

GSP Committee Meeting Agenda & Minutes

Thursday, March 14, 2024

Call to order: 7:05 pm

Committee Members

Debi Pavey Chair GCG Rep	Werner Jud Treasurer GCG Rep	Dan Zubal Secretary COG Rep	Neena Jud GCG Rep
Fred Ball DUG Rep	Jerry Brandenburg absent GCG Rep	Dana Sutherland COG Rep	Pat Hutson BGG Rep

Sub-Committee Members

Open Caretaker	Scott Pavey Equipment Technician	Meg Gaskin Social Events Coordinator	Darryl Marsh Scouts Coordinator
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Additional Attendees

Mark Thomas		Andy Schofield	Dani Carey
Stephanie Suen	Kevin Lorms	Nina Soluski	Jamie Thompson

Announcements

Darryl Marsh reported that Jerry B., Pat H., and he moved the furniture into the CR. Darryl shared that the scouts are looking to have busiest year yet. He will be down at GSP every weekend until Open House except the last weekend of March. Darryl will be placing loaner gear in a secure location near the shelter. Darryl held “a learn to lead” trip last month and will be leading another soon. Darryl has had a good showing of college kids, some of which will be assisting w/Scout trips. Let’s go caving trips will start up again in April.

Hot tub build weekend is this [March 23-24](#).

Werner plans to be at the Preserve weekend 3/23 to flush out the waterline, recharge, and restore our water service to the Preserve. Assistance by 5-6 people for a few hours should accomplish this.

Secretary’s Report

Motion to accept the amended minutes: FB

Second: PH

Vote: None opposed

Treasurer’s Report

The payment for our new PR#1 assembly for the water line and its installation, caused our expenses to exceed income for the month of Feb. Werner has several undefined expenses (legitimacy not in question). He needs to connect with Josh.

See Werner for full, dated report.

Motion to accept the treasurer’s report: FB

Second: DZ

Vote: None opposed

Caretaker's Report - NOW from GSP Committee

Josh H. visiting GSP at intervals. Reports of his patrols provided intermittently.

Caretaker's Residence getting renewed attention with furnishings, repairs, and other upgrades. The CR is not a new 'mondo' crash for general visitors or convenient camping. Until a new tenant is established, CR use is strictly restricted and limited to select GSP personal and stewards. Such privileged users are still requested to help offset the electric consumption. If you use the CR, clean up after yourself and others. Just as in our shelter kitchen, your mother does not work at the caretaker house.

Residence Maintenance

Nothing reported.

Miscellaneous Property Maintenance

There's a group of people that will clear out the culverts next weekend.

SP has fixed the zero turn. When it breaks again, it'll be done. Purchase of a new tractor is on our grant request list, but considering our recent expenses Scott will repair it again. Fred Ball and Pat Hutson will discuss tractor needs w/ Scott who has been quietly researching options for over a year.

New Rural Broadband Service

On hold until we get the water repair taken care of. PRTC is sitting on go, waiting for us to sign up with them and have them install their fiber optic service line directly into the CR. We need a commitment from a person knowledgeable in Wi-Fi to be at the Preserve/CR on a Friday or Monday before we can schedule the install. Once PRTC is activated, then we drop Windstream.

Cameras

We will need a camera system. DZ will work on this again. The best system would be hardwired to a DVR with an uplink to the internet.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Social Activities Chair Report – Meg Gaskin

No report

Veteran Outreach (April 5-7, 2024) – Dana Sutherland

Everything is on schedule.

LYLA FAMILY REUNION VISIT (May 25, 2024) – Debi Pavey

Shelter, kitchen, cave. All day.

LYLA FAMILY MEMORIAL VISIT (May 31, 2024) – Debi Pavey

Cave. Couple of hours.

OPEN HOUSE (May 17-19, 2024) – Kevin Lorms

KL reports we are 63 days away from Open House. COG will be adding Open House as a line item for meetings. KL suggests all grottos add that line as well.

Everyone is still on board to run their departments.

The ROTC will not be able to attend this year [and help with parking cars.](#)

NS asked if there will be alternatives to soup beans and corn bread. KL stated there will not be. [KL will be taking inventory of supplies in preparation for the event.](#) NJ organized the paper goods and disposables. [She reminded to](#) not leave them in places where critters can get to them.

DS reminded KL we are going to dial back advertising this year. DS reports that he has fulfilled his promise to WJ. [\(Silent appreciation from WJ listening to this\)](#)

Talking points for volunteers:

- Free camping!
- Free breakfast, [lunch service](#), and dinner

New Decal

[An order has been placed for 1000 oval GSP stickers.](#) We are hoping they sell out at Open House.

KOR (June 20-23, 2024) – Nina Soluski

NS needs volunteers to commit and sign up on [signup.com](#)
NS also needs a speaker for KoR.

LYLA WORK GROUP (June 28, 2024) – Debi Pavey

Shelter, kitchen and cave. 10am-4pm. 24 people

WILDERNESS FIRST AID CLASS (July 20, 2024) – Stephanie Suen

About half full, but there's three months until registration closes.

LYLA PINE HILL CHURCH (July 27, 2024) – Debi Pavey

Shelter, kitchen and cave. All day. 40-50 people.

Caver Appreciation (September 14, 2024) – no lead

DP wants to set a date.

The normal pattern has been the weekend after Labor Day. [After some discussion](#), the date is unanimously set to September 14, 2024, [giving a one weekend break from Labor Day and OTR event](#)
We will have Scott's Chicken.

GSP Halloween Party (October 26, 2024) – no lead

Field Trips – Neena Jud

Neena is setting up field trips. Check the calendar or check in with NJ for more info. [Two field trips are arranged for the Thursday and Friday before Open House.](#)

Scouts – Darryl Marsh

April

Saturday, April 13

Saturday, April 20

Saturday, April 27

May

Saturday, May 4

Saturday, May 11

June

Saturday, June 8

OTHER TOPICS/PROJECTS

Friends of GSP

No update.

GSP 33 – Patrick Gibson

No report.

GSP Committee Grotto Composition

Neena Jud would like to postpone until the strategic plan is dealt with.

Teams Software

It's a win! [Seems to work for everyone for our virtual meetings.](#)

[Dana asked that we update the GSP website with his RKCI outlook email address: \(dana@rkciorg.onmicrosoft.com\).](#)

Caretaker Position - Very Important

We will need a caretaker [eventually](#). WJ [suggests](#) tabling this until later in the season. We are not making announcements for a new caretaker at this time; [the issue should be kept low key for the time being. But should anyone express interest, share contact info with Debi. Make no promises as to when the committee will act on this.](#)

Treasurer Position

[Werner intends to step down as treasure sometime this year \(having had the job for nearly 30 years\)](#)
[Replacement needs to be the right person, possibly even two people sharing the responsibility. This recruitment process should also be handled internally, not as a general public announcement. WJ recommends a special task force of GSP advisors gather to meet later in the season to discuss.](#)

Quickbooks Software

[Once Werner and Janice get RKC's Quickbooks online, we should be able to move forward with this conversion.](#)

RKC Grants

[RKC requested a list of projects from the Preserve Managers that need grant funding. RKC is establishing a committee to write grant proposals and apply and will be looking for more people to help.](#)

The list to submit for grants is:

Entry Drive Repair and signage \$75K
 Water main repairs/upgrades \$10K
 Tractor Replacement \$50K

Project List				
Task	Priority	Budget	Assigned To	Due Date
Water main repair	1A*	\$10,000	Werner Jud	
New phone/internet to CR from PRTC	2A		Werner Jud	
Wi-Fi setup and reconnection	2B		Patrick Gibson	
Camera system	2C			
Ticket house electrical	3A		Werner Jud	
Ticket house ceiling	3B		Jerry Brandenburg Scott Pavey	
Ticket house walls	3C		Jerry Brandenburg	
Shower house roof install	4A		James Clements	
Shower house roof vents install	4B		James Clements	
Kitchen electrical panel replacement	5A			
Kitchen exterior conduit update	5B			
Repair and seal walls against rodents	5C			
Leopold bench @ Ellie's Plaque			Werner Jud	
Entry drive repair w/signage	*	\$45,000		
Ticket house memorial plaques			Neena Jud	
Hiking trails signage repair / replacement			Dana Sutherland	
Climbing Wall				
Hot tub construction			Patrick Gibson	
Tractor replacement	*	\$50,000		
QuickBooks software conversion			Werner Jud	
Bridge to the Point			Scott Pavey Pat Hudson	

**Projects being submitted to RKC for possible Grant applications.*

Next Meeting

Next meeting to be April 11, 2024.
 The link is to a reoccurring meeting and the Rowe Estate will be available for in-person attendance.

Motion to Adjourn (8:49pm): NJ
 Second: FB
 Vote: No opposition