

## GSP Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 2, 2026 – virtual meeting

Call to order: 7:09 pm

### Committee Members

|                                |                                    |                                   |                                     |
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| Debi Pavey<br>Chair<br>GCG Rep | Werner Jud<br>Treasurer<br>GCG Rep | Neena Jud<br>Secretary<br>GCG Rep | Jerry Brandenburg<br><br>GCG Rep    |
| Fred Ball<br><br>DUG Rep       | Kevin Lorms<br><br>COG Rep         | Mark Swelstad<br><br>COG Rep      | <del>Mike Wolf</del><br><br>BGG Rep |

### Sub-Committee Members

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

|           |             |           |  |
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| Sean Cain | Matt Sumner | Pete Stow |  |
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### Announcements

None

### Secretary's Report

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

### Treasurer's Report

When Werner asks specific questions about things - like reimbursements for Open House, [it is to keep folks mindful of our cash flow and be prudent with spending.](#)

Income exceeded Expenses in the month of May 2026. *Full Report available upon request.*

Werner shared a preliminary look at his Quickbooks Open House Report. More information in the Open House discussion.

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

### Caretaker's Report

- Kristen was having difficulty getting onto the call and joined a bit later.
- Gas cans have been filled.

### Status Reports

### Sub-committee Reports

### OPEN HOUSE – Kevin Lorms

- Neena shared the number of visitors through the cave at Open House along with the preliminary treasurer's numbers in a spreadsheet entitled Compiled Open House Data through the Years. Kevin messaged Kelly during the meeting to ask her to send the volunteer numbers for inclusion in this spreadsheet. (A corrected version of this is attached to these meeting minutes.)
- Visitor numbers were a little higher than last year, but donations and sales were a little lower. Kitchen & Other Expenses was also higher. It was noted that we had good weather, but there was very minimal facebook notification and gas and other prices are higher for everyone.

- The spreadsheet included the expenses that Debi sent in today. The ice cost that Kristen submitted was confirmed at \$34 for 340 lbs. Kevin will send receipts to Werner for the records. Mark purchased additional clickers online to track numbers.
- Zeffy QR code report: There was one t-shirt purchased the day after Open House. Two donations came in on Saturday through Zeffy and two more came in in the succeeding few days.
- Kevin shared that there is a little paper products inventory in the Open House bins in the Shelter “attic”. He considers this as “GSP” inventory and it is available for KOR folks if they need additional supplies. Kevin will email an inventory of these items to Debi to share with KOR team. One gallon of lemonade, and a bunch of fruit punch will be available as well. There is also some food in the freezer (hash browns, bacon, sausage). Kevin removed the big can opener to get a new blade, and he will return it to the Kitchen.
- Kevin shared that volunteers showed up again, as always. It was a good Open House. We can speculate on reasons for the lower number of visitors, but it was quite manageable. We were not overwhelmed. We were maxed out with around 4,000 visitors during the 2024 event. He suggested that maybe 2500 – 3000 visitors is a good goal.

#### **KOR – reported by Matt Sumner & Pete Stow**

- Port-O-Lets: three weeks ago, the dates for KOR were confirmed with Loveless. He will bring the additional units and service the ones that are already there. Dumpster: will call to get an empty dumpster by Wednesday before KOR. (The new dumpster is not ready yet. See discussion below.)
- Matt reported that overall things are going strong for this year’s KOR. The food truck will be on site Friday night. The band will arrive three hours prior to their gig. (They also want to have a tour of the Cave.) The band is so excited that they did not require a deposit and will take full payment at the event. T-shirts will be ready. Matt will pick them up and submit receipt for reimbursement directly to him from Dennis out of the KOR account. KOR does need more volunteers in a number of areas. First Aid & Sauna/Hot Tub is well covered, but Thursday set-up and Sunday tear down needs folks as well as on-site registration. Patrick sent out an email asking for volunteers to sign up for slots.
- Pete reported that pre-registration will shut down this Sunday at 10 pm. 198 people have pre-registered so far, which compares well with last year’s total pre-reg of 210 people. Pete will go this weekend to set up his camper and mark out the electric sites. Debi offered to print 400 waivers for Pete’s use at KOR.
- Scott was watching the weather and suggested maximizing mowing before Sunday. Kristen reported that mowing was most recently finished up on Sunday.

#### **Action items**

- Kitchen Use/ Cleanliness –Please remind your grotto members to 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! The person who opens the kitchen is responsible for checking everything and closing it up – or handing the responsibility to another kitchen trained person. Debi will email list of kitchen trained folks to the Committee members.
- Cave Key lockbox – Scott will work on getting the original box on the post open and give the key to Debi. Fred gave drill points to Jerry to pass on to Scott. Fred will bring another key lockbox to install later.
- Tractor Barn culvert –Joe Smith completed the work on schedule. With the recent rains, the culvert by the dumpster is working great, the gravel is in good shape
- Entry Drive Repair grant – nothing further.
- Bridge to the Point grant possibilities – nothing further. But some suggestions were made for materials from abandoned trailers to discuss. Scott will investigate possibilities.

- Long term garbage collection – Werner reported that as the contract was being drawn up, he got a message saying “oh by the way, since we have to make the lid it will be an additional \$600.” He responded that the proposal was written stating “dumpster with lid” therefore the lid should be included in that cost. Werner expects to hear back from Sara Myers with Waste Connections soon.
- Property Boundary issues – Jerry Gilbert, attorney was at Open House and Neena spoke with him. It is now in RKC’s court to engage him. This issue will be discussed at the RKC meeting this weekend.
- CR Septic tank inspection - the remainder of the CR septic tank lid still needs to be cleared off. Between Scott Pavey & Pete Stow, they will get it done this weekend so hopefully Loveless will be able to inspect it when he comes to deliver or service the Port-O-Lets for KOR.
- Search for new Treasurer (in line for Sept. 2026) – still on track.
- Charter Revisions – Debi sent out the Charter to the Committee for review. Werner responded saying he had comments but would prefer to have a discussion with Patrick, Debi & Neena – the subcommittee that was working on the changes. That meeting has not happened since Patrick has been super busy lately. This will be probably be discussed at the RKC meeting.
- Leaving campers on property – Debi Pavey updated the Liability waiver based on comments she received back. But rather than go through those details, concerns have been raised that should be discussed.
  - A concern was raised about whether the upper parking lot was the right place for the temporary camper parking due to visitors. What image are we presenting to Lyla and other visitors by having campers parked there?
  - Werner also mentioned that for better security, it is important to have an unobstructed line of site from the Caretaker’s Residence to the green gate.
  - This does seem to be a limited time issue – primarily the couple of weeks before Open House and KOR. Currently there are about four or five campers that might be parked.
  - Debi will explain to Lyla the thoughts behind our key volunteers being able to leave their campers at the preserve for no more than a couple of weeks at a time, and our concerns regarding questions from other visitors. Then we can revisit this issue.

#### **Miscellaneous Property Maintenance**

- Debris clean up on Point – in process.
- Sauna Construction – the only thing left is trim work.
- Property clean-up of stuff laying around – Shelter clean-up is continuous. Everyone is doing a great job!

#### **Miscellaneous Projects**

- GSP website – Jared Embree hasn’t made progress since the beginning of Spring.
- 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 have been installed in the interim.                         |
| Kitchen electrical panel replacement <a href="#">w/ main disconnect</a> | 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

- On June 20<sup>th</sup> the New 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).
- We did recently get a request for a field trip for the Sonlight Preschool for a Wednesday. Wednesdays are difficult for Neena. Kristin offered to give tours through the cave. Neena will consider the offer.
- We need another tailgunner for July 2, Kristin and Scott offered to assist with that.

### 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 a group coming in on July 1. Kristen offered to help Lyla with the kitchen, the grille and opening the green gate. It is important to check that the grille is off like it is supposed to be after Lyla is done.

### New Business

- Scott asked Neena to send him the information about the green paint color for the Showerhouse. He would like to paint the outside shower walls soon.

### **Dates to Remember**

- RKC Summer meeting – June 7, 2026, Montfort Heights 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, July 16th, 2026 (to avoid Convention), at 7 pm, virtually.

Jerry Brandenburg made a motion to adjourn, Fred Ball seconded.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:27 pm