

## GSP Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 13, 2025 – at Jud's home and virtually

Call to order: 7:11 pm

### Committee Members

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

### Sub-Committee Members

<del>Kristen Harper</del> Caretaker	Scott Pavey Equipment Technician	<del>Meg Gaskin</del> Social Events Coordinator	<del>Darryl Marsh</del> Scouts Coordinator
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### Additional Attendees

Jared Embree	Tera Williamson	Andy Schofield	Patrick Gibson
Jimmie Hampton	Jason Rudder	Nick Irvin	

### Announcements

- There will be a work weekend at GSP on March 22, 2025.
- Wormfest will be held at Carter Caves State Park during the last weekend in March.
- One of the neighbors of GSP is interested in selling some land. They contacted RKC about this and Patrick is taking the lead to request permission to hike around the property. This contains Ice Box Cave and we'd be interested to see if there are any other interesting caves amongst the holes they found when logging it.

### Secretary's Report

Mark Swelstad made a motion to accept the February meeting minutes as distributed. Fred Ball 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### Treasurer's Report

*Income exceeded Expenses in the month of February. Full Report available upon request.*

Camping passes are available.

FB moved to approve the Treasurer's report as delivered. MS 2<sup>nd</sup>. No opposition.

### Caretaker's Report

Kristen was not on the call.

### Sub-committee Reports

#### Miscellaneous Property Maintenance

- Tractor – Kioti delaying sending parts.
- Z-turn – The new Scag was serviced last Fall. It should be ready to go. Do not use the John Deere. It has a warped cylinder wall or busted ring.
- Ticket house renovation – The ceiling boards have been installed; it is now ready for the beams and walls. Werner is ready to drill holes for the light fixtures. Danny Kleckner will dig out the

excess dirt and re-grade the gravel in front of the Ticket House. We would also like to bury a perforated drain pipe to catch and divert heavy run-off.

- Utility pole with main electric panel outside of the Cave (remains on the list) – wooden support panels are ready, waiting to be installed. A few people are needed to install these and assist with resetting the electric panel.
- Lights in the Cave (remains on the list) – This work is currently undetermined. Fred mentioned that a DUG member is an electrician who offered to help. Fred told him to email Werner.
- Atlas Pillar Electric Panel Replacement (remains on the list) – no change since last meeting.
- Signs – as was said last month, Scott still plans on fabricating new directional and speed limit signage for the Preserve and will have this completed and installed by Open House.
  - branded boundary signs also remain on the list.
- WiFi – Patrick Gibson (remains on the list) – 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 landline phone in the mailbox at the CR for emergencies. We still should add a sign in the Shelter directing people to it.
- Cameras – Patrick Gibson – no updates.
- Submeter for waterline to CR – Werner & Scott will excavate the shut-off valve on Friday morning so that Rodney can replace it with a sub-meter assembly son.
- Kitchen drainage – Werner contacted Everett Wagner to deliver a load of #4 gravel for next weekend's work to replace the outflow pipe from the makeshift grease interceptor. Werner also ordered the pipe and Scott will bring the pipe glue.
- Big THANKS go to Pat Hutson for bringing down his skid steer and working on the surface of the roads. He is the reason we have gravel roads in decent condition again. It was suggested that the Chair or Committee write him a letter or email appreciating that and offering reimbursement for fuel or at least a donation receipt.

#### **New Sauna Structure – Jared Embree**

- Jared reported that a crew of volunteers will be breaking ground next weekend, drilling holes for the footings, installing the Sonotubes and pouring the concrete. He will be arriving on Friday and is available to remain at the Preserve for the following week if the weather is not favorable on the weekend so the work can get done.

#### **Social Activities**

##### **OPEN HOUSE – Kevin Lorms (not in attendance)**

- No report received from Kevin, and no issues have been heard about.

##### **KOR (June 6-8, 2025) – Meg Gaskin (reported by Jared Embree since Meg was under the weather)**

- There was a two-hour KOR meeting the other night. They are chugging along.

#### **Status Reports**

##### **Field Trips – Neena Jud**

- There is only one scheduled so far. Hopefully others will be added in April.

### **Scouts and Outreach – Darryl Marsh (not in attendance)**

- It would be good to see how many Scouts are expected when Scout trips are added to the Calendar to correlate with donations that are received. Debi will contact Darryl to request this.
- Reminder: anyone sponsoring Scout Trips should also tell them what our current camping donations rates are.

### **Lyla Requests – Debi Pavey**

- Debi received two requests from Lyla this week. The first is on June 28<sup>th</sup>, which is listed as Descendants of Bertha Ramsey Reunion. This is the family of Ralph Powell, Lyla's husband.
- The next one is for July 26<sup>th</sup>, for the church of a friend of Lyla's.
- Debi has yet to hear the standard request for the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend.
- If she is using the Shelter, we ask cavers to give her space. A quick in & out of the kitchen is fine, but don't plan on cooking a meal there while her ladies are prepping or cleaning up. It is also wise for a GSP person to hang around if Lyla wants to use the grille. Always check the calendar.

### **Kitchen Training**

- Not mentioned, but David Lindemuth still needs Kitchen Training as a Committee member.

### **Preserve calendar**

- See the list of dates at the end of the minutes.

### **TV Show Concept**

- Nothing has been heard back.

### **GSP Website**

- Jared received twelve responses to the questionnaire, with some additional information via emails.
  - It is an informational website. People visit for forms, access existing information and contact information for people. The loudest request is for improved organization and search function.
  - We request more responses by two weeks prior to the next meeting
  - Jared will compile the responses and give a report at the next meeting so we can figure out how to take our next steps.

### **Long-term garbage collection considerations**

- This topic is tabled until later in the year. Werner is hoping that someone else would take the lead on this.

**Project List – minimally discussed under Miscellaneous Property Maintenance, listed here to track.**

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 vents install	Check on this		James Clements	
Leopold bench by Ellie's Plaque	On hold		Werner Jud	
Entry drive repair		\$52,030	Neena Jud	June response
Kitchen electrical panel replacement	lower			
Kitchen exterior conduit repair	lower			
Repair and seal walls against rodents	lower			
Waterproofing kitchen walls	lower			
Ticket house walls			Jerry Brandenburg	next
Ticket house memorial plaques	low		Neena Jud	
Security Cameras		\$1,300	Patrick Gibson	
Water line upgrade – tab meter & shut-off for CR		No cost	Werner Jud	Within a month

**New Business****KET Filming**

- Neena shared that Austin Traut, one of the producers of Kentucky Life for KET contacted RKC about doing a segment on caves/karst in Kentucky. He would like to film at GSP and maybe nearby locations to talk about the environment, talk about school field trips, possibly Open House (but only barely touch on that). It would be good to get other folks in front of the camera to talk about the science of development of caves and saying something about being careful with the environment and keeping the water clean. He would prefer to shoot in April or May.

**Masons – Jimmie Hampton**

- The fraternity of Masons was chartered as Kentucky Grand Lodge in the late 1700's. Since then, almost every county in Kentucky has had a lodge until this year when the Rockcastle Lodge closed.
- Jimmie and Jason Rudder are here to quietly investigate whether GSP would be willing to host a new lodge in the Cave? This is only in initial considerations with their Grand Master.
- It would probably start with quarterly meetings of 15-20 guys and in their minds, hopefully grow to maybe 50 guys meeting monthly.
- They would like to hold their meeting in the Cave on a weekend day (which would put it off limits for cavers at that time), possibly bring a grille and set up near the Ticket House. They might be willing to give a small donation.
- For historical information, Patrick asked whether there is documentation of Masonic activity within the GSP Cave. Jimmie responded that a senior Mason mentioned a couple of years ago that Hart Lodge #65 met in the Cave a couple times a year back in the 1970's. There are masonic symbols drawn in Signature Alley.

- Werner shared that we have limited volunteers to support their request. Debi said we would consider and let them know. Meanwhile everything is on schedule for their Cave Degree in October.

#### **GSP Committee Grotto Composition**

- RKC is proposing to change the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which is currently with GCG alone, to also include the other three managing grottos. Patrick Gibson brought the proposed MOU along with the proposed Charter and proposed Management Plan to RKC in the March meeting. Patrick has asked all the Grotto Chairs to share with their membership. Debi will distribute the documents to the Committee after the meeting.
  - Patrick has proposed a timeline which has the first deadline of March 31<sup>st</sup> to receive comments. During April revisions are to be discussed and edits made. In May final documents would be approved by each grotto & RKC. And then the June the documents can be signed by all at KOR.

#### **Next Meeting**

Next meeting to be Thursday April 10, 2025, at 7:00 pm at Jerry Brandenburg's, and virtually.

Motion to Adjourn (8:36pm): WJ

Second: MS

Vote: No opposition

**Dates to Remember** (please check the calendar on the GSP website):

Next meeting – 4/10/2025, 7:00 pm at Jerry Brandenburg's

Surveying Class – 4/12/2025

Lincoln Co. Mennonite School Field Trip – 4/25/2025

Open House Work Weekend – 5/3-4/2025

Open House – 5/17-18/2025

Lyla Mullins Powell Memorial Day Gathering – 5/24/2025

KOR – 6/6-8/2025

Vertical Class – 6/12-15/2025

NSS Convention in New York – 6/23-27/2025

Descendants of Bertha Ramsey Reunion – 6/28/2025

Lyla's Friend's Church – 7/26/2025

OCR class – 8/23-24/2025

KSS annual meeting – 9/27-28/2025

Wolfe-Thornton Wedding – 10/4/2025

Mason Cave Degree Ceremony – 10/11/2025