

GSP Committee Meeting Agenda & Minutes

Thursday, November 14, 2024 - virtual

Call to order: 7:07 pm

Committee Members

Debi Pavey Chair GCG Rep	Werner Jud Treasurer GCG Rep	Neena Jud Secretary GCG Rep	Jerry Brandenburg GCG Rep
Fred Ball DUG Rep	Kevin Lorms COG Rep	Mark Swelstad COG Rep	David Lindemuth BGG Rep

Sub-Committee Members

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

Sean Cain	Jared Embree	Pat Hutson	Kyle Kreutz
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Announcements

Kent Fasick, longtime caver and member of GCG and DUG, is now in Hospice Care. He was at Open House this year with his family, aware that his cancer was terminal and wanting to see GSP again. JB shared a couple of iconic photos of Kent.

Kent Fasick passed away on November 19, 2024.

Secretary's Report

Fred Ball made a motion to accept the September meeting minutes as distributed. MS seconded.

Treasurer's Report

Income exceeded Expenses in the month of October due to lots of activity. *Full report available upon request.*

FB moved to approve the Treasurer's report, JB seconded. No objections.

Caretaker's Report

Kristen is in Louisiana, due this weekend so Werner provided an abbreviated report. This week he arrived on Tuesday, installed new gutter guards and additionally tightened all the roofing screws and worked on other CR maintenance items.

Sub-committee Reports

Miscellaneous Property Maintenance

- Caretaker's Residence
 - Replacement window screen was installed for master bedroom.
 - Exterior lights completed with anti-glare shields.
 - Master bath vanity/counter replacement – Kristen said it is fine as it is – don't mess with it.
 - Plumbing upgrades underneath the building in crawlspace – ongoing, Werner could use help

- Drywall installed in the Bathroom. A section still needs replacement at the phone (further installation & finishing postponed until Spring).
- Waterline – PR3 Replacement – Werner Jud
 - Summary: The new main water shut off and PR3 assemblies have been installed. Before freezing weather arrives, the excavations must be backfilled and gravel added to the bottom of the PR3 pit. We also need to excavate for the new CR shut off valve and tab meter. Rodney is providing this at no additional cost.
 - Please see email dated 11-2-2024 from WJ on this topic for full report, attached.
- Tractor repair still anticipated – now hoping for second week of December – Scott Pavey
- Ticket house renovation – Werner Jud/Scott Pavey/Jerry Brandenburg – No change since last meeting. Werner & Neena plan to install a dust protective membrane on the ceiling joists this weekend.
- Lights in the Cave – A few lights and sockets in the Cave still need to be repaired. Also, some bridge planks at the Russian Dome need to be replaced. Kevin Lorms, while trying to conceal wires with additional rocks, noticed a wire near the north entrance with insulation that had been significantly gnawed on by mice.
- Atlas Pillar Electric Panel Replacement – no change since last meeting - Werner Jud has researched panel options.
- Utility pole outside of the Cave – no change since last meeting - requires installation of new support plywood for service drop, meter and main 200 amp panel. Material is on site, one piece has been cut to size, the other side needs to be cut and both need to be installed. Two or three people can complete this in a day.
- Shower House Roof re-shingling – completed.
- Locks & Gate Combo
 - Werner has sent the letter to Vendors.
 - Debi has sent the letter to managing grotto chairs.
 - We have the second key lockbox for use in the Shelter to house the rescue box key.
 - The key lockboxes for the Tractor Barn and Kitchen will change combinations.
 - All these will change during the January meeting on site.
 - Debi needs to write an email to managing grotto chairs about loaner keys.
- WiFi – Patrick Gibson – no change since last meeting
 - Patrick will prepare an instruction sheet on how to make phone calls over the internet on individual cell phones (VOIP) and post it at the Shelter.
 - There has been a phone in the mailbox at the CR for emergencies. We will still add a sign in the Shelter directing people to it.
- Cameras – Dan Zubal
 - Debi spoke with Dan and found out that he has still not ordered them.
 - It was decided to delegate this to someone else. Mark will discuss this with Patrick. Fred is willing to assist. Keep Kristen in the loop.

Social Activities Chair Report – Meg Gaskin

OPEN HOUSE

- Final Open House Report 2024.
 - This report has been received from Kelly McNamara and Kevin Lorms. It needs the addition of donation numbers from an earlier minutes.
- Dates of Open House 2025 – May 17 & 18

KOR (June 20-23, 2024) – reported by Gary Bush

- Final KOR Report is completed. See comments under treasurer's report about income from this.
- Discussion of dates of KOR 2025 – The suggestion was for June 6, 7, & 8. A concern was raised that this might be too close to other events to get sufficient volunteers. On the other hand, the preparation done for the earlier events will minimize the preparation needed for this one.
- DL suggested asking Scout groups to volunteer for a weekend. Decision to ask this year for assistance with Open House Work Weekend. NJ to compose a letter, send it to Darryl and David to distribute to Scout groups, cc Committee to reach additional Scout groups.
- Add "Dates to Remember" to messages sent to Grotto newsletters for Events and Work Weekends that we need volunteers. This is in addition to messages being posted on facebook.

Halloween Party (October 26, 2024) – Meg Gaskin

- It was a fun event. Money was raised for the Preserve. The only downfall was that the QR Code we had did not work. We now have a new QR Code and can work towards getting a Venmo set-up before the next meeting.
- FYI: Halloween 2025 is on a Friday.

Status Reports

CR repayment Fundraising – minimally discussed – partially retaining notes from August meeting

- CR Repayment Fundraising
 - Forgiveness letters have been sent out.
 - One positive response received. Should we follow up with others? Decision made to let it coast.
- Neena heard of a grant program through Kentucky Colonels that might be applicable for the Entry Road.
 - Jared Embree offered grant writing assistance with that.

Masons Cave Degree – Fred Ball

- According to FB, the event on October 12 went well. We received a \$593.00 contribution from them.
- Jimmie Hampton will want to request another date for next year. Neena suggested again in the October 12th range. Fred will invite Jimmie to our next meeting.

Other Calendar Requests

12.31.2024 – 1.1.2025 – Angela Marie Rhodes sponsoring an annual New Year's gathering for Central Indiana Grotto (CIG). The dates were reduced to just New Year's Eve and leaving on New Year's Day. She is approved for the Cave and use of the Shelter, but not necessarily the kitchen. They will need a GSP Committee member as a Kitchen Sponsor since this event is in the middle of Winter. Final answer on Kitchen access likely in December.

Field Trips – Neena Jud

- Field Trips are finished for the season.

- Please see the Events Calendar on the Website for more information on Spring Field Trips and other events.

Scouts and Outreach – Darryl Marsh

- The last Scout trip for the year is complete. Troops have signed up for several weekends next year already.
- Outreach trips are still going on.
- Darryl will avoid event weekends and work weekends as he schedules these trips.
- Scout and Outreach equipment – Darryl may submit for reimbursement for replacement lights soon.

Lyla Requests – Debi Pavey

- No requests anticipated until around Open House.

Grotto membership lists

- Membership lists from all four managing grottos have been sent to Kristen.
- Additionally, BGG and DUG have sent revised lists.

Kitchen Training

- David Lindemuth still needs Kitchen Training as a Committee member. This may be postponed until Spring. He will contact other Committee members when he knows he will be at the Preserve again.

GSP Committee Grotto Composition

- Not discussed

Friends of GSP – not discussed – retaining notes from August meeting

- DP still has not had a chance to reach out to the Brickleys to see if they are still interested.

Signage on the Preserve

- Not discussed

New Business

Cost of garbage pick-up

- After receiving notice that Bee Garbage was going to raise dumpster rental rates, Werner wrote a letter to them requesting they honor the dumpster rental payments we've made through the end of the year.
- Today when WJ took bags of garbage to the dumpster, he was surprised to see that it was nearly full already. He recommended that people collapse or cut up boxes so we are not filling the dumpster with air.
- Darryl suggested asking folks to not throw out bulk items (boxes, tents, random appliances) at the Preserve, but haul that stuff home. Only bags and recycling.
- Werner shared an idea from Kristen – make our own trailer to transport our trash directly to the dump in London. She also suggested sharing responsibility between all four grottos to haul it when full. Bee Garbage charges \$3/bag when dropped off with them. This might be less cost than what we are currently paying. Discussion ensued, until we acknowledged that we have a hard enough time getting people to volunteer for what we currently have going on.
- Maybe it is time to raise camping rates again. Debi shared for comparison that primitive camping in the Daniel Boone National Forest is \$20/night. For electric sites and access to water is \$35-40/night.

- Werner offered to prepare a budget spreadsheet comparing the last three years of income and expenses and projecting the next year’s expenses. He will send this out prior to the next meeting so it can be discussed then.
- FB will likely make a motion next month to raise camping rates anyway.
- WJ suspects that we do not recoup enough for electric usage. The Camping passes state electric is not included. We could change that to red type.
- Suggestion made to place signs at the Mondos and electric sites that electric usage required additional fees. We can use the QR code there as well. These signs need to be weatherproof.
- Encourage donations for Day use as well – since Port-O-Lets and the electric & water at the Shelter gets used.

Project List – see Miscellaneous Property Maintenance above for discussions

Task	Priority	Budget	Assigned To	Due Date
Quickbooks software upgrade			Werner Jud	
Bridge (or Modify Spillway Access) to the Point			Scott Pavey Pat Hutson	
Shower house roof re-shingle			James Clements	
Shower house roof vents install			James Clements	
Leopold bench @ Ellie’s Plaque			Werner Jud	
Entry drive repair				
Kitchen electrical panel replacement				
Kitchen exterior conduit update				
Repair and seal walls against rodents				
Ticket house electrical			Werner Jud	
Ticket house ceiling			Jerry Brandenburg Scott Pavey	
Ticket house walls			Jerry Brandenburg	
Ticket house memorial plaques			Neena Jud	
Wi-Fi setup and reconnection			Patrick Gibson	
Water line upgrades			Werner Jud	Ph 1 compl. March 2024

Next Meeting

Next meeting to be Thursday December 12, 2024 at 7:00 pm at Jerry Brandenburg’s house, and also virtually.

Motion to Adjourn (9:00pm): KL

Second: MS

Vote: No opposition

From: Werner Jud <orionele@fuse.net>
Sent: Saturday, November 2, 2024 12:09 PM
To: Gary Bush; jared.a.embree@gmail.com; Scott Pavey; Debi Pavey; Fred Ball; Jerry Brandenburg; kevinlorms1759@gmail.com; mswelstad@gmail.com; Neena Jud; Pat Hutson
Cc: 'Kristen Harper'; Darryl Marsh; 'Patrick Gibson'
Subject: H2O line update
Attachments: IMG_1348.JPG; IMG_1351.JPG; IMG_1362.JPG; IMG_1381.JPG; IMG_1385.JPG
Expires: Sunday, October 26, 2025 12:00 AM

We have over 4000' of waterline that runs underground from our meter on 1004 Big Cave Road, to all our points of use: Caretaker home, a branch line to the electric campsites, shower house, tractor barn, the shelter kitchen.

I am very pleased to report that the 3rd and final upgrade was completed last week during Monday and Tuesday evenings. Jerry B. and I were present as the main 2" shut-off valve to the property and the nearby PR#3 (Pressure Regulator #3), were entirely replaced with commercial duty, waterworks grade components. Designed and built to last (hopefully 50 years) this project is 90% complete, and immediately resulted in a much need pressure drop at the shower house.

There is follow-up work to do and it will need some volunteer labor in the next 30 days; but most certainly before freezing temps return. The dirt removed early September can now be backfilled around the two new enclosures. The white one is for the shut-off valve and the larger black one surrounds PR3 assembly. We also need to add some gravel to the PR3 location to facilitate better drainage should water accumulate at the bottom. We have plenty of gravel for this piled in the upper parking lot. This needs to be done with care so as not to damage the assembly.

Finally, as a no-extra-charge bonus, Rodney will provide an upgraded shut-off valve (with an added flow meter) to replace the old shut-off dedicated for the CR. It is located in the grass where we typically set-up KOR registration and is marked by a couple of small blue flags. To prepare for that we need some folks with shovels to excavate this location, remove the old plastic enclosure and dig out enough extra dirt so a new enclosure can be set in place flush to the ground after the parts are installed.

I hope to return to GSP soon for these chores, as well as other on-going needs for the ticket house, cave, and shelter kitchen. Help is needed to expedite the work. I will review all this at the next GSP meeting so we have the information in our meeting minutes.

Werner



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