

GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

February 14, 2000

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was held at Oak Point Apartments, with a room provided by Katy Paul. President Bill Robbins called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Robbins, President; Bruce Goetteman, Vice-President; Steve Erickson, Treasurer and Judy Hamilton, Secretary. Also present were Directors Sylvia Huppler, Gail Marshall, David Christianson, and Paul Lemke.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Jean Hosterman

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Swensrud, Social; Rick Uthe, Programs and Lectures, Doug Zbikowski, Outreach, Alex Lowe, Video Library; Marlys Lowe, Archives; Katy Paul, Newsletter; Alan Smith, Internet and Aida Robbins, guest.

II: APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Minutes of December 11, 1999 were read and approved with changes.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. Steve Erickson reported that Norwest decided to waive a previously threatened fee on our bank accounts in order to keep us as customers. Therefore, our account was not rolled over to TCF.

2. Steve Erickson reported that he received a letter from Deluxe Corporation Foundation (attached hereto) stating that our organization does not qualify for a corporate match, under their guidelines, regarding the donation by Mary Zbikowski.

3. The current financial status as of February 14, 2000 is as follows:

Savings	604.19
Checking	3,013.88
Money Market	7,921.14
Petty Cash	<u>36.73</u>

Total 11,575.94

Bruce Goetteman moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Sylvia Huppler seconded the motion and the report was approved.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Field Trips: Gail Marshall reported that the Committee met January 29, 2000, in a joint meeting with Programs & Exhibits. Judy Hamilton volunteered to be co-chair of the Field Trip Committee. Suggested trips for the summer of 2000 were:

Alexandria Moraine	2 day	Glacial
Mason City, Iowa	2 day	Fossils
Lillydale Brickyards	1 day in May	Fossils
Redwing	1 day	Fossils and Rocks in the Environment

The Field Trip Committee includes the following people:

Gail Marshall - co-chair
Judy Hamilton - co-chair
Dick Heglund
Rosie O'Donovan
Conrad Nelson
Galen O'Conner

B. History and Archives: Marlys Lowe reported that there are some old books to be given away. Bruce Goetteman donated a computer to Alex Lowe who will use it for the Video Library. He will also list some of our books which include: Minnesota Underfoot by Connie Sansome, Minnesota Geology by Matsch and Ojakangas, and Minnesota Rocks and Water.

C. Membership: Gail Marshall reported that there are presently 160 paid members of the GSM society.

D. Newsletter: Katy Paul was, at this moment, preparing the newsletter for mailing. Deadline for the next issue is May 1.

E. Program Lectures and Labs: Rick Uthe reported that the Program and Lecture Committee meet on January 29. He discussed the upcoming series and who he had been able to get as speakers at this time.

F. Public Service and Publicity: Doug Zbikowski stated that even though we did not get the matching grant from Deluxe, the \$488 should go for school outreach. Doug wants to spend \$281 to complete the Carleton project, specifically to complete rock and mineral boxes. Steve Erickson moved that we spend this amount for the Carleton project and Gail Marshall seconded. Motion passed.

Doug also wants to spend \$207 to promote Mpls. inner school interest in presentations. Discussion followed regarding suburban schools versus inner city schools paying the

presentation fee. Paul Lemke moved that the fee should be the same for all schools. Judy Hamilton seconded the motion. (4 in favor, 4 against). Motion did not pass.

Steve Erickson moved that we identify the schools needing assistance and then revisit this issue at the next meeting. Judy Hamilton seconded the motion. (3 in favor, 4 against). Motion did not pass.

Dave Christianson moved that we spend \$120 on a trial study for testing the Outreach Program in 3 schools. Bruce Goettelman second the motion. Motion passed.

G. Show and Exhibits: No report.

H. Social: Don Swensrud reported that reservations have been made at Old Country Buffet in Maplewood for both Spring and Fall.

I. Video Library: Alex Lowe reported that there are four new members. This brings the video library account to \$1070.55

\$ 988.55
60.00
<u>22.00</u>
\$1,070.55

J. Budget Committee: No report except to note that the budget has been set and is active.

K. Internet Alan Smith reported that he is looking into purchase of a scanner. We could then put the slides of the Brownstone project on our Web Page. He also discussed the possibility of a map of the roadside markers on the Web Page. Some discussion followed regarding having a site for questioning local geologists.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

1. At the request of a GSM member, Judy Hamilton brought up the subject of why single people have a higher membership fee than married people. Some research will be done, for example, to estimate the total cost of mailings in a year. A motion was made to table this subject for future discussion. Dave Christianson moved this motion and Gail Marshall seconded. Motion passed.

2. Judy Hamilton made a motion that formal question time after a lecture be limited to 20 minutes. Steve Erickson seconded and the Motion passed.

3. Doug Zbikowski proposed the possibility of selling pens with GSM sayings on them. Discussion followed, including sales of shirts with logos, etc. Questions of the legality of a non-profit organization such as ours selling products was discussed. Gail Marshall volunteered to do research into the matter. Steve Erickson made a motion that the subject be tabled for further research. Gail Marshall seconded and the Motion passed.

4. President Robbins reminded the Board that we need an audit done on our books. He suggested we put a notice in the next newsletter requesting an Auditor. A suggestion was made to contact Don Mattsson to serve as auditor.

5. Dave Christianson suggested we set up an Endowment Fund to be better positioned to accept donations. This concept was discussed.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Next meeting will be Saturday, April 8, 2000 at 1:00 PM. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Hamilton, Secretary