

GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

Saturday February 10, 2000

I. CALL TO ORDER: The February Board meeting was held at the offices of the Lemke Bros. President Bill Robbins called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Robbins, President; Steve Erickson, Treasurer and Judy Hamilton, Secretary. Also present were Directors Dave Christianson, Paul Lemke, Gail Marshall and Rosemary O'Donovan.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Katy Paul, Director.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT: Rick Uthe, Programs and Lectures; Alex Lowe, Video Library Chair; Marlys Lowe, Margaret Rodina and Don Swensrud.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Minutes of December 9, 2000 were read. Steve Erickson moved for acceptance and Judy Hamilton seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Steve Erickson distributed the financial statement as of February 9, 2001. This statement included a list of GSM property and equipment. Also, income from the Video Library was added to the report and a change of Mattsson's gift to show it included their GSM dues. Gail Marshall moved to accept the amended figures and Judy Hamilton seconded the motion to accept the report. Financial report was approved by majority.

Budget: Marlys Lowe and Steve Erickson will meet to start the budget process earlier for the coming year.

Action Item: Judy Hamilton sent a letter to Don and Nora Mattsson regarding the information she received from the State Fair regarding expanding our exhibit. Copy attached at end.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Membership:

Gail Marshall reported there are currently 122 paid memberships. The total includes 92 members who have renewed, 23 new members, 1 lifetime member and 6 presenters.

There was some discussion regarding calling people for their renewals as well as sending a reminder in the mail.

B. Newsletter:

(Katy Paul absent). Next deadline is May 1, 2001.

C. Field Trips:

The Field Trip Committee has proposed the following local summer field trips:

May 2001	A one-day trip to Taylor's Falls
July 2001	A two-day trip to the Mankato area
August 2001	A one-day trip to Hudson/Riverfalls

Rick Uthe discussed the two-week trip out west in June. We will see the geology of Eastern Colorado and National Parks that will include Arches, Canyonland and Natural Bridges.

Bill Robbins discussed trips sponsored by the Minnesota Mineral Club and informed us that we are invited to join them on any of their trips.

D. Show & Exhibit:

No report.

E. Programs, Lectures and Labs:

Rick Uthe mentioned changes to be made. Christi Rogers, Ray Rogers' wife will lecture on Madagascar dinosaurs on March 12 instead of Ray's lecture.

Rick also discussed possible lecture themes for 2001-2002.

F. Public Service:

1. Completed a six week period of display of our library exhibit on Minnesota's rocks and fossils at the Northtown Branch, Anoka County library.

2. The latest edition of the book "A Guide to Minnesota's Scientific and Natural Areas" was corrected successfully to properly list the Geological Society of Minnesota in its appendix section of organizations.

3. I was told that G.B. Morey will retire from the Survey this spring and that Dave Southwick will retire next Dec. Val Chandler will be the interim Director and Tony Runkle the interim assistant.

3. Markers Program:

- Twenty-six text drafts were technically reviewed by the Survey and modifications were made to correct shortcomings. I requested and received help on some North Shore texts from John Green (retired, U of M, Duluth) and William Cordua (River Falls). The texts will now go to the U of M English Department for a grammatical critique. One new text, King and Queens Bluff, was not written in time by the Survey and will lag the others in the review process. All texts must be in final form by May 1.

- I was told by Professor Carrie Patterson, recently moved from the Survey to Macalester, that the Phase I text at Lake Benton was quoted in part in a national magazine.

4. Outreach:

- One new presenter, Erin Phillips, from Macalester was trained in and will do a Science Fair Exhibit in Plymouth on 13 Feb.
- Another new presenter, Lila Planavsky, from Carleton is interested, but has yet to be trained in.

Respectfully Submitted by e-mail, Doug Zbikowski

G. Video Library:

Reported deposits to Video Library Account.

H. History & Archives:

Rosie O'Donovan will chair the History and Archives Committee.

H. Social:

Don Swensrud has reserved the banquet room at the Old Country Buffet for the Spring banquet.

K. Internet:

GSM Web Page Update.

Updated the room in the winter Lecture to the same room.
Move some of the old pages to a new caption of GSM History.
Added a tentative summer field trip schedule.
Added a Discussion group. <http://24.216.244.44/discussion2/>
Plan to add a President Page used for last minute changes and updates.

Alan Smith, submitted by e-mail

V. OLD BUSINESS:

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Bill Robbins pointed out that the Outreach Program is subsidized by GSM.
2. Bill Robbins would like a name change for the Vice President to President Elect. This would assure that the person in that position (now titled Vice President) would be available to become President for the next year.

3. Mileage is now 34.5 per mile. Steve Erickson moved that lecturers be paid the increased amount. Gail Marshall seconded the motion. Approved.

Next Meeting will be March 31, 2001 at 2 p.m. at the home of Marlys and Alex Lowe.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

President Bill Robbins adjourned the meeting at 4:05.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Hamilton
Secretary

March 31, 2001

Don and Nora Mattsson
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Dear Don and Nora:

It came to my attention recently that you have an interest in enlarging and upgrading the State Fair Booth. Although I **have resigned my position** as Exhibit Chairperson (because I haven't the time this year and will be retiring in a few months, moving, etc.), I am writing to tell you the statistics on enlarging the Fair booth which I received from the Commercial and Sales Division at the Minnesota State Fair.

The cost of a booth is \$55.00 per front foot. Since we already have 10 feet, the present cost is \$550.00. Another 10 feet would be an additional \$550.00. Since our registration has already gone in – it is always requested at the end of each year – we did not and do not have the opportunity to request more space for this coming fall.

Also, I was advised that we cannot increase the size in increments less than 10 feet because they (State Fair Administration) would be unable to sell just 5 feet or whatever length less than 10 feet would be left over.

Additionally, we would need to add more panels across the back of the exhibit and increase the carpet size, just to mention a couple of things.

I, too, think it would be exciting to have a larger booth and have always been envious of those folks across the isle. However, I wonder if it would attract more new members.

Hope you are both well.

Sincerely,

Judy Hamilton
Secretary, Geological Society of Minnesota