

## GSP Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 11, 2025 – virtually

Call to order: 7:10 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	Mike Thornton Wolf BGG Rep

### Sub-Committee Members *(crossed out names were not in attendance)*

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

Pete Stow	Patrick Gibson	Nick Addington	Jared Embree
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### Announcements

- The next GCG meeting will be combined with a Holiday Party on Friday, December 12, 2025, at 7 pm at Kyle Kreutz's house. More info on the GCG website.
- The COG Holiday party is Saturday December 13, 2025, at Wendy Orlandi's.
- The DUG Holiday party is on December 18, 2025.

### Secretary's Report

Mark Swelstad made a motion to accept last month's meeting minutes. KL 2<sup>nd</sup>. No opposition.

### Treasurer's Report

Expenses exceeded Income in November 2025. *Full Report available upon request.*

Fred Ball moved to accept the Treasurer's report as delivered. MS 2<sup>nd</sup>. No opposition.

### Caretaker's Report

Kristen reports that things seem OK at the Preserve. No one has visited recently. The Dumpster was picked up last week. There is fuel in the Tractor barn.

She was the one who drove too close to the sub-meter pit. She did look closely at it and does not think there was any damage. Werner opened the lid and looked in after he noticed it and didn't see anything problematic. Also, she did not notice any change in her incoming waterflow. There were small blue flags around the pit. Discussion of how to prevent a re-occurrence ensued. There is a box of tall white stakes with reflectors in the Shed along the left wall. Using a number of them will stand out.

Hippie Mike & Terry are willing to house sit for Kristen while she is out of town. Patrick suggested getting Mike set up to view the camera feed.

### Status Reports

#### Wrap-up Previous items

- Debi received an email last night from Gwen Tucker regarding the Music & Caving Event. They have re-considered it for Spring of 2027. So we will drop it for now.

- KOR final report – Werner & Debi received a message from Adam Mathis, GCG’s Treasurer, that everything is worked out with KOR 2025. The donation from KOR (which is on top of the Camping & Facility fees) will be sent on Dec. 16.

### Action items

- Cameras & Wi-Fi (Patrick Gibson) - System diagram with equipment listing is in the OneDrive and was distributed at the end of the meeting. He explained that the 900 MHz frequency is less affected by environmental conditions and the signal can go through trees better. It is a low priority, but he would still like to connect the CR to the Tractor Barn with fiber. This cost may be around \$1,000. Looking towards future maintenance and equipment replacements, he suggests continuing to sell single-user wifi passwords at KOR for \$10 and stash that money in a separate fund. Last year 35 passes were sold. Kevin suggested selling an upgrade wifi pass as a profit center. Once again this would be a unique code per person. It could expire at the end of a year. Idea was tabled.
- Committee Member position descriptions (Debi Pavey) – Treasurer’s position complete, Chair, Secretary and General Committee members description complete. Debi to email all descriptions to all Committee members for input. They are subject to change due to the Charter revision process.
- Tractor barn culvert pricing (Werner Jud) – Joe Smith is proposing \$4,000 to install a 30’ long culvert across the bottom of the Tractor Barn road. It will be a corrugated double wall culvert (like our sub-meter enclosure) from about where the upper swale grate is to the current grassy lower swale. It will have a gravel base and be covered with gravel eliminating the current ditch we have to drive through. There will also be more gravel or # 2’s under and behind the dumpster. He knows we may change our dumpster geometry, but Werner thinks it will still fit. This is the same guy who did the repairs to the road to Skylight dome. Jerry reports that he is good at what he does.
  - Kristen used the z-turn to blow leaves off to the south side of the road to minimize the amount of leaves that could block the entrances to the drains. We need to stay on top of this.
  - Request for while he is at the Preserve: make the lower swale more mow-able by easing out the slope maybe 1/3 the way up the hill.
  - Consider: do we really need to mow the hillside? Maybe plant a naturalized pollinator garden there.
  - Consider if the dumpster is in the best location there. Would it be better in the upper parking lot? Food for thought to be discussed at another time.
  - Approval granted, no opposition.
- MOU (Patrick Gibson with Debi Pavey) – At Sunday’s RKC meeting, the RKC Board voted to approve the revised MOU for signatures. It is now with the Grottos for review. DUG states they are ready to sign it. Once they all approve it, there can be a signing party. It has taken a year to get to this version with input from Werner (who has been involved since the beginning of RKC), Neena (who created the Charter), and Megan (who gave legal guidance)
- Entry Drive Repair grant search – nothing new.
- Bridge to the Point – Scott Pavey / Pat Hutson / Bruce Isaacs – nothing new.
- Locate & inspect the septic tank for the CR – Still on Scott’s list to confirm the location.
- Long-term Garbage Collection options (Werner Jud) – Werner considered the geometry from Waste Connections and thinks it will fit in the same location. He would like to visit Waste Connections south of London (in Lily, Ky) maybe next month on a weekday to confirm the dumpster dimensions and confirm pricing (just in case there are extra fees or something that has not yet been disclosed).

He also said that Joe Smith (from culvert discussion above) said that Bee Garbage is known all over the County as problematic.

- Flags – Kevin Lorms / Gary Bush – They got a quote from the Flag Lady in Columbus for a 3' x 5' flag with the GSP Logo. He remembers it as \$150. This would be a printed flag. Kevin is hoping to get this done by March for Wormfest. Please clarify whether it is a single side or two sided flag.
  - Jerry also mentioned that an Eagle Candidate has placed a box in the Sharonville Rec Center (next door to his house) to collect US flags and dispose of them properly. Jerry place three of our retired flags in there.
  - Scott found a source for two sided Kentucky flags for \$20. Between Scott & Werner it will be ordered, tax exempt.
- Debris clean-up on Point – underway, only the very, very old heater is left. The old tub has been moved up the hill so it will not get washed away. The carpets get re-used each year, and if there is a better way to store them in the future, we will.
- Concealment of Sauna & Hot tub on the point – Two yew bushes & two boxwoods have been planted, but it takes a while for them to grow. This is a multi-year improvement project. But to conceal the blue barrels of the water filtration system, Kristen can ask her son for a section of camouflage net used for concealing large military equipment. Jerry & Scott will work to train folks who mow or bushhog across the Creek from there to leave that area alone. Jared had planted some sunchokes along there last summer, but they got mowed. (*Sunchokes are native plants, perennials that grow 6' – 10' tall.*) We'll see if they come back next year.
- Shelter Kitchen cleanliness & usage – still on Debi's list to do. She will get to it this winter.
- CR plumbing repairs – Werner hopes to do this when Kristen is out of town.
- 2026 Budget – No comments have been received so far. Debi still intends to get with Meg & Scott regarding Halloween budget. We can add \$4,000 for the Culvert approved during this meeting.
- Electric Caver – the only representative to the GSP Committee from GCG is Debi. She sent an email to the electric caver and copied Kyle & Gary Bush. She hasn't heard back. Neena will mention something in person to Kate, the Editor, at the Holiday Party.

### Miscellaneous Property Maintenance

- Sauna Construction (Jared Embree) – They have funds and are ready to install the cedar. His schedule may not allow any work on it this month, more likely in January but definitely before Wormfest.
- Clean-up as you go along (Debi Pavey) – When you are at the Preserve and see something out of place or you used a tool or something, put it away. This saves time on Work Weekend, allows other people to find tools when they need them and makes the Preserve look nice in general.
- Search for new Treasurer – should be in line for September 2026
- We are still waiting for Darryl's description(s) of youth group coordinator position(s) to support his efforts.
- Leopold Bench – Mark Swelstad reported that he heard from David Long that the Scout (Joseph Falzone) completed the bench. Werner received a message that two were made. They are ready to transport, probably sometime this winter.
- Ticket House interior finish – before anything can be done inside flashing needs to be installed from under the roof shingles into the gutters. Also the gutters are racked and need to be re-hung. Scott

will look at the corner of the Ticket House roof the next time he is down there. This will probably be a Spring project.

- Showerhouse roof – We still have six feet of roof ridge to complete.
- Update Google Maps listing – We understood that Darryl is the owner of the GSP listing, and can change it to what else we would like to say.
- GSP Website (Jared Embree) – Jared heard a couple of months ago that Kelly McNamara had stepped up to do this. But no one else heard that. Jared will investigate.
- Camping fee increase – According to Werner, this is not necessary after looking at the budget, even if it is not finalized because there is still buffer in it.
- Jon Hagee request last month to bring the group of history folks to the Cave – Neena communicated with Jon and found that the name of the group is Ruddells & Martins Stations Historical Association. (They go by the acronym RAMSHA.) At Neena's suggestion, he sent in a group request form and specified a date of June 18, 2026. NJ then reached out to Matt Sumner to see if he had any idea about when KOR might or might not be. He did say definitely not the week of June 12-18. No one was opposed to approving Jon's request, and Mike Wolf is still willing to assist.
- Property Boundary walk follow-up  
Werner spoke with Scott Shouse with Sourwood Forestry about the corner boundary tree that was cut down. The first thing Scott S. said was "I know exactly the tree you are talking about." Unfortunately collecting money from the timber theft is a lost cause, but he did have some valuable comments about what we can do to protect our boundary line and mark more trees. He also provided the names of a couple of attorneys that Werner can check with for RKC. He also made some suggestions for getting the deer stand and associated stuff off our land that Werner can share at another time.

Neena spoke with Josh Blanton, with James L Blanton surveying. Josh is a project manager and remembered being there and doing the field work. He is confident in his shots of the line but is willing to revisit it when he is next in the area which will likely be in a couple of months. He not only surveyed Georgianna's property, but also Malach's purchase from Kristen. And in a couple of months he will be surveying a new purchase – about 80 acres of Gilbert's property near 1955. He suggested we go back to that "stone in the drain" and wrap the living daylight out of it with survey tape in a color other than pink. He did not like hearing about the cut tree, but what the owner does after the survey is complete is not his responsibility. Jerry suggested placing a metal marker at the cut tree. Neena will ask Josh B. to do that next time he is out there.

Scott Shouse also suggested walking the property line every year. And since we have some trails, he suggested making a trail that goes along the entire boundary, which will make it easier for people to inspect it. We could plan quarterly hikes to do portions of the property line. We could also offer Eagle Scout Candidates a section of the boundary to mark.

**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	See above
Leopold bench by Ellie's Plaque	low		Werner Jud	See above
Entry drive repair		\$52,030	Neena Jud	Searching for grants
Ticket house walls	next		Jerry B. & Scott Pavey	\$500 for glass faced gypsum board
Ticket house memorial plaques	low		Neena Jud	
CR Septic Tank inspection			Werner Jud	After Scott locates tank
Website redesign	Winter		Jared Embree	
Outside shower enclosure walls		\$75	Scott & Jared	Paint after one year
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			

**Sub-committee Reports**

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

- On hold until January.

**KOR – Nick Addington for Matt Sumner**

- The KOR Committee has started meeting. Right now they ask GSP for any black-out dates. All committed dates are shown on the Calendar. Once you have a tentative date, come back to us.

**New Business**

- 2025 year in review (Debi Pavey) – RKC is asking for an annual report from each Preserve Manager. Debi will be pulling that together in February for a March 1 deadline. She will be contacting some folks for additional information to put in the report, quantity of visitors and the like, that may not be apparent from the meeting minutes. This is not an immediate need, just a “heads up”.

**Preserve Calendar**

**Field Trips – Neena Jud/Mark Swelstad**

- Done for the year. Will resume in April 2026

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

- Darryl keeps the Scout trips listed on the Calendar.
  - We are still waiting for Darryl's description(s) of youth group coordinator position(s) to support his efforts.

**Lyla Requests – Debi Pavey**

- None at the moment and nothing expected until spring.

### **Dates to Remember**

- RKC Meeting – March 15, 2026 @ 2:00 pm
- CIG New Year's event – December 30 - January 4, 2026, Angie Rhodes, sponsor with Darryl Marsh
- DUG/BGG Wormfest Weekend (WaterWorm) - March 20-22, 2026
- Open House Work Weekend – May 2-3, 2026
- Open House – May 16-17, 2026
- Ruddells & Martins Stations Hist. Assoc. (RAMSHA) – June 18, 2026, Jon Hagee sponsor w/ Mike Wolf
- Pre-Convention Camp – July 3-5, 2026, Meg Gaskin sponsor
- NSS Convention – July 6-10, 2026 in Corydon, Indiana
- Masons Cave Degree Ceremony – October 10, 2026, Fred Ball sponsor

Please check the Events Calendar. pw is niter1798

### **Next Meeting**

Next meeting to be Thursday, January 8, 2026, at 7 pm, virtually.

Motion to adjourn: Werner Jud, Second: Jerry Brandenburg

Meeting Adjourned: 9:08 pm