson	Debi Pavey	

## Announcements:

SP: BC turned over the shed to us and full of crap; another dumpster full by the time we add more from the CR. WJ sent a letter asking to cover the cost of June 2<sup>nd</sup> dumpster service. A few days later, an email was sent to pay us back for the May electric bill which had been put in our name without notification. He paid \$100 for the electric during a visit to his place on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>, but argued about the dumpster. WJ does not want to let it go since we will have paid for three dumpster loads of his rubbish before all is out; an excessive amount in labor and expense.

PG has WiFi down to the shelter house.

KoR at GSP seems to have gone successfully. Very wet, rainy weekend.

KoR numbers have not been tabulated yet.

WJ: WJ will be sponsoring former cavers and lifelong friends at GSP next week: Larry Suer and friends of theirs.

## Secretary Report:

Motion to accept amended June minutes: FB

Seconded: JH

## Treasurer Report:

WJ created new accounts for Caretaker's Residence (CR). One Income w/subaccount to track GSP 33 campaign and one CR expense account to track.....expenses.

All June income and expenses were reported. June 30<sup>th</sup> Balance sheet report presented.

Contact WJ for full details.

Motion to accept treasurer's report: JH

Seconded: FB

## Caretaker Report:

No caretaker - general committee reporting.

SP: Our 30' ladder is back. The zero turn has had an engine overhaul and is ready. We need to get the cedar post in the tractor barn and plant it by the front gate for future mail

deliveries. Must comply with PO regulations to allow carrier to pull up with vehicle. Scott has determined a good location for it.

DZ: The tractor needs a starter. SP will talk to his parts guys at NAPA.

### **Old Business**

**FoGSP:** Nothing to report

**KoR:** MG: It seems like it went well. We had one snakebite that was successfully dealt with by Randall, one minor multi car pile-up, and someone jumped into the creek and was rescued.

**Open House:** KL: We'll kick things off in March-ish. [Note per NJ: If we want re-enactors things must be kicked-off in September.]

**Ticket House:** WJ: No work this month. When James Clements put the new shingles on, he did not do a full tear-off; just scraped all the loose material from the top surface.

**Shirts:** Nothing to report. WJ will make a full report at the next meeting. Committee requisition is for hooded sweatshirt with GSP logo, (same as last batch), Map T-shirts, and long sleeve black Atlas Pillar T-shirts.

**DUG:** Meeting at KoR by Fred Ball. The grotto is getting reorganized and is back on track.

**School Field Trips:** NJ is reaching out to a few people who reached out.

**Daughters of 1812:** Tabled till Neena reports back. Re Susan Neumeyer and Saltpetre mining archeology, nothing heard from her or Gary O'Dell.

**GSP 33:** PG: Commitments are rolling in. We have approximately 9-10K in funds committed.

**Caretaker Transition:** NJ: Need to talk about WiFi, cameras and phone for the preserve in the GSP committee, not the transition meetings. There will be another Transition meeting Thursday July 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Security Cameras:** Much discussion about WiFi, VOIP, and hardwired. Leaning toward a DVR system with cameras. Suggestion to send info off site in case a perpetrator disables the DVR. This would likely entail a subscription expense. MG knows a camera person in the Cincy area and will check with them. Matt Sumner has volunteered to help with the phone and WiFi. PG and MS will connect with each other. PG, DZ, FB work together to figure number of cameras and placement. GSP committee requires a clear proposal and budget for overall property security, in writing with a project leader/manager--(Similar to how the Power-to-the-Point project was managed).

### **New Business:**

**Gospel singer in cave: Jonathon Bond is interested in doing a concert in the**

**cave:** NJ: Need number of people expected. WJ: We are not a tourist spot, not a civic center, not a commercial venue. JH: We want to be welcoming to relatively small groups in the community when we can. WJ: Will he have equipment, or just sing acapella? DP: He does do concerts all over the Midwest. NJ: We should discourage Jonathon Bond. DP said a concert is a line to draw on GSP and we are not allowing concerts in the cave. NJ: The previous Music in the Mountain concert events were to promote and fundraise for RKC, which is why we got sufficient volunteers. WJ: It will be a lot of work and a big toll on our volunteers and this requests promotes him. We're not set up for this sort of thing. SP: Agreed, we are not a venue. WJ: Makes a motion that we don't allow this concert in the cave.

**Masons in the cave:** SP we need someone to talk to the group to find out what they want. JH will reach out. Fred Ball is willing to sponsor. He is a mason. NJ: Consider a \$5/person donation. We ask \$2/person for students during school field trips. (Last year we created a special events policy for weddings where we asked the equivalent of a nights camping donation, currently \$8/person).

**Halloween Party:** MG has volunteered to host a Halloween party at GSP. We only have 3 months, but if we make it smaller and simpler, we should be able to pull it off. WJ is in favor of having it. MG: we can keep it small and only advertise to the grottos, making it clear that it is a fund raising event. October 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup>. No opposition.  
(This used to be an annual, no cost event for cavers at GSP; it is even listed in our Management plan)

**Gravel:** WJ: Jeff Werner shook his finger at us and said "We need to add gravel around GSP really bad!" NJ checked her CAD property drawings and we have about 4,000' of road to gravel in the main campground: meaning the entrance drive, the primary loop road, the tractor barn drive way, and the two short spurs heading to the creek. It does not include: the turn to the upper parking lot and to the cave, anything on the point or road back to Barton Field. Based on 2" of gravel 10-14' wide we need 285 cubic yards, which is about 16 truckloads at 25 tons a truckload. WJ priced it at \$450 a truckload, which comes out to about \$7,200 or more depending on how much inflation has increased prices. WJ will reach out to Kevin Gibbons, the gravel guy, and get a more firm quote and possible dates lined up.

**Next Meeting:**

August 11th 2022 @ 7pm

<https://meet.goto.com/796713309>

Motion to adjourn at 8:38 PM: WJ

2nd : NJ

Minutes recorded by DZ

**Calendar:**

Aug. 20, 2022 – Lyla 9-4 Family Get together

Sept. 10-11 2022 - Caver Appreciation

Sept. 25, 2022 – Lyla church service and shelter for a lunch