

GSP Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 8, 2025 –virtual meeting

Call to order: 7:05 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

Kelly McNamara	Matt Sumner	Patrick Gibson	Pete Stow
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Announcements

None

Secretary's Report

Fred Ball made a motion to accept the April meeting minutes. Mark Swelstad 2nd. No opposition.

Treasurer's Report

Income exceeded Expenses in the month of April. *A full report is available from the Treasurer upon request.*

Next month's water bill will be a whopper due to the leak in the Scout water line. Werner is waiting to deal with that. Maybe they will give us some amnesty or discount on whatever that bill will be. He will report back when he knows more.

Werner reviewed the Balance Sheet as of end of April. He has been paying for the Scag out of the Scout Fund. Once the loan is paid off, the fund will not be depleted.

Please contact the Treasurer for help in getting sales tax removed from large purchases.

Both Werner and Patrick have set up sales tax exemption accounts at Menards. Contact one of them for the bar codes for use there. Approval is needed for significant purchases. GSP is not flush with funds.

KL moved to approve the Treasurer's report as delivered. FB 2nd. No opposition.

Caretaker's Report

The dumpster has been emptied, and everything is running smoothly right now.

Sub-committee Reports

New Sauna Structure – Jared Embree via email

The sauna is coming along well. The stairs were installed last weekend. The railings and balusters are complete. The tile was grouted. This is progressing quicker than Jared expected.

Miscellaneous Property Maintenance

- Signs – are in process.

- branded boundary signs also remain on the list.
- Wi-Fi – Patrick Gibson prepared an instruction sheet on how to make phone calls over the internet on individual cell phones (VOIP) to post it at the Shelter. Debi will print three copies of the instructions and laminate them. These calls and texts take minimal bandwidth.
- Cameras – Patrick Gibson – cameras, switch & hard drive have been ordered. There is a new camera out, so the cost will be less than we budgeted for a better camera. Equipment cost is now \$992.40, but that includes sales tax (\$67.10) which Patrick is trying to have removed. He is planning on installing this Thursday or Friday before Open House, depending on the weather. Fred Ball & Matt Sumner offered to assist. Matt has unshielded, outdoor rated cable that he can bring on Friday. Patrick plans on bringing a spool of shielded cable. A system diagram with equipment listing was requested for long term maintenance purposes.
- Replace outside shower walls – this project got added to our list last weekend when Jared and Scott volunteered to relace the deteriorating wood. Menards has the most favorable lumber pricing right now. For a budget of \$200, we can restore privacy. Also speaking of privacy, there is a hole through the concrete block wall of the Women's side that had been stuffed with a metal scrubby pad that has been removed. Scott notice this and put another metal scrubby pad in there and will foam it up next weekend so it cannot be removed again.
- Submeter for waterline to CR – Werner has been coordinating with Rodney to get this done when Werner can be on site. Between major water line issues and rain, Rodney has had difficulty getting there. Now that Kristen is back, Rodney can coordinate with her. Rodney & Kristen to work out timing.
- Recent excessive water flow that was reported to Werner by Water Works – Water Works turned our water off upon advising Werner of the problem. Last week Neena & Bill Huber met at the Preserve before a School field trip and were able to identify the problem as a splice in the line to the Scout spigot in the middle of the Electric sites. That line was turned off and the remaining system was turned back on. WJ placed a sign on the spigot reading: "Out of Order." During Open House Work Weekend, Werner found a coil of about 250-300 feet of unused water line of a much better quality than that which failed. He moved it from oblivion at the back of the Shower House, to the waterline shut-off box inside the tree line where it can be installed. When there is an opportunity, a few people can uncoil it and install the new line.
- Lights in the Cave –lights in Echo Auditorium were re-lamped during Work Weekend.
- Utility pole with main electric panel outside of the Cave (remains on the list) – one of the pieces of marine grade plywood has been taken from the Ticket House, where it was staged for installation. A few short pieces of 2x12's are also missing.
- Ticket house renovation (remains on the list) – Walls are next – after Karst-O-Rama.
- Atlas Pillar Electric Panel Replacement (remains on the list) – no change since last meeting.
- The spillway access to the Point is failing more rapidly. The creek is really starting to undermine it and found a new location to flow through. If anyone walks across the dam, they will see that six feet of it is gone on the upstream end of it. This needs to be elevated higher on the list.

Project List – listed here to track.

Task	Priority	Budget	Assigned To	Comments
Quickbooks software upgrade			Werner Jud	Awaiting RKC's progress
Bridge (or Modify Spillway Access) to the Point	high		Scott Pavey Pat Hutson	They will come back when more information
Shower house roof vents install	low		James Clements	He is looking for time to do this
Leopold bench by Ellie's Plaque	low		Werner Jud	On hold
Entry drive repair		\$52,030	Neena Jud	No word until June
Ticket house walls			Jerry Brandenburg	Next, after KOR
Ticket house memorial plaques	low		Neena Jud	
Security Cameras		\$1,300	Patrick Gibson	To be installed before Open House
Water line upgrade – Submeter & shut-off for CR		No cost	Werner Jud	Waiting on Rodney
Website redesign	Winter		Jared Embree	
Replace showerhouse walls	High	\$200	Scott & Jared	
Atlas Pillar Electric panel replacement	Lower		Werner Jud	
Kitchen electrical panel replacement	lower			All these items require a deep dive to attack; it will be intensive work
Kitchen exterior conduit repair	lower			
Repair and seal walls against rodents	lower			
Waterproofing kitchen walls	lower			

Preserve Calendar**OPEN HOUSE – Kevin Lorms & Kelly McNamara**

- Kelly has 65 volunteers signed up, but a number have only signed up for one shift. We still need more tour guides, parkers, food support and Sunday afternoon activities. She asked if someone could review the list of volunteers and give her input on contacting folks.
- She has been dealing with a local Country Club about a loaner golf cart but has not heard confirmation one way or the other. Kristen offered to visit them in person to ask. Otherwise, the estimated \$500 rental cost would cut into our free & clear donations.
- Kelly texted the Livingston Fire Chief and heard that there was a death in the family.
- Name badges to be sent to Debi for printing, preferably by Friday. She will cut them to size for inserting in the lanyards.
- Discussion of quantity of info sheets to be handed to each car when they arrive. We had 1300 vehicles last year. If we give them half sheets, that would be 700 pages for printing. Debi has only four workdays to get this done, amongst her work responsibilities.
- The Zeffy QR code will be resolved and distributed sometime this weekend so it can be included on the Info sheet.
- Jared, Jerry and Scott will be at the Preserve on Wednesday. They hope to get all the mowing done by Thursday so the tents can be set up on Friday.
- Patrick will adjust the Wi-Fi to have coverage at the Ticket House.
- Neena will thoroughly clean the Green Latrine on Thursday. Kelly confirmed that someone on the logistics crew will check it for cleanliness and TP/shaving supplies a couple of times each day.

- No additional volunteer shirts will be printed. There are a few left from last year's print run. Kelly will email folks to remind them to bring their volunteer shirts.

KOR (June 6-8, 2025) – Meg Gaskin via email

- 83 pre-registrants so far.
- Will request volunteers for the following:
 - Help set up, monitor & tear down the Hot Tub & Sauna area with Patrick.
 - Volunteer for a shift at registration with Pete
 - Volunteer for a shift at first aid with David Long
 - Volunteer to help serve or clean up the banquet with Chelsea
- Debi is updating the pledge sheets & Registration sheets; to remove the year so they can be used in perpetuity. She will have several copies laminated.
- Meg reiterated her request that the dumpster be emptied during the work week leading up to KOR.

Status Reports

Field Trips – Neena Jud

- Field trips are finished for Spring. There are two field trips in July (7th & 21st) for the Richmond Police Department. Neena will send emails requesting volunteers after Open House.

Scouts and Outreach – Darryl Marsh (not in attendance)

- Darryl keeps the Scout trips listed on the Calendar.

Lyla Requests – Debi Pavey

- Saturday of Memorial Day weekend – Lyla's family reunion – this may be cancelled again.
- Saturday, June 28th is Ralph Powell's family reunion (listed as Bertha Ramsay reunion).
- July 26th is a Church Group of a friend of Lyla's.

Kitchen Training

- Remaining on the list: David Lindemuth still needs Kitchen Training as a Committee member.

KET Filming

- Nothing has been heard from Chelsea Parada of BGG, but we are confident she has it in control.

TV Show Concept

- Nothing has been heard back.

Long-term garbage collection considerations

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

GSP Committee Grotto Composition

- There was a meeting about the MOU last week. Megan Gaskin is compiling a list of proposed changes and updates. After this is complete, we will set another meeting

New Business

Key question – Mark Swelstad

Joe Truskowski is a member of COG but lives off Wolf Creek and owns Moonshiner's Cave. He has been active, helping with scouts quite a bit and field trips. He wants to occasionally bring people from his church, youth groups and maybe family. He requested, with the support of another COG member, that

there be an exception to the standard key policy of mailing him the key and him mailing it back each time. They were thinking of a more local key that he could use or other options.

Discussion ensued and a resolution was determined.

Werner suggested telling him that when we take folks through the cave, we ask for donations – to pay for the electricity that is being used when they are getting a tour of the Cave.

Landowner relations

The previous issue led to discussing Landowner relations, a topic that is also being discussed in GCG and COG meetings. Wendy Orlandi, landowner relations person for RKC, contacted the owner of Pine Hill. She heard that his newlywed wife is in the hospital with a major health issue. So, we need to give him some time to attend to his highest priority before contacting him again.

Next Meeting

Next meeting to be Thursday June 12, 2025, at 7:00 pm in person at Jerry Brandenburg's. Virtual option will be available.

Adjourned: approx. 8:50 pm

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

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

Ralph & Lyla "Powell" (Descendants of Bertha Ramsey) Reunion – 6/28/2025

Camp & Cave with Vets (Scout Shelter) - 6/28-29/2025

Gibson Group – 7/11-13/2025

Everything but the Squeal 2 – 7/18-20/2025

Lyla's Friend's Church – 7/26/2025

OCR class – 8/23-24/2025

Caver Appreciation Weekend – 9/19-21/2025

KSS annual meeting – 9/27-28/2025

Wolfe-Thornton Wedding – 10/4/2025

Mason Cave Degree Ceremony – 10/11/2025

Halloween Party - 10/31-11/2/2025