

GSP Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Sunday, September 10, 2023 @ 10am GSP Shelter
 Call to Order: 10:03 a.m.

Committee Members in Attendance			
Debi Pavey Chair	Werner Jud Treasurer	Dan Zubal Secretary	Neena Jud
Fred Ball	Jerry Brandenburg	Dana Sutherland	Chris Redmon or Pat Hutson
Other Attendees			
Josh Heinbuch Caretaker	Scott Pavey Equipment Tech	Meg Gaskin Social Activities Coord.	Kevin Lorms Open House
Ron Hager	Stephanie Suen	Jared Embree	Mary Gratsch
Mike Wuerth	Wally Clements	Terri Wolfe	Rick Webb
Doug Clarkston	Dennis Green		

Announcements
<p>Mary Gratch said that Cindy Dobbs would like to hold a memorial service for Bob Dobbs on his birthday 10-01-23 at the Preserve. She and the family would arrive Saturday Sept. 30th. Mary proposes making a spaghetti dinner as the start of a caver evening. After a quick breakfast on Sunday morning, we could head to the back field and plant a tree in his honor. DS made a motion to proceed, no opposition. In addition, Mary would like to send an article to the NSS News to honor him. If anyone has input to that article, please send it to Mary as she is composing it. Milgra2@fuse.net or submit to the RKC board</p>

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Josh of the Year award														

Secretary's Report
<p>Motion to accept the amended minutes: FB Second: Meg Gaskin Vote: unanimous</p>

Treasurer's Report - Werner Jud

We got paid by KOR, for a total of \$6,650.00, about \$50 more than last year. This includes camping at the \$7/person/night and half of the dumpster and port o let expenses.
We also paid Loveless for the Open House port o lets, since he finally sent his bill. Shit takes time.
Lender payments are ongoing.
2022 RKC taxes have been filed.
Werner still plans to send out a spreadsheet comparing our utility costs over the past five years since they have been creeping upwards.
The Mount Vernon Signal is available for reading at the caretaker's residence if you are so inclined.
Motion to accept: FB, Second: NJ; Vote: unanimous

STATUS REPORTS

Caretaker's Report - Josh Heinbuch

One scout troop is on the calendar for October.
Scott is fixing the tractor. He inspected the planetary gear set. Currently one front wheel is off and he needs to get new bearings.
The chain saw is also out of commission. SP will pick up a new bar and chain. In the meantime, bring your own chainsaw.
The recycle bins will be moved to the dumpster pad soon.

Social Activities Chair Report - Megan Gaskin

Megan needs access to the GSP calendar to coordinate properly. Gary Bush is the person to contact for access to the calendar.
Meg plans to send out notices, announcements, and requests for assistance via Facebook, email and sometime a direct phone call.
If anyone would like to hold an event at GSP, please contact Meg by Facebook or email. She would like her email to be added to the website so cavers can find her.

Halloween

Megan Gaskin

October 28, 2023

Meg will make a facebook event to host. There will be a request of \$20 per person that will go to the caretaker residence fund. There will be additional fundraising activities that evening.

Masons

Fred Ball

September 23, 2023

Fred will be the on-site sponsor. No further discussion necessary.

Coordination among Managing Grottos

Aaron Bird, the new Chair of GCG, has some ideas to make KOR an All-Grotto function which he will discuss in GCG meetings and with the other grottos.
Dennis challenged the idea floating around that the other grottos do not receive benefits from KOR as sponsored by GCG. There are many indirect benefits because the event provides funds which allow maintenance and improvements at GSP. Also, GCG donates out almost all the profits received at KOR to other caving organizations.
Stephanie shared her thoughts that "we are stronger together". The interaction of all the grottos is integral to the longevity of GSP. We can learn from each other and learn from the other grottos.
Fred suggested developing a combined spreadsheet of all the cavers in the managing grottos to see what grotto each person is a member of, thereby revealing multiple memberships. It would also be helpful to link in whether that member has a waiver on file.

Coordination among Managing Grottos

Communication with BGG has been challenging, partially due to their locked down Facebook group. Chris Redmon will be stepping aside as rep. Pat Hutson will be filling this slot.

FOGSP

Chris Redmon also needs to step away from the FoGSP liaison position. Megan Gaskin volunteered to fill the gap until Elizabeth Copelin completes her next degree program and steps back into that role. Debi to virtually introduce Meg to the Brickley's for coordination.

Property Maintenance

The 12' ladder has been picked up by James Clements from Shane's house, cleaned and temporarily fixed. It is now at Ticket House for use during construction. (Caution, part of the fiberglass is split.) There are still railroad ties at Lonnie McGuire's that we need to figure out a time to go get with the Trailer.

The below grade power box in the field is functional and the orange cone has been re-placed over it. (A stronger and larger box will be moved to the Project List as a low priority item.)

James Clements delivered half the shingles to re-shingle the shower house. Megan suggested that, like the Ticket House, people could make donations to buy bundles of shingles. They were about \$35/bundle, and we would need approximately eight more.

James Clements also dropped off metal roofing, currently stored under the Tractor Barn roof. This could be for the sauna. We will recommend coordinating with Patrick Gibson and the Hot Tub/Sauna planning

Ticket House

The top plate on the north reconstructed wall has been installed and Werner is ready to run the rest of the electrical wiring on the interior.

Neena discussed the interior layout, there will be a secure storage area for merchandise. Fred will donate the hardware for the door. Next to that, NJ envisions graphics on the wall with a timeline along a sloped surface above lower shelves. If you have any ideas on what should be along this wall, please contact NJ.

Hiking Trails - Dana Sutherland

On hold until the leaves fall.

JH has a crate of reflectors he has acquired that are ready to be installed.

Climbing Wall

Tabled until October meeting.

Hot Tub - Patrick Gibson

Jared spoke for this project: the team is raising money now and has approximately \$3,000 committed. Werner mentioned that when the Committee gave no objections to raising funds and lining up volunteer labor for this, it was conditioned on the team presenting a detailed plan to the Committee for approval prior to groundbreaking. The Committee is requiring it to be constructed solidly and floodproof.

Neena remembers seeing the concept diagram, and that the Equipment Shed was raised so it would be more resistant to flooding, but this was not sufficiently complete for us to give actual approval.

Hot Tub - Patrick Gibson

Jared will contact Kevin & Pat to get this.

GSP 33 - Patrick Gibson

Patrick reported that \$2181 has been collected towards the Caretaker' Residence. There are a few people who Patrick needs to get signed up with the program.

SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS

Neena Jud

See calendar for dates -

NJ reports there is one field trip currently scheduled, on the 13th of October, and will need at least 3 more people.
There is an online place to volunteer with signup.com if you are available:
<https://signup.com/go/wcWydJZ>
NJ has reserved time slots in the calendar for field trips.
She will discuss the Port-O-Let situation with Josh & Werner.

SCOUTS

Josh Heinbuch

See calendar for dates-

JH reports there's a lot of trips and he could use help with a group from Fort Wright, KY who would like a presentation. Ron Hager has volunteered.
There is one trip currently scheduled in November, none in December, and trips resume in January.
There has been a pleasant outpouring of volunteers for this program.

Lyla Requests - Debi Pavey

September 15, 2023 - requested to move to October 4, 2023: Work group. Cave, shelter, and kitchen. 24 people
September 27, 2023: Work group. Cave, shelter, and kitchen. 30-35 people
Josh opens the green gate for her use.

Picnic Tables

Lyla's church is selling picnic tables for \$125. We decided (through email) to purchase 3 of these. Earlier Lyla stopped by the Preserve and spoke with Werner to give him a check for donations from her church event and discussed available times when the picnic tables could be picked up. The donation more than offset the cost of the tables.
We will coordinate through email to see when we can do this.

Intro to Cave Survey

Stephanie Suen

October 14, 2023

Stephanie and Beau Gergel have prepared the classwork for this event.
It will be a full day class – at the Shelter in the morning with hands-on session in the afternoon.
Advertised as overnight camping available with camping fees going to GSP.
On Facebook, there's 25 that have said they are going, and about 100 who said they are interested, but that includes people from New Zealand, so SS doesn't trust that.
Beau Gergel will follow with an online class afterwards.
Stephanie also mentioned that when she asked NCRC about holding another Orientation to Cave Rescue (OCR) at GSP next year, they said they prefer to move them around the country, but we could consider one in 2025.

OLD BUSINESS

Wi-Fi - Patrick Gibson

Not mentioned – no report

NEW BUSINESS

GSP Project List

Debi proposed revitalizing the GSP Project List that hasn't been officially updated since 2015. This includes Major Projects and Maintenance items. It needs to include budgets, priorities, notes, start & finish dates. The projects will include Group projects and things an individual could do. In the meeting we reviewed the old list and updated it with items, need to set priorities. New items include: Gear cache door; Bridge to Point; Property boundary signs; Box vent or Ridge vent for roof of Showerhouse; Leopold bench at Ellie Schiller plaque along with finishing the gravel; Laminated maps and plexiglass tops at hiking trails. Items to retain from the previous list include: pave or repair the asphalt entrance driveway and improve drainage to the sides; various electrical upgrades for the kitchen; repairing walls and sealing openings against rodents. See attached full project list.

Bridge to the Point

Scott reminded those in attendance that a representative of the Corps of Engineers visited the Preserve four years ago with Bob Dobbs. Report at that time – GSP is interfering with the natural flow of the water, therefore we cannot get assistance to re-build something we should have never built in the first place. Project will need to be completed under the radar and more than likely with no financial assistance. Scott, Jeff Werner & Pat Hudson are on it. This will be added to the project list.

Climax

SS reports there are new "no trespassing" signs up around Climax. JH is trying to get in touch with the landowners to see exactly what is going on.

Software

Dennis Green acquired and has been managing the GoToMeeting license for online meetings for GCG/GSP/RKC and others. Due to several reasons, GCG is looking at moving away from GTM and is looking hardest at Microsoft Teams. Benefits include the ability to record meetings, the ability to meet simultaneously, and the ability to hold impromptu meetings. As a 501(c)3, GCG can get a special status with Microsoft and receive 325 perpetual licenses of Microsoft 365. This will be 300 licenses of 365 Business Basic and 25 licenses of Business Premium. All are Cloud based. He is willing to work with RKC/GSP to get a second set under our different 501(c)3. NJ recommends Dennis have Gary Bush bring this up at the RKC meeting.

Signs

WJ reports that he contacted James with Adams Sign in London, Kentucky who donated the large main entrance sign about making new GSP property boundary signs. He is interested. Small world connection: Doug Clarkson (who attended this meeting) is a first cousin of James Adams.

Deteriorated fake rocks in the Cave from Fire Down Below

Josh reported that the rocks on the stage do not seem to be adding to the ambiance or “take care of caves” message anymore. DS made a motion that Josh gets rid of the deteriorated Styrofoam rocks. Motion was seconded, no opposition.

Wormfest

Wally Clements

January 5-7, 2024

Walter Clements will be running this event for DUG. He will need access to the kitchen as well as training since he will be running the Guano Grille. All proceeds will go to GSP.

Veteran Outreach

Wally would like to start a veteran’s outreach program to get veterans out of VA facilities for a day or eventually overnight. This requires coordination, and it was suggested to limit the size of groups to 5 - 10 people max (smaller groups are better). There’s no opposition

Caver Appreciation

The GSP Committee gave Josh Heinbuch an award in appreciation of all his efforts. Things went much more smoothly this year, his first as Caretaker.

Next Meeting

10-12-23

7:00 PM

Virtual

Motion to Adjourn: NJ
Second: DS
Vote: unanimous