

GSP Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 12, 2026 – virtual meeting

Call to order: 7:07 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

Sean Cain	Pete Stow	Patrick Gibson	Nina Soluski
Jamie Thompson			

Announcements

The RKC meeting will be Sunday, March 8, 2026, at 2 pm at the Deer Park Library and virtually.

The Volunteer sign-up sheet for Open House is out and going around.

Secretary's Report

Mark Swelstad made a motion to accept the January meeting minutes. Mike Wolf 2nd. No opposition.

Treasurer's Report

[Income exceeded Expenses](#) in the month of February 2026. *Full report available upon request.*

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

Caretaker's Report

- Kristen was not in attendance

Status Reports

Sub-committee Reports

KOR – reported by Debi Pavey

- Patrick & Debi are working on the welcome letter from the chairs.
- Debi Pavey volunteered to be Treasurer for KOR this year but is now having difficulties regarding access to Zeffy and the checking account. Opinions of the meeting attendees revolved around 1) if a person is the treasurer of KOR, they must have access to everything; 2) it should not be a program of GSP or run through the GSP finances; 3) either Debi gets access to the KOR checking account and the KOR Zeffy account or she steps away from being the treasurer. This needs to be resolved within the KOR Committee.
- GSP appreciates the additional donations that have come from the multi-grotto event, but GSP's point of view (voiced by WJ, treasurer) is that tracking the number of people through pre-reg and on-site registration is critical. Additional support for the person running registration should be prioritized so that everything can flow down from there.

OPEN HOUSE – Kevin Lorms, Kelly McNamara, & Mike Wolf

- Open House 2026 is 64 days away. 26 people have filled in the volunteer form so far. For those who haven't yet, please do.
- Now that the organization is in place, and the volunteer forms are out, Kelly's intensive efforts may be concluded. She has a number of things going on and will let Mike and Kevin handle the event for now.
- Question about a golf cart – do we have one lined up? Terri Wolf can investigate availability and cost from the company that provided one for their wedding. In 2024, we rented one from Deaver, and heard that next time we should call the office in Somerset. It was strongly suggested that we call now and get one reserved because at that time of year, golf carts are in high demand. Another suggestion was to contact Mike Harrington and see if we can borrow his ATV or UTV – but that can only work if it has more than two seats and can have a platform in the back for transporting supplies up and down. Whatever we get must be gas powered, with sufficient horsepower to get up the hill – we cannot afford to have it run the battery down in the middle of the day.
- Visitor information handout with QR codes – Neena has this on her list of things to do. Neena will get with Kevin outside the meeting.
- Volunteer shirts – Kevin spoke with Gary about the heat transfer iron used for the KOR t-shirts. A vendor has been identified that will do the transfer sheets, and we could get three or four “Volunteers” per transfer sheet. A number of blank shirts (polyester or polyester/cotton blend) could be purchased and made up as needed. Two years ago, Kelly purchased 36 volunteer t-shirts, made by a Tennessee caver, and she sold them just over cost. There may be a few of those left, but they are extreme sizes, and they are not in the GSP t-shirt inventory. Debi suggested that the new shirts be the same color as the first round, and the logo and Volunteer on the back also match the first round. Agreed.
- Encouragers for all four grottos sent out a message to their contingent.

Action items

- Tractor Barn culvert – Werner contacted Joe Smith a week ago. He reiterated that we want it completed before Open House. He also asked for a week's notice so someone could be down there. Werner will keep his finger on that.
- MOU (Patrick Gibson) – The document is being circulated through the Grottos for signatures. The last Patrick heard was that Chelsea Parada had signed it and was sending it on to Kyle Kreutz with GCG for the last signature. The next document to work on is the Committee Charter. At the RKC meeting, we will discuss forming a subcommittee to work on it. Neena volunteered to be on it.
- Long term garbage collection – Werner visited Waste Connections in Lily, Ky, but couldn't speak with the salesperson because she wasn't there. He has her card and phone number and is starting a communication. Chances are we will not fit into a standard customer category. We are not residential, and they will not service residential customers in Rockcastle. So Werner is calling us a business and hopes we can negotiate something.
- Flags – Kevin Lorms reports that Gary Bush received the GSP flag he ordered on a trial basis for less than \$50 delivered and will bring it down the next time he visits the Preserve. He will also look to see if someone can supply the Kentucky Flag rotated for hanging vertically.
- Debris clean up on Point – The blue barrels have been painted camouflage, which makes a big difference! Next will be to take care of the old sauna building before KOR and do more miscellaneous clean-up.
- CR crawlspace plumbing repairs/replacements – Still on track to do this while Kristen is out of town. Werner will coordinate with Mike & Terri on this.

- Showerhouse – Last weekend Werner got 50% of the Showerhouse up and running. Next week, before Worm Fest, he will get the remaining valves installed and the other showers up. He did close and lock the doors to the Showerhouse when he left on Sunday.
- GCG Committee Reps listing in Electric Caver – No confirmation yet, Debi will stay on it.
- Year in Review for RKC - Debi completed it with information from Neena and Darryl.
- Google Maps update – Debi has not discussed with Darryl quite yet.

Miscellaneous Property Maintenance

- Sauna Construction – Jared Embree – The majority of the cedar is installed – nearing completion.
- 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.
 - Last weekend Scott spent several hours cleaning the Shelter. He cleaned out a lot of leaves, the old grille is gone, the old jail gate for last year’s KOR is gone and a bunch of miscellaneous items. Jerry will talk with the Army Guys about the gas air fryer – either they take it back or we will get rid of it.
 - Werner also talked about the upper parking lot which needs to be cleaned up. There’s a ladder and some stuff at the old BBQ place – likely Darryl’s; and some items of Kristen’s near the Blue trailer which will soon go to Louisiana. But the stuff around the storage shed is ours to clean up. Mike asked for a list of things to do and how we want them done for while he is at the Preserve while Kristen is out. Werner will send out his list of “things to do” (that he generated for Josh when asked the same question) to Mike and the Committee.
 - Neena asked that the trailer holding the wood under the Shelter be moved by the beginning of April to make room for the School Field trips. We need a different place to store the wood. Neena also reminded all that the Kitchen needs to be thoroughly cleaned before Open House – walls, cabinets, etc. She will also bring a fresh bottle of bleach for bleaching/sterilizing countertops the next time she’s down, because we are out.
 - Fred offered to work on stuff while he is at Worm Fest. He will expose the lids to the CR septic tank. Scott also suggested cleaning out the gutters on the Shelter and sweeping the clear roof over the grille – do not step on the clear roof!

Miscellaneous Projects

- Scout coordinator description – Mike Wolf is assisting Darryl but it doesn’t seem that he has prepared a written description of the responsibilities of the position.
- Search for new Treasurer (in line for Sept. 2026) – on track.

Project List

- Leopold bench – Waiting for delivery.
- Ticket House projects – waiting until Spring. Also need Jerry to address the back door before any interior work can be done.
- GSP website – Jared Embree/Kelly McNamara – nothing new.
- Entry Drive Repair grant – no news yet.
- Bridge to the Point – Nothing to report yet, but Neena identified eight possible state type grants to investigate. She also spoke with a Civil Engineer with the firm that John Lair referred to in an article from 1966 regarding making this dam in the first place. Darcy Stewart with CCS Engineers (formerly Crawford, Crawford & Stewart) could not find any records of the project but had distinct memories of the time and of visiting GSP while Lair owned it.

- Neena would like to do an actual survey with instruments to measure the relative difference of the depth of the creek on the upstream vs the downstream sides. This will be easier when the water level is lower. If anyone can bring instruments that would be wonderful. Jerry offered to ask Greg Matoullionis. And Patrick suggested in the meantime using strings and line levels and tape measures – possibly at Open House.
- Property Boundary issues – As projected last month a group of us hiked the back property line and marked the “Stone in Drian with Poplar pointer”. We did not paint any trees as we found that someone else had painted a number of them with purple blazes, indicating no hunting. A couple weeks later, Neena went to the Courthouse and copied several deeds for parcels in that vicinity. She found that Malach, who purchased Kristen’s property, purchased Gilbert’s property a year or so ago. This past weekend when folks were at GSP for a fun weekend, a number headed back to Ice Box Cave – which is now owned by Malach. Pink flagging tape was seen hanging on various low branches along the ephemeral drain indicating it had been surveyed. This explains why Josh Gilbert ghosted Patrick around that time. Neena will digest this information before the RKC meeting and present it more clearly there. Then we can determine the next steps, which may involve getting the perpetrator to pay for the surveyor (same surveyor for all three parcels) to come back out and place a permanent monument where the tree is, and may get the landowner to pay our legal bill for this.
- Smaller tasks and lower priority tasks are listed *below*:

Task	Priority	Budget	Assigned To	Comments
Quickbooks software upgrade	low		Werner Jud	Out in the distance
Bridge (or Modify Spillway Access) to the Point	high	???	Scott Pavey and others	They will come back when more information
Showerhouse roof ridge caps	Spring	none	Werner Jud	Install remaining 6' to 8'
Shower house roof vents install	low		James C.	
Outside shower enclosure walls		\$75	Scott & Jared	Paint after one year
Showerhouse isolation valves		\$100	Werner Jud	Zone off sections for maintenance
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 inspection	soon		Werner Jud	Need lids uncovered
Website redesign	Winter		Jared Embree	
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

- Two are scheduled for April 16 & 17. And in the summer, we have the Richmond Police Department Summer Camp. They will be Thursday July 2 and Monday July 20. Mark has also been emailing with the Opportunity School for Women, and it looks like there will be a trip in June for that.

Scouts and Outreach – Darryl Marsh

- Darryl keeps the Scout trips listed on the Calendar. Reminder – when you offer to sponsor a group at GSP, please check the calendar to make sure there's not a lot already going on.

Lyla Requests – Debi Pavey

- First request has come in – from 10 am to 2 pm on April 10th – a Friday.

New Business

- Jerry Brandenburg brought a concept for a policy about leaving campers at the Preserve when someone is going to return the following weekend or something. Revisit next month.
 - There would be a time limit established for this.
 - They would be stacked in a line in the upper parking lot. If multiple campers are to be left, they would be parked close together.
 - A waiver of liability would be signed for each camper that is left. Jerry hopes to talk Megan Gaskin in to composing one.
 - There would be a fee for leaving a camper – would generate a bit of income.
 - This should be also brought up at the RKC meeting on Sunday since RKC is the owner.
- Showerhouse mural – A few days before the meeting, Nina Soluski sent a graphic that she proposes for the men's side (see attached). This would use paint that she already has in dark green. She would like to start during Worm fest and finish at Open House. No objections were made.
- Caver Appreciation Weekend - Debi Pavey and some others will not be able to be at GSP until the afternoon of Saturday, September 19, 2026. She and Megan will not be able to set up for Caver Appreciation potluck dinner, raffles and meeting(s). Mike and others are willing to prep. So we will keep it that weekend.

Dates to Remember

- GCG Conservation Trip – March 7, 2026
- 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
- Creekers video for NSS Convention – April 1, 2026
- Terri Wolf & Friends picnic – April 4, 2026
- Lyla Mullins Powell's Work Group – April 10, 2026
- Brodhead Third Grade Field Trip – April 16, 2026
- Crab Orchard Third Grade Field Trip – April 17, 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
- Richmond PD Camp Field Trip – July 2, 2026
- Pre-Convention Camp – July 3-5, 2026, Meg Gaskin sponsor
- NSS Convention – July 6-10, 2026 in Corydon, Indiana
- Richmond PD Camp Field Trip – July 20, 2026
- Wilderness First Aid Class – July 25/26, 2026, Stephanie Suen sponsor

- Caver Appreciation Weekend – September 18-20, 2026
- Masons Cave Degree Ceremony – October 10, 2026, Fred Ball sponsor
- Halloween – October 30-November 1, 2026

Please check the Events Calendar. pw is niter1798

Next Meeting

Next meeting to be Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 7 pm, virtually.

Motion to adjourn: Mark Swelstad, Second: Fred Ball

Meeting Adjourned: 9:02 pm