

GSP Committee Meeting Minutes using Microsoft Teams (instead of GoTo)
June 8, 2023 Call to order: 7:00

Committee members in virtual attendance:

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

Other attendees via Microsoft Teams:

Josh Heinbuch	Patrick Gibson	Kevin Lorms	Debi Pavey
Jared Embree	Gary Bush		

Announcements:

Werner Jud reports we have a thief in our midst. He reminded attendees of the email he sent out to the committee and others on June 8, with photos, explaining that electrical components of the Green Latrine have been stolen. A routine inspection by WJ on 5/13, a week before Open House, showed that two very specific and expensive relay devices, which control the function of the circulation pump motor were missing. Someone who knew where the key to the lower service door was hanging, went inside and, for some utterly inexplicable reason, removed them from their plug-in sockets. This occurred sometime during week of May 6. Time and expense must now be devoted to replacing these items. The access key will also have to be relocated. Whether these timing relays were taken for their value or simply tossed away, it is very upsetting to see GSP disrespected like this, presumably by someone we know. The need for security cameras at the main entrance, ticket house, tractor barn, and cave entrance, was reiterated; and now the Green Latrine must be included. Need for security and protection from theft will only increase with time. We must initiate some counter-measures....and soon.

JB reports someone has taken down the closed cave sign at the end of the back field approaching Loid Mullins cave. (Note: This is NOT the part of the creek referred to as the 'whirl-hole'). WJ reports he was the one who moved it... for good reason.

Secretary Report:

Motion to accept amended May minutes: NJ
Seconded: DS

Treasurer Report:

Income greatly exceeded expenses for May due to Open House. Donations were a little over \$4300 but sales of merchandise and souvenirs, managed by Lacie Braley and others brought in about another \$4K. We had the usual related expenses: food, port-a-lets, extra dumpster service, and miscellaneous, but we did far better than 'break even' which is our only goal. Open House is not classified as a GSP 'fund raiser'. It is a community service

We did receive \$30 in counterfeit money during Open House. A \$20 and a \$10 bill. Balance sheet of our assets and liabilities also given. Contact WJ for a full report.

Motion to accept treasurer's report: DZ
Seconded: FB

Caretaker Report: JH

The head gasket on the Z Turn blew.

Pete Stow and Jerry Brandenburg mowed last weekend.

There's been people here non-stop for the past month.

The shower house drain is still slow, more attention is required to clear out.

Port-o-lets were cleaned and dumpster replaced after Open House.

Old Business

Merchandise: Despite brisk sales during Open House, we did not sell out of GSP sweatshirts, T-shirts or souvenirs. We have more to sell although some sizes will need to be replenished. Another inventory check is planned.

Field Trips: Over for the season with Schools. Other inquiries have been received. The Richmond PD youth program is coming on June 28th and July 19th, sponsored by Josh.

Scouts: JH: There's been a few requests this week. There is a 4H group coming down next week. Please check GSP calendar (below and on website).

Open House: Kevin Lorms reports 316 days until Open House 2024. We got a lot of good info from the surveys. KL will also compile the hourly data from the cars and cave gate. KL would like to extend his warmest thanks to everyone who volunteered.

Property Maintenance:

SP: The belts on the zero turn have been replaced. The head gasket has blown again. Scott Pavey has the parts to fix it.

The shower house drains do not. You get about 4 showers before the water collects. Plans are to dig down to the lid of the septic tank, inspect and go from there.

SP: The roads are completely scoured of gravel and have several potholes. SP has bladed and scavenged every last pebble he could to improve. WJ will look into getting entire loop re-graveled with DGA before KOR. Quantity calculations were made last July and will be double-checked. This will be expensive. (Note: we still have a small pile of DGA for general use stored against the tree line in the upper parking lot.)

Dana Sutherland reports the right side of the scout shelter drainage is done. The rain barrel has been installed but still needs an overflow bypass?. The left side has been damaged. The downspouts are larger than what fits into a 4" PVC pipe, which is what Dana bought to run into the creek. He is trying to figure out best solution. Suggestion was made to contact Clements. A 2nd rain barrel for the Green Latrine was brought as well.

WJ took care of fire extinguishers around the property and for the CR.

WiFi / Phone: WJ states we need to seriously find someone to take action on phone/internet service at GSP. The value vs the cost from Windstream is terrible. At \$120/month and creeping up nearly every month, we must find out if we can spend this amount for a better, more dependable service for GSP. If we discover no other carrier for our rural location offers improvement for similar cost, then so be it; but we need to get the facts and investigate the options.

PG states we need a concise list of what we need and then we can go from there.

We want internet capabilities over wifi at the caretaker's house, shelter, ticket house, and vendor's row. If we want fast connection speeds everywhere, we need to hardwire from a base to these secondary locations. Reliable hardwired telephone extensions must be re-established at the shelter and ticket house for immediate convenience.

SP: Beau has not been contacted as he just had a baby. SP will reach out.

Jared states Starlink is \$120 a month with a \$599 equipment fee.

GSP 33: Holding steady at 16 members. This will raise \$24,000 and PG would like to keep pushing it up. FB asked PG to mail him talking points about GSP 33 for the DUG meeting.

Ticket House: downhill side gutters still need to be re-sloped for proper drainage. Uphill side 2x4 stud wall needs to be rebuilt. Electric circuits still in progress; slowly.
Re Memorial wall: WJ would like someone to be a Project Manager for overall design and practical method of future name display. NJ can look into this, but not until July.

SP would like to have a work weekend the last weekend of July, two weekends after KoR.

Cave Maintenance: SP reports the back half of the cave wasn't lit. The electrical panel at Atlas Pillar was sizzling. WJ reports this is not unusual during humid conditions. Panel is about 27 years old and is rusty and twitchy. Replacement plans for nonmetallic weatherproof enclosure with new guts, has been on 'to-do' list for over 10 years.

FoGSP: No update

Masons: No update

Hiking Trails: DS reported he spoke with Nathan Jud at Open House to get background on the trails he marked during his Eagle project before 2001 Convention. DS would like to redo the yellow trail starting from the point and then along the hillside toward the creek bend at the base of Loid Mullins. (Note: this bend is not the whirl-hole) JB reports we butted heads with the Wynns in the past and that's why that path was abandoned. WJ reports that this trail is halfway down hillside on our property and is not abandoned, just neglected. The trail that continues on higher from the point to the ridge top and toward Hardin Baker Cave is the portion we officially abandoned since it does cross over to Wynn's property. **Cliff wall:** Dana also proposed making a trail from the Beer Garden to the base of the nearby cliffs to practice rope work. He walked possible routes and reports that 20' drop is available in a couple of places.

Electric Vehicle Charger: No update

Hot Tub: The treasurer (WJ) states, as he has begun filing of the 2022 nonprofit tax return, clearly any funds for the hot tub should be wholly independent of GSP and RKC. It has no connection with our mission or strategic plan. PG and KL will figure out a holding place to receive such funds. PG would love to break ground this fall with the pad and equipment shed and start block construction next spring, depending on fund raising.

Supplemental UG (Under-Ground) Electric tap in field: WJ reports it's not quite ready. He and Josh have worked on it and it will be ready for KOR.

FEMA Road Repair Mitigation: NJ reports the issue to revisit the property by FEMA personnel has been resolved after Susan Neumeyer brought Nikol Konkol, archeologist with KY SHPO (State Historic Preservation Office) to Open House. Nikol reported back to FEMA about her observations and the closeout process is now proceeding without Archeological Survey at GSP. Sue reported that she and Nikol had a great time at Open House on Sunday. (Refer to RKC meeting minute notes of 6/4/23 for further details.)

New Business:

Front Entrance Sign: The address on the big sign by the main entrance drive gate needs to be updated since it displays our old P.O. Box in Mt. Vernon which was discontinued last August. JH & DP will contact Adams Sign, the business that made and donated it in May 2016. It was mounted over the top of our old worn out sign.

Waivers: RKC has always required a signed waiver to be on file for all Grotto members & guests. Having full RKC board support and GSP committee approval, Gary Bush is enforcing this for GCG and is requesting the same level of commitment from the other Grottos. Members who do not comply with this are not allowed on GSP property. A list of names of uncooperative persons will be forthcoming within the next month or so.

Ladder: WJ reports that Shane Mullins has a 12' or 14' stepladder he is willing to donate to GSP. This would come in very handy at various building locations. The only challenge is someone needs to transport to the Preserve.

Next Meeting:

July 14, 2023 @ 4:20 pm at KoR, meet at Josh's house. BYOC.

Motion to adjourn at 8:41 AM: DS

2nd: NJ

Minutes recorded by DZ. Amended by Juds

Calendar:

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

June 28, 2023 - Richmond PD youth field day

July 11, 2023 -Laurel County tourism retiree biker lunch group

July 14-16, 2023 – KOR

July 19, 2023 -Richmond RD youth field day

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

August 9-11, 2023 - Faith chapel Pentacostal church revival (Lyla Mullins Powell)

August 12, 2023- Faith chapel Pentacostal 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:

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