

# GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA

## MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

Saturday, December 8, 2001

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** The December Potluck and Board Meeting, held at the home of Goldie Johnson, was called to order by President Bill Robbins at 2:30 p.m.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bill Robbins, President; Steve Erickson, Treasurer; and Judy Hamilton, Secretary. Also present were Directors Paul Lemke, Dave Christianson, Gail Marshall, Rosie O'Donovan, and Katy Paul and Board Members Elect Ted Chura and Paul Martin.

**OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rick Uthe, Programs and Lectures; Alan Smith, Internet; Doug Zbikowski, Public Service; Alex Lowe, Video Library; Marlys Lowe, Budget; Don Swensrud, Social.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** None. (Vice President for 2001 vacant.)

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Based on the telephone poll of those not present, Steve Erickson moved that the minutes be approved. Dave Christianson, seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### III. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Steve Erickson distributed a statement of Financial Position as of December 8, 2001, a Statement of Activity from 1 Oct. 2001 to 7 Dec. 2001, a Proposed Budget for year 2001-2002. An audit and a memo regarding same, was presented by Ted Chura. A Cash Reconciliation and Statement of Activities for Oct. 1, 2000 to Sept. 30, 2001 was presented by Gail Marshall.

Current GSM assets are as follows:

Checking Account	\$2,698.97
Savings Account	613.1
Money Market	8,649.85
Video Library	703.81
Public Service	363.73
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$13,029.54</b>

A motion was made by Judy Hamilton to accept the Treasurer's Report and all accompanying statements and audit. Katy Paul seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### A. Membership

Gail Marshall reported that there are 153 members on the roster, 64 members not renewed, 75 members have renewed and 13 new members. Bill Robbins volunteered to call a few people regarding renewing their membership.

**B. Newsletter**

Katy Paul, Editor, reported that the next issue deadline is February 1, 2002. The Fall edition of our newsletter has been put on the GSM web site.

**C. Field Trips**

Gail Marshall reported income of \$840 with \$602.97 in expenses. Only 2 honorariums were claimed. Total income of \$237 was sent to the GSM treasury.

**D. Exhibits**

No report. Some discussion ensued regarding saving money on printing brochures for the State Fair.

**E. Programs, Lectures & Labs**

Rick Uthe discussed fall lectures. Everything went well in spite of the strike. Steve will be holding his lab on oil as needed. Steve will send a letter of thanks to those who have refused honorariums. Discussion was held on next season's lectures

**F. Public Service & Outreach**

Doug Zbikowski reported that he received a negative response from the Minnesota Historical Society on his grant request.

Outreach has averaged one school visit a week.

**G. Video Library**

Alex Lowe reported that we have two missing tapes – one since 1998. He has sent \$22.00 to the Treasurer for a total in the Video account of \$703.81.

**H. History & Archives**

No report.

**I. Social**

Don Swensrud said we need to use envelopes instead of mailing one sheet. The consensus is that this would not be a problem.

**J. Budget**

Marlys Lowe and Steve Erickson discussed the budget, and specifically the State Fair exhibit.

**K. Internet**

Alan Smith reported that he has updated the web site with lecture series, a newsletter copy, and the lecture room locations. Information on the Video Library will be added soon.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

Bob Kirk will be doing his talk.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

1. The new room for Spring semester lectures has been put on the web and will be put in the next newsletter. It is EE Comp. Sci, Room 3210. It is just Northeast of Amundson Hall and is on the plaza level.
2. Some discussion was held regarding what to do about lectures in the event of bad weather. The consensus was to never cancel a lecture.
3. Rich Uthe distributed possible new items for the 2002-2003 Lecture series. Much discussion followed. The title agreed upon is "Fascinating Geology of Minnesota: Agates to Zeodes.
4. Science Museum – Bill Robbins  
  
Bill provided a copy of a letter to the Science Museum regarding being part of the "Science Summit" and having space available in their literature rack.
5. A Field Trip and Lectures combined meeting will be held January 12 at 12:30 p.m. at Katy Paul's place.
6. Committee Lists: Bill Robbins asked for members to sign up for Committees.
7. Ted Chura presented a handout and made suggestions for a different accounting system for GSM.
8. A gift was presented from Board members to President, Bill Robbins, for his service "beyond the call of duty."

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Next meeting will be held at the home of Judy Hamilton, in Forest Lake, on Saturday, February 9 at 1:00 p.m.**

President Robbins called for adjournment at 4:40 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Hamilton  
Secretary