

GSP Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 10, 2025 – virtual meeting

Call to order: 7:09 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	Kevin Zachary	Nina Soluski	Janeen Sharpshair
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Announcements

David reported that the Adventure UMC group will arrive at the Preserve around 3 pm next Saturday, visit the Cave and have a cookout in the campground. Afterwards they will go on a wild cave trip. They will no longer be using the Shelter at lunchtime.

Secretary's Report

Kevin Lorms made a motion to accept the June meeting minutes. David Lindemuth 2nd. No opposition.

Treasurer's Report

Expenses exceeded Income in the month of June. *Full report available upon request.*

We lost a few regular contributors in the PayPal to Zeffy transition. Werner is checking with them to see if they will resume.

A large portion of the General donations came from programs at KOR – such as the silent auction and the “bail money” for locking people in the “jail”.

It would be helpful if people provided more information on the donation envelopes and in the Zeffy online transactions so the transactions can be better allocated. Werner asked the Grotto Reps to share this with their grottos – through newsletters or however.

The Open House and Work Weekend expenditures were disclosed in the last meeting & minutes. This month shows the actual payments.

Jackson Propane gives a substantial discount if their bill is paid within 10 days of receipt. Keep this in mind in the future.

We received a credit of \$285 from Kentucky Water for the leak, which is nice. Now we are paying our monthly water bills out of that credit.

Werner gave a preview of this month's income and expenses which will be fully reported at the next meeting.

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

As a reminder, last month Werner asked the Committee to start looking for a replacement Treasurer. Debi & Werner have been working together to develop a job description and requirements for that position so we can get it out to our members. As our Charter is currently written that position must be filled from GCG. This is going to be a pretty big order for us to fill within the next year.

Caretaker's Report

The dumpster was emptied on June 26th. The latest grass mowing was completed July 8th. She will get all the fuel cans refilled. There have been no problems or issues.

Kristen has reached out to get more information about the trash collection option we discussed at the beginning of the year. She will confirm costs & which landfill will be used and prepare a report for the next meeting.

Sub-committee Reports

Miscellaneous Property Maintenance

- Signs (Werner Jud) – branded boundary signs remain on the list.
- Cameras & Wi-Fi– Patrick Gibson to prepare a system diagram with equipment listing of the security system remains on the list.
- Debi Pavey to communicate Treasurer needs – in progress.
- Neena was going to mark the grouping of Green Dragon plants that are growing on our hillside, but the ash was dumped before she returned on the Fourth of July weekend.
- Maintenance Training save the date – Invitations will be sent after Debi can work with Meg to develop the Caver Appreciation Weekend schedule.
- David Lindemuth still needs kitchen training. He will be there on July 19. If a trainer (Scott, Werner, or Jerry) will be at the Preserve, he would like to be trained, otherwise another time.
- Sauna – Debi observed that the siding is up. Corners and other trim remain to be installed.
- She also noticed that the old stove and the woodburning stove are still on the point as well as other associated materials and debris. It is time that these materials are cleaned up and removed. Also, while driving to the back field Scott noticed that the structures are blending in pretty well, but the white nylon roof over the hot tub and the blue barrels which are in the filter rack stick out like a sore thumb. Could someone on the Hot Tub Committee see about camouflaging those so they do not draw attention?
- Outside shower walls - complete except for removing the old pine tree and installing one wing wall.
- Nina Soluski completed the mural painted inside the Women's side of the Showerhouse. She hopes to complete another mural on the Men's side, by Caver Appreciation or Halloween. She will submit concepts for review – masculine, fun & batty.
- Replacement wheelbarrow? – Kevin Lorms offered to bring a spare one that he has the next time he visits the Preserve.
- Submeter for waterline to CR – The waterline valve & meter is still awaiting installation. If Rodney shows up, Kristen will let Werner know.
- Long-term garbage collection- see Caretaker's report above.

Miscellaneous Projects

- MOU – Meg was waiting until after KOR to get back to those notes.
- Utility pole with main electric panel outside of the Cave – replacement plywood support panels installed. Next time Werner will clean up the wiring and make it neat and tidy.
- Nick Addington started cutting away the bent parts of the culverts, and this weekend Scott was able to complete that task. The water seems to be flowing much better now. Nonetheless, parts and pieces still need to be obtained for the replacement and money allocated for this work. Until further notice “they are working on it”.
- We did not receive the grant we requested from the Kentucky Colonels for our Road Repair. Jared spoke to Debi this morning about this and suggested that we may approach them for a grant for the Bridge to the Point since that would be correcting the water flow issue, which they may be more apt to fund. Werner also mentioned that Kentucky American Water has sent a couple of emails this summer soliciting grant requests for ecological and supportive measures. Werner will share the email with Jared and Neena for follow up.
- Installation of rain barrels for the Green Latrine – there are two rain barrels on site. Scott will construct a platform to support them so that barrels of water do not have to be carried from the Creek to moisten the compost. (This has been on the “to do list” for the GL for ten years.)
- Locate & inspect the septic tank for the CR – Scott offered to bring his ground probe on his next trip to locate the tank. There are plenty of marking flags for indicating the corners, which will hopefully not be mowed down.
- Flags – We need to find a source for a good quality; UV rated flag with our logo and get a new Kentucky flag. At one point Gary Bush said he knows a very reputable place in Columbus. Kevin Lorms offered to reach out to Gary Bush to find out more about that vendor. Werner mentioned that we have the GSP logo in a variety of formats for the flag vendor to use. He also gave a sales tax exemption reminder.
- See other lower priority items in the list below:

Project List – listed here to track.

Task	Priority	Budget	Assigned To	Comments
Quickbooks software upgrade	low		Werner Jud	After RKC's tax filing
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	Grant not successful
Ticket house walls	next		Jerry B.	
Ticket house memorial plaques	low		Neena Jud	
Water line upgrade – Submeter & shut-off for CR		No cost	Werner Jud	Waiting on Rodney
Website redesign	Winter		Jared Embree	
Replace showerhouse walls		\$200	Scott & Jared	One wing wall remains
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			
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Preserve Calendar

OPEN HOUSE – Kevin Lorms & Kelly McNamara

- There is not yet a final report for Open House other than the information in last month's meeting minutes.
- Kevin and Kelly will work to get this all pulled together before next month's meeting.

KOR – Pete Stow

- Pete is working on the final number crunching, so we should have a final report by the next meeting.
- At last month's GCG Executive Board meeting, there was some discussion about KOR. Earlier in the year, they had voted to approve KOR2025 to be a multi-grotto event on a trial basis and then assess whether it should continue that way, or whether they wanted to pull it back to be a GCG event. If it becomes a multi-grotto event permanently, then the GSP Committee will need to consider seed money for the event, which historically has been \$1,000. This year that money was not touched. Meg confirmed that everything was paid out of the funds coming in from registrations.

Status Reports

Scouts and Outreach – Darryl Marsh (not in attendance)

- Darryl keeps the Scout trips listed on the Calendar.

Lyla Requests – Debi Pavey

- July 26th is a Church Group of a friend of Lyla's.
- Lyla will ask for a couple of dates in August, but she does not quite know yet.
- Debi received another request from Lyla today, but there seems to be a conflict on that date, so Debi needs to see what is going on.

Field Trips – Neena Jud

- Two more field trips are scheduled in July. On the 21st will be the Richmond Police Department Youth Camp and On the 22nd Sonlight Preschool summer session will visit.
- Neena spoke with Debi last weekend about stepping aside from coordinating the field trips. This involves reaching out to the schools, or responding to requests that come in, scheduling the field trips and asking for volunteers to help with the field trips. She wants the word to get out that one or two people to team up would be appreciated to handle the coordination and logistics. One challenge is that these field trips occur on weekdays. Bob Dobbs and then Neena have been scheduling them on Fridays, sometimes on Thursdays in order to be close to a weekend. This summer, field trips happened (or will happen) on a Monday and Tuesday for a similar reason. In order to get people from a larger volunteer base, they cannot be in the middle of the week.

New Business

NSS 2026 Convention in Indiana – July 6-10, 2026

At the beginning of the year, Stephanie Suen asked if GSP wanted to host a pre- or post-convention camp. Recently, at her suggestion, Debi contacted Laura Demerest to find out if camps were still being scheduled. If we want to do this, we need to let them know so that it can be listed on a secondary page on the NSS Convention website.

Payment for pre-or post-convention camps does not funnel through the Convention Registration. Payments go straight to the hosting site. *So we can set our own fees for the camp.*

We will need to have at least one person sponsoring the folks, and probably one or a few people to lead local cave trips – if we can find the volunteers for that. And finding volunteers for this, especially out of the same group of people who consistently go down there and do stuff, is the biggest concern.

Janeen shared her perspective – if we do, for example, a post-convention camp, people will not be leaving Convention until Saturday, so the hosting duties would not start until later in the day on Saturday and cave trips would most likely be on Sundays. GSP might be a good place for a stop-over or an extended visit for someone coming to Convention from the south or on the way home.

Meg shared that she will not be playing an active role in KOR next year so she might be interested in coordinating a pre-convention camp over a few days of the fourth of July weekend. It could get good press for GSP and could bring in some outside funds.

Kevin suggested that if our grotto collective decides to promote another NSS Convention at GSP, encouraging volunteers to host visitors as part of a pre-or post-convention camp would be a good start, and would bring good publicity in the NSS.

We will re-visit this topic in future meetings.

Future events

Debi and Megan to start planning for Caver Appreciation Weekend and then Halloween Weekend. They need to get the events posted on social media and get them organized.

- Caver Appreciation Weekend – September 19-21, 2025
- Halloween Weekend – October 31 – November 2, 2025

In addition to the above, the Calendar shows:

- Patrick Gibson is hosting a big family event this weekend.
- COG's Everything but the Squeal will be the following weekend
- Lyla Mullins Powell has a Church Group, and a CAP program group listed
- Orientation to Cave Rescue is August 23-24, 2025
- After Caver Appreciation Weekend, the KSS annual meeting will be September 27-28, 2025
- Terry Wolfe & Hippie Mike Thornton will be married on October 4, 2025
- The CD Ward Masons will be in the Cave on October 11, 2025

Please check the Events Calendar. *Ask Neena Jud or Gary Bush for password*

Next Meeting

Next meeting to be Thursday August 14, 2025, at 7:00 pm. Virtual meeting, possibly also in person at Jerry Brandenburg's.

MS moved & KL seconded Adjourned: 8:25 pm

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

Gibson Group & Foxboro Family Camp – 7/11-13/2025

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

Lyla's Friend's Church – 7/26/2025

Christian Appalachian Project program group (Lyla) – 8/21/2025

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