

GSP Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 8, 2026 – 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	Mike Wolf 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

Jared Embree	Sean Cain	Pete Stow	Patrick Gibson
Kyle Kreutz	Matt Sumner		

Announcements

None

Secretary's Report

Kevin Lorms made a motion to accept the March meeting minutes. Mark Swelstad 2nd. No opposition.

Treasurer's Report

*Werner provided a 2025 Year in Review report as well as a report for December 2025.
Full report available upon request.*

We never found the mysterious leak up on the Sara Corrie trail a couple of years ago, but since all of the Pressure Reducing Valves in the supply line were replaced in recent years, we are not losing water/money.

Mark Swelstad moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, KL 2nd.

Caretaker's Report

- Kristen reported that a couple of logs came down the creek and blocked the water flowing through the dam. Max Fancher & his wife used their truck and pulled them out of the way clearing much of the blockage. Kristen noticed some beaver indications on some woody material coming down the creek. This is to be expected.
- The New Year's camping apparently went well – there were no incidents. It's been quiet.

Status Reports

Sub-committee Reports

OPEN HOUSE – Kevin Lorms & Kelly McNamara

- 122 days until Open House 2026. The typical people have committed and things are on track.

KOR – Matt Sumner

- Matt received a promotion and was unsure whether he could continue as KOR chair for this year due to his job responsibilities. He talked with his boss and received approval to continue.

- Possible dates for the event were discussed. Of course we work around the NSS Convention (July 6-10, 2026) and Speloeofest, which is always on Memorial Day weekend. Later July and into August get to be too hot for most people, so the date was set for June 12-14, 2026.
- KOR organizational meetings are open to all in these early days. If you want to attend, please send Matt a message and he will get you the link to the meeting.
- Mike Wolf volunteered to handle vendor row. Kevin Lorms will mentor him. Entertainment chair is still needed.
- Next KOR organization meeting will be January 20, 2026. Mtg minutes will follow to confirm date.

Action items

- Tractor Barn culvert - Joe Smith is excited to do this work for us. Werner to call after this meeting to discuss timing. Joe called Jerry as requested.
- Committee Member position descriptions (Debi Pavey) – Debi will send these out before our next meeting.
- MOU (Patrick Gibson with Debi Pavey) – Patrick will meet with the COG Board next week to review the document and answer questions. All other Grottos have indicated they are ready to sign it.
- Long term garbage collection – Werner proposes a visit to Waste Connections to confirm our understanding. Debi & Mike offered to accompany him. Set for Friday, February 13th.
- Flags – Kevin Lorms & Gary Bush are still working on it. There was an email discussion determining that the GSP logo will be oriented for vertical hanging of flag.
- Debris clean up on Point – tabled until Spring.
- Concealment of Hot Tub, Filter Rack & Sauna – tabled until Spring.
- Shelter Cleanliness/usage write-up – Debi will do this by end of Spring.
- CR crawlspace plumbing repairs/replacements – Werner plans to do this while Kristen is out of town.
- Update Google Maps listing – We all need to look at the information on Google Maps and collectively determine what it should say to indicate that it is closed. One suggestion was to add text to the cover picture stating that. Then we will let Darryl know what we decided.
 - Google Maps on a phone shows a new “Know before you go” piece of information stating the Cave is only open one weekend a year after Mother’s day.
 - This does not show when using Google Earth or Google Maps on a laptop or desktop computer.
- 2026 Budget – Special event budget (aka Halloween) to be set at \$500. No other comments on Budget.
- Kentucky Scout Troop 56 out of Winchester – They have not made good on their camping fee payment of \$200 from October. Despite repeated requests, nothing has been heard from or about them in quite a while. They will be considered deadbeats and will not be welcome at the Preserve. David Lindemuth was their sponsor.
- GCG Committee Reps listing in Electric Caver – We will see when the next issue comes out if this is resolved. The Electric Caver is transitioning from being created in Publisher to another software.
- Year in Review for RKC - Debi will be going through the minutes of last year to compile the data for this report, and may reach out to Neena, Darryl and Pete for statistics.

Miscellaneous Property Maintenance

- Sauna Construction – Jared Embree – Planning to install the cedar on the inside of the Sauna between January 28th – February 1. Scott will be there. Mike may be able to be there as well.
- Property clean-up of stuff laying around – Everyone is responsible for cleaning up after themselves and putting things away that they see out of place. This is ongoing.

Project List

- Leopold bench – Mark Swelstad reporting for David Long – They are ready to transport the two benches to the Preserve. Werner suggested they put them behind the Ticket House.
- GSP website – Jared Embree/Kelly McNamara – will share responsibilities. Starting next week.
- Entry Drive Repair grant – the Bolger Grant Application was submitted to a new funding round.
- Bridge to the Point – nothing new.
- Property Boundary issues – Werner Jud – He spoke with Jerry Gilbert, an attorney with Coy, Gilbert in Richmond regarding the Black Oak which was poached from the corner of our property with Georgianna & Malach. Werner mentioned that we had worked with Bruce Orwin on the Sloans purchase. Jerry went to school with Bruce and remembered him. Jerry understood our plight and suggested a face to face meeting as the first step. He also would be interested in walking the property line with us. Werner will contact him to arrange a meeting, hopefully Feb 13-15th.
 - We decided to walk the back boundary line again to mark the set stone in the drain, install more boundary signs, mark additional boundary trees with paint and address the deer stand on Saturday, February 14 as that is when the most people will be available (Juds, Paveys, Wolfs, Stow). Anyone else is welcome to join us.
 - Neena will visit the Courthouse Friday February 13th to get updated deeds for the neighboring properties and see if they recorded their surveys with the Property Valuation Administrator's Office.
 - Saturday night dinner out somewhere. Werner to check with Lake Linville to see if they will be open.

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
Showerhouse ridge vent	Spring	none	Werner Jud	Install remaining 6'
Shower house roof vents install	low		James C.	
Entry drive repair		\$52,030	Neena Jud	Searching for grants
Ticket House Flashing	Spring		Scott Pavey	
Ticket House re-hang Gutters	Spring	none	Scott Pavey	
Ticket house walls	After the above	\$500	Jerry B. & Scott Pavey, Neena J	glass faced gypsum board
Ticket house memorial plaques	low	?	Neena Jud	
CR Septic tank location	high	none	Scott Pavey	
CR Septic Tank inspection	soon		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			

Preserve Calendar

Field Trips – Neena Jud/Mark Swelstad

- 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. Mike Wolf is looking at assisting with this.

Lyla Requests – Debi Pavey

- Nothing expected until spring.

New Business

- Terri Wolf Ladies Picnic Request (day trip with access to cave & kitchen, 20 ppl) – April 4, 2026. Mike Wolf kitchen access sponsor. No objections.
- NSS Promotional Video request from Anna Blanton with the Creekers from Bloomington, Indiana – We do not have an actual form for this, but we need to know dates as we need to have a sponsor or two to help and watch out for the Cave. Mike Wolf is willing to be a sponsor if available. We also need to know the time span, including setup and take down time. Jordan Lacy from Indiana will do the filming. Will they need to camp out? Neena will respond to Anna and let her know that crediting GSP should be minimal.

- Austin Traut, a producer with KET (public television station out of Lexington) contacted Neena again because the show he was working on for last year was postponed. He wanted to see if one of our cavers would be interested in participating in a quick on-camera interview of 7-10 questions discussing general aspects of caves and karst regions, the fragility of those ecosystems, and why or how we need to preserve them. Mike Wolf is interested from the conservation aspect.

Dates to Remember

- RKC Meeting – March 15, 2026 @ 2:00 pm at the Deer Park Public Library on Galbraith
- DUG/BGG Wormfest Weekend (WaterWorm) - March 20-22, 2026
- Terri Wolf & Friends picnic – April 4, 2026
- Open House Work Weekend – May 2-3, 2026
- Open House – May 16-17, 2026
- KOR 2026 – June 12-14, 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, February 12, 2026, at 7 pm, virtually. (This is Scott Pavey's birthday!)

Motion to adjourn: Kevin Lorms, Second: Mark Swelstad

Meeting Adjourned: 8:40 pm