

## GSP Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 13, 2026 – virtual meeting

Call to order: 7:05 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       | <del>Kevin Lorns</del><br>COG Rep  | Mark Swelstad<br><br>COG Rep      | <del>Mike Wolf</del><br>BGG Rep  |

### Sub-Committee Members

|                                        |                                     |                                                       |                                               |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| <del>Kristen Harper</del><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 | Kyle Kreutz | Pete Stow | Patrick Gibson |
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### Announcements

None

### Secretary's Report

Fred Ball made a motion to accept last month's meeting minutes. Mark Swelstad 2nd. No opposition.

### Treasurer's Report

When Werner asks specific questions or has comments, keep in mind that as he tracks the income and expenses, he is focused on the financial health of the Preserve.

*Expenses exceeded Income in the month of July. Full report available upon request.*

Werner paid the Propane bill quickly and received the early pay discount, but it increased substantially from last year.

Werner went over the facilities fees (Bee Garbage and Loveless) and Camping fees for KOR that he sent to Debi as treasurer of KOR after receiving a detailed breakdown of campers, electric sites and additional nights. This income has not been received and is not reflected in July's report. Debi will talk more about this later in the meeting.

In August he received a check from GCG for the Wilderness First Aid course camping the weekend of July 25-26, 2026, so it is also not reflected in July's report. This year they were tight on tracking the attendees, extra nights and electric sites

He paid Bee Garbage for July rental and initiated the new service with Waste Connections which should start in September. See below for more details.

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

### Caretaker's Report

- Kristen was not on the meeting but yesterday she sent some photos and information to Debi. There has been rain off & on for the last couple of days. There is a big tree down just past the CR on the road down towards Scout Camp. Darryl and some friends are expected to come down and move it out of the way. The water is high, over the road to the Point and to the back field.

## Status Reports

### Action items

- AED at the Shelter – Debi found that we are required “to follow the manufacturer's guidelines” according to Kentucky. Pete identified the unit as Zoll AED+, and the frequency of changing the batteries depends upon the software installed. Version 5.32 or later, change batteries every 5 years or when the unit prompts. Earlier versions require changing every 3 years. There is a log inside, which states that the last replacement was in 2021, therefore they absolutely need to be changed.
  - Pete offered to get ten new batteries before his next trip down. The manufacturer wants Duracell CR123A batteries manufactured in the USA, which he found available as a 12-pack on Amazon.
  - Werner will get with Pete on how to purchase them tax exempt through Amazon.
  - There is no need to get spare batteries as they will be old by the time the installed ones need to be replaced.
- Post storm weather damage –
  - Debi heard that the gravel that had washed out of the road is sitting on a trailer down by the kiosk, and that is as far as it got. She has not heard from Danny Kleckner as to when he can get down. She will try to get a commitment from him.
  - Werner talked with Joe Smith today shortly after he visited the Preserve. Joe says we need to get a load of channel lining (big chunky rocks from grapefruit to cantaloupe sized, like at the outlet of the large culvert). That needs to be placed along the downhill side of the Tractor Barn road, with some on the uphill side to deflect the surface flow behind the dumpster to our upper culvert. After that is done, he would bring another load of #57's with fines to finish it, then use the remainder (and the pile of gravel on the trailer) to fill up some of the ruts and gullies in the road. Werner gave him the green light to fix it. Joe did comment that the upper 15” diameter culvert crossing the road is very effective, and the size and configuration that he would have installed at that location.
- Caretaker Search Committee – Not discussed – but will start after Caver Appreciation weekend.
- Cave Key lockbox – the key and the new lockbox are still in the Ticket House.
- KOR – Debi reported that the KOR Committee met on August 10<sup>th</sup>, when they closed everything off and balanced the books – to the penny (Go Debi!). There were 364 adults in attendance, not including vendors or youth under 18. Next year's dates have been set, and everybody on this year's committee has agreed to continue for next year – with the exception of Debi who's not sure. It is definite that she will not do the guidebook.
- Entry Drive Repair grant – the RKC Grant Committee continues to search and will be submitting a grant to the Athletic Brewing Company. They make a non-alcoholic beer and have an arm that sends out grants for conservation and preservation and trail projects.
- Bridge to the Point grant possibilities – nothing at this time. Scott wants to take more measurements the next time he is down there. He thinks that a bridge solution will be our best bet.
- Long term garbage collection – Werner sent in the contract to initiate service from Waste Connections.
  - He suggested that we contact Bee Garbage to pick up their dumpster on August 24 or 25<sup>th</sup> so that they cannot bill us for another month. Werner will send an email to Kristen to ask her to do this & not bring us another dumpster, and to please let him know when it is done. He will copy Debi & Patrick. Then he will send Bee Garbage a letter to end our arrangement and thank them for their service.

- Werner will contact Waste Connections right after that and expects us to have a new dumpster in place in 2-3 days – hopefully before the beginning of September.
- There is nothing on our calendar for the last weekend of August or the first weekend of September, so it shouldn't be a problem to be without a dumpster for a few days.
- Patrick offered to check the cameras to see if/when the pick-up and delivery occurs.
- Property Boundary issues – taking this off the agenda because it is now an RKC issue. Neena plans to make a report about this to RKC at the next meeting.
- CR Septic tank inspection –Werner talked with Loveless briefly about this. He will clarify that both lids are exposed and ready to pump.
- New Treasurer – still on track.
- Charter Revisions –Debi, Patrick, Werner & Neena were supposed to meet about this on Tuesday night but it was cancelled due to weather (power outage and tornado warning). It is rescheduled at the end of the month.
- 2026-2027 GSP Committee: Debi agreed to be the Chair of the Committee for another year.
  - She contacted the GCG reps to ask if they wanted to stay on the Committee. She received the final yes verbally in the meeting.
  - She also contacted BGG, DUG and COG chairs with the position description and asked for one representative from each. In addition, she asked them to submit a second person for consideration to be the floater.
  - Kevin Lorms contacted Debi and said that personal responsibilities are going to make his life super crazy, so he is stepping down
- GSP 33 celebration – Patrick to coordinate this party. It will be next Spring, maybe April. He will need everyone's shirt size. It was agreed that the folks paying incrementally should finish their obligation.
- Temporary Camper parking – Debi Pavey still needs to talk with Lyla.

#### **Miscellaneous Property Maintenance**

- CR heat tape & insulation – Werner would like to schedule this. Pete Stow offered to help on the weekend of August 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup>. Werner will stay in touch via email and will check with Gary Bush who also offered. Fred tentatively offered as well.
- Sauna Construction – the only thing left is trim work.
- Kitchen Use / Cleanliness – Keep at this.
- Property clean-up of stuff laying around – Keep at this.

#### **Miscellaneous Projects**

- GSP website – Jared Embree has been super busy lately – the website is still a winter project.
- Google Maps update (Darryl) – Debi hasn't spoken to Darryl about this, will keep trying.
- The Quickbooks software upgrade will be handled by Werner & Pete Stow. They will probably loop Adam Mathis in for assistance as he has done this recently for GCG.

## 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                                                     |
| 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                      | Ready to inspect                                                         |
| 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 w/ main disconnect | 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

- The first one will be a Homeschool group on September 18. We have identified October 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> as Fridays to offer to schools. Mark has emails out, but the only response so far is requesting a field trip in the Spring. The New Opportunity School for Women wants to come back. That will be October 17<sup>th</sup> and Joe Trusskowski will lead this, need a tailgunner.

### Scouts and Outreach – Darryl Marsh/Mike Wolf

- Scout trips are listed on the Calendar.

### Lyla Requests – Debi Pavey

- Lyla requested September 11, September 19 and September 24. The 11<sup>th</sup> won't work as people will be down for Caver Appreciation weekend, but the other two will be fine.

## New Business

- The day before this meeting, Neena shared a request from Aryeh, a music producer that wants to record some musicians in the cave for a project. He gave a lengthy response to her questions, which was helpful. Not all details are firm. He doesn't have any dates in mind yet, but he appreciates GSP's location on the east side of Kentucky. He's got 3 caves confirmed so far: Carter Caves, Hidden River Cave and something else owned by CRF.
  - Debi would like to talk with Coy Ainsley at Carter Caves about their thought process on this, so we can align our response and policies with theirs. She will see him in a couple of weeks or so.

- Unless there is a major conflict in scheduling, Scott Pavey is willing to sponsor them and be on the property for it.
- Kyle Kreutz also talked on the phone with him today. Kyle thought he seemed pretty respectful and was doing his homework. Aryeh currently is in New York State and will get a place in Glasgow, KY in February to get this project rolling.
- Our next step is to let Debi & Jerry talk with Coy Ainsley, then we can get Aryeh a response.
- Jerry Lewis request – (NSS member over 55 yrs, member of CIG, IKC, past chair of IKC, cave biologist studying isopods) Neena spoke with him about his request to collect isopods from cave streams at the Preserve. He is looking for cave entrances which have streams flowing outwards. It would be a 10 minute effort to turn over some rocks and collect a few creatures. She suggested Papa Bear Cave could meet his requirements, but also Mullins Spring Cave is easily accessible without messing with our front gate. He doesn't have a schedule for this. His wife travels to Knoxville for work periodically and this would be done on the way. After collecting, he will ship the isopods to France. It might take a year to get the genetic sequencing back. I explained that we just want some written results out of whatever he does. A genomic sequence of an isopod might not be much but it would be something. So he will stay in touch.
- Patrick plans to host a work and friends' group at GSP in October. It will likely be the weekend that the Masons will be there, but Patrick's group will stay out of their way. It will only be about 10 or 12 people. Once it is firmed up, he will send in the form.
- Teams meetings – Patrick was able to cancel the ongoing Teams Meeting that Dan Zubal had set up. Neena will set up a new recurring meeting for the 2026-2027 year after Caver Appreciation weekend and will send the invite to all the usual parties. Debi requested an invite to the rkciorg email address so it will automatically go on her calendar she uses to log onto the meeting.

#### **Dates to Remember**

- Empire Hole Hop – COG/Ethan Link sponsoring – August 15-16, 2026
- Old Timer's Reunion – September 3-7, 2026 (Virginia)
- Caver Appreciation Weekend –September 11-13, 2026
- GSP September meeting – 10:00 am September 13, 2026
- RKC Fall meeting – September 20, 2026, Deer Park Public Library
- COG Conservation Group cleanup in Wells Cave – September 25-27, 2026, Jennie Hawkie sponsor
- CD Ward Masons Cave Degree Ceremony – October 10, 2026, Fred Ball sponsor, Jimmie Hampton
- Patrick Gibson work & friends' weekend – October 10-11, 2026
- Halloween – October 30-November 1, 2026
- New Year's Eve Event CIG/COG – December 27, 2026- January 2, 2027
- Open House 2027 – May 15/16, 2027
- York Rite Masons Cave Degree – June 12, 2027, Fred Ball sponsor, Matthew Kirby contact
- NSS Convention 2027 – June 14-18, 2027, Del Rio, Texas
- Karst-O-Rama 2027 – July 16-18, 2027 (Day of the Dead theme)

Please check the Events Calendar. pw is niter1798

#### **Next Meeting**

Next meeting to be Sunday, September 13, 2026, at 10 am, in-person at the Shelter.

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

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30pm