

## GSP Committee Meeting Minutes via GoTo

April 13, 2023 Call to order: 7:09

Committee members in attendance:

Scott Pavey	Werner Jud	Fred Ball	Dan Zubal
Neena Jud	Jerry Brandenburg	Dana Sutherland	Chris Redmon

Other attendees via Go-To:

Stephanie Suen	Pat Gibson	Kevin Lorms	Sean Cain
Josh Heinbuch	Gary Bush	Patrick Wright	Jimmie Hampton

### Announcements:

SP Reports Dana Sutherland has been nominated to be a GSP Representative for the Central Ohio Grotto when the reappointment of the committee happens in September. Welcome Dana!

### Secretary Report:

Motion to accept amended March minutes: CR

Seconded: JH

### Treasurer Report:

*Income exceeded expenses in March:* \$1783 in vs. \$1031 out, for a surplus of \$752.

Phone/internet charges inflated again-now over \$120/month. Other utilities creeping up due to seasonal demands. A second batch of repayment checks was mailed to the nine lenders of our caretaker residence loan; need to whittle that down when we can.

Contact WJ for a full, dated report.

Motion to accept treasurer's report: CR

Seconded: FB

### Caretaker Report:

It's sunny and nice on the back porch.

It's going to be super busy this weekend!

The inside showers are up, the outside showers need repairs.

### Old Business

**Vacant Committee Spot:** WJ reminded that protocol suggests with Josh being caretaker, his stepping aside as a committee member creates the need for an interim replacement. WJ proposes placing Gary Bush in JH's spot if JH wants to vacate his term before it is over in September. A flurry of discussion ensued. FB made a motion for Dana to step into his new role now. CR seconds. There was no opposition. WJ will provide Dana the committee codices, FB will provide the keys.

**GSP Management Plan:** WJ reports the updated management plan has been distributed to the Grottos and posted on the GSP website.

**Caretakers Contract:** WJ reports the contract (renewed automatically every year unless some issue arises for discussion) has been signed by all parties. All caretaker transition paperwork has been processed and completed. These documents are available for review by all committee and RKC board members and special advisors.

**Other Documents:** It is also time to revisit the other documents guiding our activities at GSP. Werner has been reviewing the Memorandum of Understanding with GCG and the Charter for the Committee to bring them up to date with the Management Plan and new Caretaker. In addition, we will need to gather together in a dedicated meeting to brainstorm and update the Strategic Plan since it has been well over five years since the last update. Look for something to happen in late summer or fall.

**Merchandise:** NJ has delivered the GSP Hoody Sweatshirts to the caretaker's residence for storage. If anyone at OCR this weekend wants to purchase Hoody Sweatshirts or Atlas Pillar long sleeve t-shirts, they will be available. Debi can handle credit card sales through Square.

**School Field Trips:** Trips are starting up. Three trips are scheduled. See calendar listing at end. Josh could use a female cave guide on Thursday April 27 and Tour guides are needed for the Brodhead Elementary Fourth Graders on Friday April 28. If you are interested in helping out, please contact NJ.

**Scouts:** All trips are on the calendar. Josh has a system in place to coordinate Scout trips at GSP. What is needed is a system to recruit qualified guides from each Grotto. Wendy Orlandi is working to find guides from COG. Debi is going to bring up the need for more guides and a program to train people to guide in the GCG Executive Board meeting. A few people committing to help a few times a year will be a huge and necessary help!

**Open House:** KL, 36 days until kick-off. PG has put out a message on Facebook for volunteer sign ups. KL met with Jamie to talk about food for the event. They are thinking something easy for dinner Friday (open to options), breakfasts will be caver burritos. Saturday night dinner will be ready when the visitors leave. NJ asked KL to send a blurb to the local newspapers to advertise. WJ states word-of-mouth does most of the work for us now in Mt. Vernon, but some advertising is still required. DZ will spool up the Facebook event clearly saying that it runs from 10 am to 3:30 pm each day. DS suggested sending Coy Ainsley a flyer so he can direct people from Carter Caves to Open House.

**Maintenance:** The tractor and Z- turn have been serviced and are ready to go. The Boop truck got an oil change and general "multi-point inspection". Tires for the smaller trailer are in Scott's truck ready to be put on this weekend and move it away from the Shelter. Seasonal maintenance is happening! SP is knocking a lot of things off the list.

**WiFi / Phone:** PG still intends to run fiber from the caretaker residence to Shelter. This should be coordinated with rerunning the power line to the upper parking lot along the old 4WD road.

**GSP 33:** PG reports we're up to 17 or 18 people who have joined the GSP 33 program. He will send another batch of funds to Werner to deposit. He is preparing a shirt order for the donors.

**Ticket House:** No report

**Freedom Bus:** It needs to be gone by Open House. SP needs the keys and will try to charge the batteries to get it running. .

**Cave Maintenance:** Brief discussion of cave lighting on Werner's to-do list. He could use assistants. Materials are staged in the Ticket House.

**FoGSP:** April 29 will be a picnic. There was a roadside cleanup on March 18, with 7 or 8 people.

**Masons:** FB will be available for both weekends and can attend the York Rite meeting. Jimmie Hampton reports things are proceeding with the Blue Loge Degree on September 23, 2023, but he's still not sure how many people will be attending. There is a civil war reenactment group that would like to camp on the grounds, possibly both Friday and Saturday nights. FB will be there as sponsor, and they will pay the normal camping fee. NJ noted that Friday is reserved for a school field trip.

Patrick Wright – representing the York Rite of Kentucky: They will be doing the Royal and Select council degrees in the cave on Saturday, September 30, 2023. FB would like to connect. Patrick Wright encouraged to come to Open House to see the cave.

**Timbering:** WJ, NJ and JH walked the south most boundary high on the hill on 4/2/23. Other surveyors hired by the adjacent property owner some time back, marked a visible line by spray painting trees. Even though it starts and ends at the correct property marker trees, it varies from the line our team just walked per our deed description. However, it works to our favor providing a greater buffer to the trees they are likely to cut. This boundary investigation revealed the need to make small, but noticeable RKC property signs to post along our entire perimeter to curtail encroachment and hunting by adjacent landowners. We don't mind hiking but we are a Preserve with deed restrictions and a mission to protect the forest habitat.

**OCR (Orientation to Cave Rescue):** Class is sold out. SS wants to make sure there are no issues on our end. JH will help with setup.

### **New Business:**

**Electric Vehicle Charger:** PG would like to look into installing an electric vehicle charger somewhere at GSP (location TBD). He would like to poll for interest. The cost would be about \$500 for a residential type charger, and we could ask \$25 per charge. NJ asked what sort of circuit would be required. PG reports a 50 amp circuit

would be needed. SP asked if it comes with a credit card reader. PG reports that as a residential unit, it would be on the honor system and we would set a pay pipe adjacent. A full charge would be around 100 KW. SP agrees it will be required at some point, but we need to see a plan. WJ predicts that by 2028 we will need some sort of electric charger down there. FB would like some sort of credit card swipe. SP would like to know more.

**Hot Tub replacement at point:** PG would like to put a concrete hot tub in, as a self-funded project. The main driver would be improved safety if someone needs to be removed, less maintenance, less setup, an elevated support structure. It would be 8' x 16' with a support structure elevated to 24" +/- . PG would also like to add natural plant screening. NJ would like to know what kind of foundation this will have. PG reports a 6" concrete pad on 6" of gravel with rebar and grout in the concrete block walls. NJ would like to have a point and talk session in the field to improve the foundation and avoid erosion. WJ referred to our management plan and the mission statement, particularly about any structures to look appropriate and blend in. PG would like permission to start lining up support for this both financially and volunteer labor for this venture. No objections voiced.

**Old Vendor Row Electric:** WJ reports a request was made to look at the old underground power junction located in the middle of the field in front of the shelter (typically marked with an orange traffic cone over it). This used to be where vendors would connect for past KORs. This older "decommissioned" electric tap-in point would be helpful for the geodesic dome which debut at the last KOR and will likely be repeated. WJ will evaluate what is required for function and safety. **Note:** Vendor's row is now established along the creek against the tree line, and power is tapped from the safety disconnect mounted on the power pole via a specially designed extension cord.

**Next Meeting:**

May 7, 2023 @ 10 am at GSP exact location to be decided at 9:53 am

Motion to adjourn at 9:15 PM: NJ

2nd: DS

Minutes recorded by DZ

**Calendar:**

April 21, 2023 – South Laurel Middle School Special Ed Field Trip

April 27, 2023 – Crestview School Field Trip/Cave Trip

April 28, 2023 – Brodhead Fourth Grade Field Trip

May 6-7, 2023 – Open House Work Weekend

May 20-21, 2023 – Open House

June 26-30, 2023 – NSS Convention Elkins, WV

July 14-16, 2023 – KOR

August 4-6, 2023 – Cave Capers

September 9-10, 2023 – Caver Appreciation Weekend

September 23, 2023 – Masons Cave Degree

September 30, 2023 – Masons Cave Degree - Pending

**Next Meeting:**

**<https://teams.live.com/meet/9310673876390>**