

## GSP Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 7, 2026 – virtual meeting

Call to order: 7:08 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	<del>Mike Wolf</del>  BGG Rep

### Sub-Committee Members

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	Matt Sumner		
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### Announcements

A formal petition to banish Jamie Thompson was submitted to the GSP Committee due to behavior during Wormfest '26. This behavior included the use of profanity and sexist remarks, erratic and aggressive behavior, and taking and driving the caretaker's vehicle & entering her residence without permission. All this was asserted to have happened while he was intoxicated. This is concerning since there were new cavers with children visiting the Preserve for the first time, the safety of people was in question, and his behavior was said to have escalated from belligerent to illegal. This was not an isolated incident. He has a history of problematic behavior while intoxicated that is fairly well known in the local caving community.

The Committee followed the procedures outlined in the banishment clause of the GSP Management Plan and invited Jamie to speak to his actions during that weekend. On Sunday April 19, 2026, a special meeting was held which included Jamie, the petitioner, the full Committee and a few advisors (two people attended virtually). After hearing from Jamie, he and others were excused from the meeting. The GSP Committee deliberated and decided to banish Jamie Thompson for a period of five years starting immediately. It was accompanied by strong encouragement to address his issues so he can be reinstated after a year.

### Secretary's Report

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

### Treasurer's Report

Income exceeded Expenses in the month of April 2026.

*Full report available upon request.*

Neena Jud moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Fred Ball 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### Caretaker's Report

- Kristen was back from her vacation, and she had a fantastic time. She reported that the last of the stuff was moved from the upper parking lot. The belt for the Scag has not been delivered yet. The Port-O-Lets have been cleaned, the recycling has been picked up, and Bee Garbage emptied the dumpster.
- Kristen shared that a few folks have been at the front gate in the last week looking for information about Open House.
- There have been a few pieces of mail that have arrived for GSP or RKC. She has put them in the pay pipe. Werner shared that mail in the pay pipe frequently gets wet, and that is a problem with checks. So

it would be best to put the mail in the mailbox at the CR where it can stay dry until someone can pick it up and distribute appropriately. Please let the Committee know when there is mail to be retrieved.

## Status Reports

### Sub-committee Reports

#### OPEN HOUSE – Kevin Lorms

- Kevin reported that we are one week out from Open House. Currently we have 55 +/- volunteers signed up. Hopefully the numbers will balloon like last year.
- We were all very happy with the work accomplished during Open House Work Weekend. As a bonus, the old sauna is gone. Scott plans to do a final cleanup of that area next week.
- Kevin & the food crew plan to do two runs to GFS – one in Columbus, and then on Friday a separate run to Lexington. Werner reminded all that we are tax exempt, and that the numbers (including Walmart) are on the last print-out that he sent. Kevin prefers to get 95% of the supplies through GFS because they accrue points, which then reduce the next bill.
- Debi is printing the handouts to give to the cars coming in the front gate.
- Kevin shared that Joe Chaput doesn't think that Pepsi will donate beverages like last year. But he personally donated \$100 for volunteer beverages and will pick up & transport them to the Preserve. We still have Climax water from one or two years ago.
- The kitchen crew is well staffed. It will include Joe, Dave and Ron Maehler (a friend of Kevin's from New Mexico). The bigger challenge will be for tour guides and tail gunners. Fred will not arrive until mid-day Saturday, so we need to figure out a Saturday morning gatekeeper. One of the BGGers will man the food behind the Ticket House for the volunteers.
- A question was raised about where the "clickers" are for counting people or cars. They have not been seen in the Kitchen. One that was used at the Cave broke. It was decided that we needed at least three clickers, and Mark Swelstad ordered some during the meeting.
- Golf Cart – Pete Stow said he bought one on Tuesday. Unfortunately it needs a transaxle and won't be ready by Open House. It is a Club Car from 2002, and they don't make them anymore – which is making a transaxle hard to find. But one mile down the road from his house a place quoted him a weekend rate of \$175 for a gas four-passenger golf cart. He could pick it up Thursday night or Friday and return it by Monday noon. He would need a trailer to do this. Scott has a twin axle trailer that can hold 1600 lbs. Werner said GSP should cover Pete's gas for bringing all this down and taking it back. Pete will need to be at work Friday.
- Kevin did not get with Gary Bush about the T-shirt printer, so people are asked to wear either their volunteer shirt from last year, your local grotto shirt, an RKC shirt if you have one or period appropriate clothing. And you will have a lanyard and name to help set yourself apart as a volunteer.
- Kevin brought up the idea again for a Caver talk maybe four times each day. After much discussion it was decided to not have any this year, but to ask folks if that would be worth adding. We also thought about recording speeches to play while visitors are standing in line for the Cave – and might postpone that until next year as well. Jerry reminded all that the visitors simply want to go on a cave tour.
- Since the kitchen freezers will be used for food over the weekend. Kristen offered to bring down a small freezer to the Shelter, just to store ice for the event. Ice does get used quickly in the big coolers, like for the volunteer beverages behind the ticket house.

#### KOR – reported by Matt Sumner

- KOR continues to move along smoothly. Pre-Registration is live.
- There were a few hiccups and things falling through the cracks, but they are being picked up.

- Debi & Matt are working together to compile a KOR manual for future committees to use.

### Action items

- Cave Key lockbox – Scott will work on getting the old one open. Werner told Fred that the new-to-us lockbox that he brought to a recent meeting now will not open, and it sounds like something is loose inside. Fred will bring another one. We decided to not worry about installing the new one right away.
- Tractor Barn culvert – Joe Smith will be at the Preserve tomorrow (5/8/2026) late afternoon to work on this. It should be completed by the end of the weekend. The back-up plan (if something goes wrong tomorrow) is to get to it before the end of May. Jerry would like him to be reminded of Skylight.
- Entry Drive Repair grant – nothing further.
- Bridge to the Point grant possibilities – nothing further.
- Long term garbage collection – Werner shared the proposal he received this afternoon. It includes a one-time fee of \$200 at the start of the contract, then \$352.80 + \$35.00 fuel charge each time we have it emptied. The size of the dumpster will be 14’-0” long x 7’-6” wide x 3’-6” tall with lids (2 or 4). That is 10 cubic yards (We currently have an 8 yard dumpster). They will not charge us an ongoing rental fee because we are a non-profit. Werner figures that they will come pick up a full dumpster within a week, similar to Bee Garbage. A question was asked about what color it will be, and suggested that a subdued color would be desirable. Pete suggested starting their contract just before KOR, in one month. Fred moved to accept the proposal, Neena seconded. There was no opposition.
- Flags – Gary Bush will be bringing the new GSP flag (with proper rod pocket for the yard-arm) and the new Kentucky State flag (with logo turned for vertical display) on Thursday before Open House.
- Property Boundary issues – skipped.
- CR Septic tank inspection - the CR septic tank top has been mostly cleared; we now know we need another foot or so to clear the second square opening before calling Loveless to inspect it. A big thanks go to Porter and Ilona (friend & relative of Anna Tomboly) for digging up the lid!
- CR crawlspace plumbing repairs/replacements – The pipe work has been completed by WJ & Pete Stow. Heat tape still needs to be re-applied and insulated before the weather gets cold.
- Search for new Treasurer (in line for Sept. 2026) – still on track.
- Charter Revisions – The draft version that was developed by Patrick, Debi & Neena is ready for the Committee’s review and comment. Debi will distribute it to the Committee after the meeting. Patrick would like the RKC Board to finalize the Charter at their next meeting in June.
- Leaving campers on property – Debi Pavey worked on a Liability waiver since the last meeting. She will forward it to the Committee after the meeting for review and comment. It should address:
  - Release of liability.
  - Time limit and restrictions.
  - Moving the campers from an electric site to a designated parking/storage area, with a limit on how many can be left at a time.
  - Cost to leave a camper.

### Miscellaneous Property Maintenance

- Debris clean up on Point – in process.
- Sauna Construction – in process.
- Kitchen Use/ Cleanliness – The kitchen was cleaned during Work Weekend, and a number of old and unused things were discarded. Please remember that when your event is over, please take your excess paper goods and plastic ware home if you cannot fit them into the metal filing cabinet drawers. The kitchen is not rodent proof and the mice run all over everything!

- Property clean-up of stuff laying around – Shelter clean-up is continuous. The upper parking lot is done!

### Miscellaneous Projects

- Leopold benches – the benches were delivered to behind the Ticket House on Work Weekend by the Scout. We will move them to Ellie’s plaque after Danny Kleckner installs pavers in this area.
- GSP website – Jared Embree is working on it slowly.
- Google Maps update (Darryl) – skipped

### 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 they have more information
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	Completed!
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 side door	Spring		Jerry B.	Will modify old front door
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	Taking a while
Atlas Pillar Electric panel replacement	lower		Werner Jud	New breakers are required in the interim.
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

- Spring field trips are completed.
- On June 20<sup>th</sup> the Opportunity School for Women will be visiting on a Saturday. On Thursday July 2 and Monday July 20, we have the Richmond Police Department Summer Camp (two sessions).

#### Scouts and Outreach – Darryl Marsh

- Scout trips are listed on the Calendar.
- Let’s Go Caving will be starting up again.

#### Lyla Requests – Debi Pavey

- Lyla has made one new request – but the Preserve was already committed for that date.

## **New Business**

- None!

## **Dates to Remember**

- Open House – May 16-17, 2026
- RKC Summer meeting – June 7, 2026, Deer Park Public Library
- 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, June 4th, 2026, at 7 pm, virtually.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:27 pm