

GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

Saturday April 8, 2000

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was held at the home of Alex and Marlys Lowe. President Bill Robbins called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT: Doug Zbikowski, Outreach; Rick Uthe, Programs and Lectures; Marlys Lowe, Archives; Alex Lowe, Video Library; and Dick Heglund, Don Mattsson, and Ed Huppler, guests.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Minutes of February 14, 2000 were read and approved with changes.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. Steve Erickson reported our current assets are \$11,064.35.
2. Discussion was held regarding the deferred income addition of \$1,595.00. Don Mattsson assisted Steve Erickson in this matter.
3. Discussion was held regarding the Budget format. We need to provide background support for the Budget. Discussion followed regarding receipts for membership and should Gail Marshall do a direct deposit. The consensus was that she should.
4. Gail Marshall asked where in the treasurer's report the liability was listed for Sister Joan's anticipated and already approved \$500.00 expenditure. It was not put on this accounting, as it had not yet been dispersed.
5. Gail Marshall asked what to do with dues received after April 1, 2000. Steve Erickson will add another column to the Budget.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Field Trips:

Gail Marshall reported that the City of St. Paul form (for the brickyards) is on the way. There is no date set yet. Gail has called Jane (Cleland) Cleveland but has not received a return call as yet. Judy Hamilton reported that the trip for Alexandria and the trip for Redwing are set.

B. History & Archives:

Marlys Lowe will list our old books in archives.

C. Membership:

Gail Marshall reported there are currently 165 members. Sylvia Huppler is editing the directory. It should be done in time for the Banquet.

D. Newsletter:

No report. (Bill Robbins reminded people that articles are due by May 1.)

E. Lectures & Programs:

Rick Uthe discussed lecture series for 2000 -2001. Program is finalized and all speakers are set. Rick also reported that the next two-week trip would be from the end of May to first week of June 2001.

F. Public Service:

Doug Zbikowski reported that Outreach is averaging three presentations a week. Doug is looking at height of markers so the design will be changed. Doug discussed Battle Creek marker and is editing text for 24 other markers.

G. Show & Exhibit:

No report.

H. Social:

No report.

I. Video Library:

Alex Lowe reported that as of March 31, 2000 the Video Library has a balance of \$889.73.

J. Budget Committee:

Marlys Lowe will talk with Don Mattsson regarding background support for costs of each budget item. Histories of previous expenditures have been used as guidelines.

K. Internet:

As Alan Smith was not at the meeting, Bill Robbins gave the report. Alan is looking at digital conversions of slides and might put the Brownstone slide project on the Web Page.

Steve Erickson made a motion to accept the Committee Reports and Dave Christianson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Bill Robbins discussed the question, brought up by a GSM member, of why the fee for Family Membership is less than double the fee for Single Membership. He explained that families receive one newsletter, one directory, one trip flyer, etc. As calculated from budgeted costs, sending only one copy of each mailing to a family saves approximately \$10.00. Therefore, the difference in membership fees is equitable.

2. Sale of T-shirts was brought up. We are not exempt from sales tax but could perhaps do "occasional sales." The Minnesota Mineral Club has shirts and someone may be able to visit them to get information. (They meet the second Saturday each month in Falcon Heights.) A motion was made by Steve Erickson to table this issue until later. Sylvia Huppler seconded the motion. All were in favor.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Earth Museum (previously Potomac Museum) will be having a sale on the 27th and 29th of April at 46th and 100 in Robbinsdale.

2. Bill Robbins asked for input in getting volunteers for cookies at the lectures. It was decided to re-visit the issue in the fall.

3. Bill Robbins suggested an increase in the payment made to Leaders and Speakers. It was suggested that this issue be re-visited in the fall. Steve Erickson made a motion that we table this issue until the Summer Picnic Board Meeting. Jean Hosterman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

4. Membership packet includes various items distributed to new members. Bill Robbins asked whether or not this packet should include name tag and receipt.

5. Bill Robbins will call Goldie Johnson to set the Summer Picnic Board Meeting, probably mid-June. (The date is Sat July 8, 2:00 PM)

6. Nominating Committee: should begin search to replace any retiring directors for year 2001, especially considering need to fill the presidency.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

Judy Hamilton made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Sylvia Huppler seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Hamilton
Secretary