

GSP Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 9, 2026 – virtual meeting

Call to order: 7:02 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 Lorns 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

Pete Stow	Matt Sumner	Andy Schofield	Beau Gergel
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Announcements

Fred Ball has a gently used lockbox for keys that he will donate to GSP (value approx. \$40-\$45) for the lockbox that has been rendered inoperable. We will table relocating it. The first priority is opening the old box and retrieving the key. Scott will handle opening the old lockbox.

Werner and Neena visited briefly on the afternoon of Tues. 3/24. He reported that the Wormfest crew cleaned up OK, but no bags were replaced in recycling cans causing a mess that required cleaning. Also, we noticed that the Green Gate was open

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

Income exceeded Expenses in the month of March 2026.

Full report available upon request.

Friendly, but firm reminder: When making purchases for Open House and for other reasons, do not forget that we are exempt from sales tax. Werner will send out our tax exempt numbers for the various vendors again, to the Committee. These are applicable to things for the Preserve and for events that we pay for.

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

Caretaker's Report

- Kristen was not in attendance. Mike Wolf gave the report: The Caretaker's Residence is fine. A few groups have been at the Preserve. Everything seems to be going well. Grass could be cut. Mike & Scott were discussing this and Pat Hutson offered to come to the Preserve this weekend to mow.

Status Reports

Sub-committee Reports

KOR – reported by Matt Sumner

- KOR organization meetings are running very smoothly. Vendors are lined up thanks to Hippy Mike. There may be a hiccup with the guidebook and t-shirts which will be discussed at the next meeting in a couple of weeks. Pre-Registration can go live soon.

OPEN HOUSE – Kevin Lorms & Mike Wolf

- Kevin did not make it to the meeting to speak to this.
- Golf Cart –at the last meeting, Kevin was authorized to reserve one. If he cannot find information in the minutes as to whom to call for it, contact Scott Pavey.
- Neena requested a fresh set of restaurant quality long oven mitts as COG prepares for the event.

Action items

- The trailer holding the firewood at the end of the Shelter was emptied and relocated.
- Tractor Barn culvert – Werner talked with Joe Smith again. Joe is in the middle of a difficult project. He will get to our work maybe at the end of the month, but as soon as possible once this one is finished.
- Entry Drive Repair grant – nothing further.
- Bridge to the Point grant possibilities – nothing further.
- Long term garbage collection – Werner has a meeting scheduled with the Waste Connections salesperson for Friday, April 17, 2026, at 11 am at the Preserve so she can see the situation and develop a proposal for us.
- Flags – no report.
- Scout coordinator description – Before today's meeting, Darryl emailed a description to all Committee members. Debi will review what he sent shortly and will let him know. She will also add this to the list of other position descriptions. Mike and Darryl will also discuss this.
- Transit – Jerry asked Greg Matoullionis if he still had the transit that he could loan us. No, it was sold.
- Property Boundary issues – On March 24, Neena and Werner met with Josh Blanton, surveyor for the adjacent properties and John Bloom, son of Elliott Malach (who bought Kristen's and Gilbert's property) to discuss the Black Oak and the "Stone in Drain with Poplar pointer". The good news is Werner mis-identified the cut tree as our property boundary marker tree. The actual tree, down the side slope a bit, is still standing. It took a little time for the faded memories to come clear, and we recognized it as the marker tree we saw on hikes in previous years. The cut tree was another large black oak. The bad news is that Josh Blanton is not budging from his interpretation of the property line which he projected in line with the upper section of fence line and is not willing to agree that this particular stone is the corner stone. Neena is composing a full report on this meeting and will send it out in the next few days. The email will also request some action by RKC to protect our property. We also need to really start hiking all our property boundary in sections and continue installing boundary signs.
- CR crawlspace plumbing repairs/replacements – Werner will get with Mike on our next visit.
- Search for new Treasurer (in line for Sept. 2026) – on track.

- Charter Revisions (Debi Pavey) – RKC formed a three person sub-committee to work on this. They met once already to get the ball rolling. Two more meetings are scheduled then something will be presented. (MOU is now completed)
- Leaving campers on property – RKC kicked the issue back to the Committee. Discussion ensued. Key points are listed below:
 - Basic waiver – when you leave your camper in the designated parking spot, it is at your own risk. GSP and RKC will not be responsible if anyone (caver or outsider) messes with your stuff.
 - Campers cannot be left at an electric spot. They must be moved to a designated parking spot.
 - There will be a maximum limit on the time it can be left unattended. (Considering over a single week so the owner will return the following weekend, or two weeks)
 - There will be a cost to leave a camper. (generate a bit of income)
 - How many campers can be left? Will they be first come first served? Or based on seniority? Concern about the appearance of favoritism.
 - Where will the designated parking spots be located – considering condition of the ground AND visibility to visitors. Concern about visitors asking about camping themselves.
 - Consider limitations/restrictions on when campers can be left – to minimize the questions mentioned previously. Concern about Lyla’ visits, Open House, KOR, and school field trips.
 - Environmental aspect of this proposal – there is a pollution cost that we all bear in addition to the fuel cost the owner pays to hauling a camper back and forth which a conservation focused organization should consider.
 - Should there be a method to identify the owner of a parked camper? (hangtag or something)
 - How large should the parking spots be (width x length plus tongue)? Pete’s camper is 36’ long. Consider perpendicular parking or angled parking. Clearly delineated spots.
 - Concern about additional bureaucracy.
- Debi will consolidate the above thoughts into a document for us to discuss at the next meeting.

Miscellaneous Property Maintenance

- Debris clean up on Point – this will be addressed once the Sauna project is complete.
- Sauna Construction – Jared Embree shared with Debi that it is about 95% finished.
- Property clean-up of stuff laying around – the Shelter is improved. Keep up the good work!

Miscellaneous Projects

- Leopold bench – Mark reported that David Long intends to bring the benches down the first weekend in May. Danny Kleckner will think about paving or something for the bench at the base of Ellie’s sign.
- Ticket House projects – waiting until Spring. This includes flashing, gutters, rebuilding back door, interior walls.
- CR Septic tank inspection - Fred did not dig up the lids to the CR septic tank during Wormfest.
- Fred cleaned out the gutters on the Shelter and swept the clear roof over the grille. He also raked around the propane tank.
- GSP website – Jared Embree is working on it slowly.
- Google Maps update – Darryl left the meeting before we could ask him about this.
- Kitchen – a thorough cleaning is required on Open House Work Weekend, including cleaning cabinets and bleaching the walls to make it look like we can pass a health department inspection (even though we cannot since we do not have a designated hand sink). We have mice that live in the kitchen, or kitchen walls. When we are gone, they run around on the counters, on the conduits, get in the sink and poop & pee everywhere. Please tell your grotto members that if they are buying supplies for events to

check the supplies of plasticware, plates, napkins, cups etc. Mice will gnaw their way into boxes of plasticware and run across the utensils – which are then no longer clean! They nibble on paper goods. This is why we keep spare paper towels in the big blue tote under the coffee counter. Supplies need to fit into the metal filing cabinet, and there are bins inside for the plasticware. *COG has supplies for Open House in large totes in the Shelter rafters outside the kitchen.* Andy does have a couple of Stainless Steel sinks without faucets or drains that he can donate to the Preserve.

- Recurring issues – Concerns like the above with the kitchen seem to be addressed on an almost yearly basis. We share this in meetings and they get into minutes, but it needs to get to the grotto members. Encourage members to read the minutes. Mark Swelstad does read out the meeting minutes at the beginning of all the COG meetings. Mike Wolf will start doing likewise. We can consider posting minutes to GSP Covers. Mike also holds people accountable when he leaves the kitchen in their care. He makes them sign in and will come get them to clean-up or otherwise restore it to a clean, useable condition if left unlike when they got it. We can also develop an event guideline document.
- Water Quality Report – Werner forwarded a report from Kentucky American Water about improvements and maintenance to the water distribution system.
- Loaner key policy – If a grotto member wants to get a loaner key to the kitchen, they must go to their local grotto rep, who will check with the Key Master to see if they have been kitchen trained. If they have been trained, they may borrow the key for the weekend, then must return it promptly.

Project List

- 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

- Brodhead and Crab Orchard third graders are scheduled for April 16 & 17. We might also have another field trip on Friday before Work Weekend, to be confirmed. On June 20th the Opportunity School for Women will be visiting on a Saturday. And in the summer, we have the Richmond Police Department Summer Camp. They will be Thursday July 2 and Monday July 20.

Scouts and Outreach – Darryl Marsh

- Scout trips are listed on the Calendar.
- Let's Go Caving will start up again in late April/early May.

Lyla Requests – Debi Pavey

- Lyla Mullins Powell has a work group tomorrow – from 10 am to 2 pm on April 10th. She is fairly self-sufficient, but she likes the green gate to be open for her. We also need confirm that the grille is shut down properly.
- Lyla has another group on April 20th.

New Business

- None!

Dates to Remember

- 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
- Lyla Mullins Powell's client party – April 20, 2026
- Berea High School Differently Abled field trip May 1, 2026
- Open House Work Weekend – May 2-3, 2026
- Open House – May 16-17, 2026
- RKC Summer meeting June 7, 2026
- KOR 2026 – June 12-14, 2026
- Ruddells & Martins Stations Hist. Assoc. (RAMSHA) – June 18, 2026, Jon Hagee sponsor w/ Mike Wolf
- New Opportunity School for Women field trip June 20, 2026
- 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, May 7th, 2026, at 7 pm, virtually.
Motion to adjourn: Mark Swelstad, Second: Fred Ball
Meeting Adjourned: 8:50 pm