

GSP Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 8, 2026 – Virtual Meeting

Call to order: 7:05 pm

Committee Members

Debi Pavey Chair GCG Rep	Werner Jud Treasurer GCG Rep	Neena Jud Secretary GCG Rep	Jerry Brandenburg GCG Rep
~~Fred Batt~~ DUG Rep	Mark Swelstad COG Rep	Mike Wolf BGG Rep	Janeen Sharpshair DUG 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			
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Announcements

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Welcome Janeen to the Committee meetings!

Secretary's Report

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

Treasurer's Report

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

Werner paid one bill to Waste Connections. He is asking about the status of the 8 cubic yard dumpster which we are supposed to receive. He expects to hear something back next week.

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

Caretaker's Report

- Kristen reported that Waste Connections emptied the temporary 6 yard dumpster early last week and left it in place. It was sufficient for that months' worth of garbage. Unfortunately the driver ripped a lower hanging limb off a cedar tree at the first turn. Neena pulled it off and moved it out of the way last weekend.
- Loveless came the same day as Waste Connections. He did not service the CR Septic Tank during that visit.
- These quiet Autumn days bring plenty of wildlife running around. The grass is growing slowly right now and doesn't look too crazy. No unexpected people have stopped by.

Status Reports

Action items

- WiFi at the Shelter – Patrick will not be to GSP until Halloween and will look at the WiFi system at that time. He will work with Andy Schofield and Matt Sumner to document various options including their costs and time frames.

- Post storm weather damage –
 - Werner has emailed & voice messaged Joe Smith numerous times since our last meeting - no response yet.
- Caretaker Search Committee – Subcommittee formed with Neena Jud as the lead, Mike Wolf & Pete Stow on it, with Kristen Harper as an advisor. Any voting will be by the entire GSP Committee.
- Entry Drive Repair grant – The RKC Grant Committee is still looking for grant possibilities. Meanwhile there is something that everyone can do – especially if you are at a large firm: please look for charitable giving programs in your company or a company you have friends in and ask them to donate to GSP. Debi requested a handout that could be passed on to those departments, because often the person you talk with is not empowered to make the entire decision. Neena will prepare a handout – a single page about GSP as a whole, and a second page about the Entry Drive.
- Bridge to the Point grant possibilities – ongoing item.
- CR Septic tank inspection – nothing further (see Caretaker report above).
- Charter Revisions – After the last RKC meeting, Patrick was going to clean it up and send it out. Debi will check with Patrick about this.

Miscellaneous Property Maintenance

- Sauna Construction – the only thing left is trim work.
- Property clean-up of stuff laying around (including Kitchen) – Keep at this. Whenever you see something out of place, put it away, find it a home, or throw it away.
 - Regarding the scrap metal that Scott will collect: Werner shared that the Midstate Recycling location he mentioned is now called Rockcastle Recycling. They tend to be open on weekdays AND they have a pick-up service. They are still using a magnet that Werner worked on decades ago, so he will pay them a visit and find out more about the pick-up service. Werner will also mention to them that one of our committee members has a non-profit recycle business.

Miscellaneous Projects

- GSP website – still a winter project, Jared has been very busy this year, hopefully this winter.
- Google Maps update (Darryl) – Three people looked at the GSP listing on Google Maps on differing platforms and it looked fine to them. So we will take it off the project list.
- Ticket House Projects – Interior work is on the back burner until Scott gets with James Clements about the roof. James is very busy right now.
 - Install flashing from under shingles into gutters.
 - Rehang Gutters closer to building and sloped to drain.
 - Modify old front door to fit side door location (out-swinging).
 - Finish interior walls and paint.

Project List

- Smaller tasks and lower priority tasks are listed below:

Task	Priority	Budget	Assigned To	Comments
Shower house roof vents install	low		James C.	
Outside shower enclosure walls		\$75	Scott & Jared	Paint after one year
Ticket house memorial plaques	low	?	Neena Jud	
Atlas Pillar Electric panel replacement	lower		Werner Jud	New breakers have been installed in the interim.
Kitchen electric panel & conduit replacement w/ main disconnect	lower			All these items require a deep dive to attack; it will be intensive work
Repair and seal walls against rodents	lower			
Waterproofing kitchen walls	lower			

Old Business

- Jerry Lewis request – Last weekend, Neena checked Papa Bear Cave and could not find enough water coming out of a dark zone that had rocks that could be lifted and looked under. The spring at Crooked Creek's bend has very low headroom, and she could not find any life forms under rocks. Neena emailed Jerry with this and reiterated her suggestion to go to Mullins Spring Cave nearby. Janeen and Mark also suggested Fletcher Spring Cave as an easily accessible possibility off the road in Mt. Vernon.
- Kentucky Cave Recording Project (Wild Hunt Records – Aryeh) – Debi will talk with Coy Ainsley again about Carter Caves's response to Aryeh. In the meantime, Neena should respond saying we are still considering it, are looking into some things and will let him know.
- Scott asked Neena to pick up paint for the outside shower enclosure walls. If the weather cooperates, he will paint them in the few days before Halloween.
- Halloween Party – Megan Gaskin has been working diligently on planning this event. Once again, it will be a fundraiser for GSP. Debi will check on the facebook event listing. It should say \$20 entry plus camping fees. The Daiquiri Wacker may be there, and it may be limited to a certain period of time so that Scott is not on duty all evening.
- Open House – Mike Wolf expects to get past planning documents next week from Kelly McNamara which should provide a calendar and list when to make various announcements and advertisements. Neena suggested adding specifically "clean the walls of the Kitchen" to the task list for Work Weekend.
- Green Latrine – Werner said that sometime in the next 6-8 weeks he would like to empty the Green Latrine. He is asking for people to help with this as it will be the last time he will perform this task. Mike Wolf & Pete Stow offered, so Werner will email them to work out a date. It requires emptying every 18 months or so. There is a binder in the lower level of the Green Latrine with information on all the components and how to take care of it. There are also pages to note when maintenance was done.

New Business

- Jared Embree sent an email sharing that the Scout Troop in Dayton that was working on Leopold benches finished eight of them! They will deliver them when they can. They should stash them behind the Ticket House. We can distribute them from there. Possible locations that were vocalized include: at the Showerhouse, a couple on the steps to the cave, at the Sauna, and others.
- Werner Jud suggested someone consider taking on the Project Manager role to construct a new two-plus seater toilet facility near the Shelter. He suggested on the hillside (near the current location of the vegetable composter), which is semi-concealed from view by the cedar trees yet is reasonably accessible from the road and is well above creek flooding level. This idea has been floated in the background for many years and has included the suggestion that it be a tank type facility which would

be pumped out by Loveless or a successor company. This could replace the two port-o-lets near the creek and should be less expensive to service since it would not need servicing as often. Werner will be glad to assist & help keep things on track. Mike Wolf is also willing to assist but not lead.

Preserve Calendar

Please emphasize to your grottoes that they need to check our calendar before they plan any events. If they need the password, please share that as well. The password is not for secrecy; it is only to keep the general public from viewing it. The calendar is necessary to coordinate the use of the Preserve.

Field Trips – Neena Jud/Mark Swelstad

- Last week Neena hosted a school field trip on Friday. A small group of Berea Professors visited on Saturday, which may spark some projects coming from them or their students. On Sunday, the Berea Sister City delegation from Hokuto City, Japan visited with their Berea partners. They brought waivers translated into Japanese! The last time delegates from this city visited GSP was in May of 2012.
- Thursday, October 15 – Berea Community School Fourth Grade Field Trip – volunteers covered
- Friday, October 16 – Calico Homeschool Field Trip – one more tailgunner needed – Kristen volunteered.
- Saturday, October 17 - The New Opportunity School for Women – volunteers covered

Scouts and Outreach – Darryl Marsh/Mike Wolf

- Scout trips are listed on the Calendar.

Lyla Requests – Debi Pavey

- Lyla's requests have subsided. The Powell Family Reunion took place, it was a small group.

Dates to Remember

- CD Ward Masons Cave Degree Ceremony – October 10, 2026, Fred Ball sponsor, Jimmie Hampton
- Patrick Gibson work & friends' weekend – October 10-11, 2026
- Berea Community School Fourth Grade Field Trip - Thursday, October 15, 2026
- Calico Homeschool Field Trip - Friday, October 16, 2026
- The New Opportunity School for Women - Saturday, October 17, 2026
- Halloween – October 30-November 1, 2026
- GCG Vertical Training Event at Carter Caves State Park – November 6-8, 2027
- DUG Shelter raising event at Sloan's Preserve & COG Sloansgiving – November 13-15, 2027
- RKC Meeting – December 6, 2026 at Montford Heights Public Library
- New Year's Eve Event CIG/COG – December 27, 2026- January 2, 2027
- GSP33 Payoff Party – Spring 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.

Next Meeting

Next meeting to be Thursday, November 5, 2026, at 7 pm, virtually.
Mike Wolf made a motion to adjourn, Jerry Brandenburg seconded.
Meeting Adjourned: 8:25 pm