

GSP Committee Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2023 at [GSP Shelter](#) Call to order: 10:14 AM

Committee members in attendance:

Scott Pavey	Werner Jud	Neena Jud	Dan Zubal
Fred Ball	Dana Sutherland (virtually via phone)		

Other attendees:

Josh Heinbuch	Kevin Lorms	Ana Scherschel	Kelly MacNamara
Debi Pavey	Mike Wuerth	Kyle ?	

Announcements:

SP: We got a lot done [for Open House preparation](#) yesterday!

Secretary Report:

Motion to accept amended [April](#) minutes: WJ

Seconded: NJ

Treasurer Report:

Income exceeded expenses!

The phone bill continues its slow rise.

We are repaying our lenders with GSP 33 money.

Contact WJ for a full, dated report.

Motion to accept treasurer's report: DZ

Seconded: NJ

Caretaker Report:

[GoTo](#) was not functional at the Shelter for the meeting. The internet works better at the house. Everything else is going pretty [well](#).

The drains in the shower house are very slow. We're working on it.

The shower heads are a little clogged, we're also working on those.

The front [entrance road](#) sign has been cleaned for Open House (thank you [Kelly](#), [Kyle](#), [Kevin & Ana](#)!)

We need to redo the address on the sign.

Old Business

Merchandise: WJ reports we have new [containers for shirts and](#) are ready for Open House!

School Field Trips: Trips are [over for this season](#), there were only three.

Scouts: No more scouts this month. There's 2 troops and a Michigan 4H club in June. NJ was contacted by a 4H group from Lexington for Open House and will get them in contact with JH for a wild caving opportunity. In addition, we have the following number of Youth Groups Scheduled: July: 2; August: 2; September: 2.

DP reports there's talk of having a youth group liaison for GCG. They're working on it. Aaron Bird suggested the Training process might be co-led. Josh is willing to take folks who are interested in learning Scout Caves to those caves on weekends that no Scouts or Youth Groups are scheduled. Tail gunners also fill a very important role, we need them as much as we need Guides.

All Committee members are asked to pass along to their Grottos this need for Guides and Tail gunners from each Grotto to balance out the responsibilities.

Port-O-Lets: JH reports that we are set. A third was brought for School Field Trips, one more will arrive in time for Open House. Shit's taken care of. Charges for the first quarter of the year were \$720.

Open House: KL reports that the kitchen is in great shape, the landscaping looks wonderful, the stairs look nice. It's going to be very pretty for Open House. The signs look good. Friday, right before Open House, directional signs will be placed, tents set up and the shelter will be cleaned.

There are 18 cases of Climax water stored in the Cave that we can pull out to sell. Kevin got 34 cases of other water and sodas (Pepsi products) that will be for volunteers.

We have 57 volunteers signed up! Therefore, food will be planned for 75.

We have volunteers lined up for Kitchen & Parking, everyone else will be directed to help at the Cave. Aaron Collier will be playing music at the Shelter. The facebook event page is up. Messages were delivered to On the Rocks, The Shell Station, Community Trust Bank, and IGA about the event. Kevin sent messages to two local legislators, just to let them know. He did not reach out to the Tourism Board. He did contact members of the Livingston Fire Department, just not the chief. Someone contacted the EMS driver last year. He is no longer with that company but offered to pass along the message that they are invited to set up a tent. Werner will talk to the Mt. Vernon Signal on Monday to make sure something is in the paper and to emphasize that the hours are 10 am to 3:30 pm.

Maintenance:

The blades have been replaced on the zero-turn. Danny Kleckner has been using it.

Replacement log posts for the railings next to the Green Latrine have been installed by Scott.

The culvert pipes at the dam are cleaned out.

SP bladed the gravel roads to fill pot-holes.

Additional work desirable before KOR: Men's side privacy barrier for the outdoor shower needs repair. The upper mondo needs the bottom of the siding replaced. Outhouses and mundos need to be painted. JH will keep a running list of things that need to be done.

The back two posts on the scout shelter are showing mold and mildew from improper drainage. DS suggests installing downspouts and running proper drainage to the creek, or a rain barrel. DS has volunteered to manage the project. The funds required for this could come from the scout fund.

WiFi / Phone: No report

GSP 33: No report

Ticket House: The downhill side gutter on the Ticket House is angled the wrong way and needs the supporting brackets to be re-set. James Clements was notified by WJ last month.

Electric work inside the Ticket House has made a lot of headway. There is an outlet at the front door and a temporary front light fixture. (This will be very helpful for Open House.) The north (uphill side) wood stud loadbearing wall needs to be replaced due to insect deterioration in the studs, the sole plate and the double top plates.

SP would like to have a work weekend after KoR.

Memorial wall: WJ recommends the first two names to be displayed should be Hans Lindblom and Bob Dobbs. He suggests small bronze plaques which can be firmly secured. The majority preferred this method. This project requires a manager.

Freedom Bus: Was removed from upper parking lot on May 3, 2023, by Andrew Rentzel (Stitch). He & Christine were grateful to GSP for allowing this temporary storage. *>Biscuit is now with them to make a new home in West Virginia<*.

Cave Maintenance: WJ reports it is being handled. New lights were installed in Russian Dome. Bill Huber disassembled the old stage (stored behind the Shelter) and material is stockpiled for re-use.

FoGSP: Picnic scheduled for April 29th had a very small turnout. Out of the 15 people who responded they would be there, only two showed up. They received a tour of the Cave and had some burgers. Beth and Jeff will keep trying to get the local community interested in this group.

Masons: No update

Timbering: WJ, NJ, and Gary Bush met with logger and all walked to the property line from the adjacent landowner's side on Saturday morning 4/22. As of this GSP committee meeting date, truck traffic suggests this logging has begun.

Hiking Trails: DS noted that several people have inquired about hiking trails. DS has told them the project needs to have someone spearheading the project. SP will start a sub-committee for hiking trails. [The first step could be to walk the current trails, possibly an option for Caver Appreciation Weekend. Once the current trails are re-established \(trampled down\), more could be added. Also, WJ suggested we could add some GSP identification signs at intervals along our Property Line, to mark our boundary.](#)

OCR: Big success.

Hot Tub: KL would like to open a second bank account to keep things above board. [NJ requested all Committee Members and those involved consider whether the hot tub and its maintenance should be part of GSP expenses OR a separate account managed independently.](#) We will regroup on this.

SP asked what they were using for screening. KL suggested Kentucky cane. SP says to study [the specific](#) cane very closely and make sure it's not bamboo. We [want non-invasive plants](#) that are easy to control [and durable, such as pine trees.](#)

Supplemental electric tap: [in front field for KOR Geodesic dome. Underground connections which can be brought up for use and stored below grade during non-use. WJ design in the works.](#)

New Business:

Redhill Road People: SP has reached out and invited them to Open House.

FEMA Road Repair: NJ attended a meeting to close out the road repair project. Due to an internal fuckup at FEMA, GSP did not engage an archeologist. Since the stupid box was not checked by FEMA, FEMA suggests doing a Phase 1 [Archaeological Survey](#) to mitigate adverse effects. FEMA has [chosen](#) an archeologist who would investigate the mouth of the cave [and document signatures & features.](#) NJ made it clear that extensive study will require cave gear. [He](#) would like to do this for 40 hours/week over two weeks, during the week. NJ told them we are all volunteers with jobs and may not be able to make that commitment. NJ told them we always request copies of studies of the cave, and FEMA has stated we would have ALL RIGHTS TO ALL WORK GENERATED. More to follow.

Vertical Cliff: WJ has [been updating GSP's governing documents](#) and JH noted [one](#) says no climbing above the cave entrance. JH asked what we thought about having rigging trees [above the nearby cliff face beyond the Ticket House.](#) If it's done properly, the committee is [not](#) opposed.

Showerhouse drains: [Need to be snaked.](#)

Fire Extinguishers: WJ is going to [recharge or replace](#) the fire extinguishers.

Next Meeting: June 8, 2023 @ 7 pm at Jerry Brandenburg's
Motion to adjourn at 11:44 AM: NJ 2nd: DZ
Minutes recorded by DZ, amended by WJ & NJ

Calendar:

May 20-21, 2023 – Open House

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

June 28, 2023 – Richmond Police Department Youth Field Day

July 11, 2023 – Laurel County Tourism Retiree Biker lunch group

July 14-16, 2023 – KOR

July 19, 2023 – Richmond Police Department Youth Field Day

August 4-6, 2023 – Cave Capers (Indiana)

August 9-11, 2023 – Faith Chapel Pentecostal Church Revival (Lyla Mullins Powell)

August 12, 2023 – Faith Chapel Pentecostal Church Homecoming

September 9-10, 2023 – Caver Appreciation Weekend

September 23, 2023 – Blue Lodge Masons Cave Degree

September 30, 2023 – York Rite Masons Cave Degree - Pending

Next Meeting:

<https://teams.live.com/meet/9319702529482>