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BOD Meeting Agenda

July 20, 2023

Fox Farm Brewery, 62 Music Vale Rd, Salem, CT 06420

5:00-6:30 pm

Refreshments [Fox Farm Brewery!]

In attendance: NH, MM, PR, RL, JC, SP, PD, CG, MS (DV, JS Absent)

Meeting called to order at 17:21

Minutes

5/4/2023 [MM], CG, RL, Unanimously approved

Treasury Report [SP], RL, CG, Unanimously approved

- PayPal – Contact information was updated, balance was low because \$ was moved to the checking account
- Liberty Bank contact was updated
- Student Research Grant checks were cashed
- Debts to 2022 Annual Meeting have been paid

Correspondence [RL]

- We received an insurance offer in the mail
- PayPal contact change confirmation emails

Website/Google Drive/Google Workspace update [PR]

- Need to become certified as a non-profit organization before moving forward
- PR will look into logistics and provide updates as needed

Standing Committee Reports

Program Committee [RL, JS, CG, NH]

June Field Trip recap: JC gave update

- There were three stops including stone walls/beaver dams, charcoal pits and the Yale Forest
- Longer duration at each stop was appreciated
- Field-trip “die-hards” were in attendance
- Drew Hyatt took photos and JC will ask to provide to share in news blast

Late Summer Picnic - Gillette Castle:

- RL scoped out the area – Opportunity to highlight Honey Hill Fault borehole (MS could bring core and logs), walk on trail to view boudinage, and possibly have Phil/student talk about research
- There is an opportunity to see world class boudins outside of the park property and RL will figure out logistics regarding access
- Registration logistics will be coordinated in an upcoming meeting. The picnic will be on 9/23/23 at noon. Base will be at the picnic area at the boat launch

November 3rd Annual Meeting: CG will talk to the admin at Trinity for further scheduling logistics and also coordinate the menu. Paul Olsen has been confirmed to be the speaker. Further planning pending

Membership [PR, MS]

Wild Apricot update: Will be transitioning payment method from PayPal to Wild Apricot (makes more sense financially and logistically). Will continue to meet to determine further logistics

Membership distribution and levels:

- Membership cycle and alignment of by-laws were reviewed. According to by-laws, the year begins on the annual meeting date, and members prefer to renew around time of registration
- Decided to change membership cycle from calendar year to October 1-September 30

Communication & Education [JC, PD, MM]

Student Research Grants recap/update:

- Last news blast included awardee highlight. Checks had been distributed and cashed
- The donation button is not in an obvious place and should be moved (i.e., student grant main page, membership page, every event registration page, and main page). MM will reach out to Lindsay to address at a future date after transition to Wild Apricot is all set

News Blasts:

- August news blast will include early-fall picnic information (save the date and general information). RL to provide the general information, PR to provide images of Gillette Castle area. Mentioned later in meeting – DSP Day will be mentioned too
- September news blast will include more picnic details and Annual Meeting save the date. NH will find out the title of Paul Olsen's talk.

- October news blast will include more Annual Meeting details.

Nomination Committee [PR]

Board member terms/nominations:

- Nick, Shawn and Dan's Director terms end this year – Nick and Shawn will return, but Dan will not
- Possibly target nominations to those with K-12 connections (Mike Ross, Carol Ivers) – ideas can be sent to the committee and they will discuss
- RL will join the committee

Other Business and Ideas for 2023 not otherwise discussed in Committee Reports?

Thank-you gifts for departing BoD members – no update yet

Dinosaur State Park updates [MM]:

Store collaboration:

- DSP store is up and running again, and manager indicated that they were interested in selling field guides
- Geological Survey has copies of past field guides available (inventory details are available). Sample copies of the most popular/interesting/relevant guides will be provided to store and they can select which ones they want to sell. MM/MS to coordinate
- MS indicated that the Geological Survey is willing to donate available guides to Friends of DSP the proceeds can be split to partially support the student research grant fund

Dinosaur State Park Day GSC participation (Aug. 5th):

- This is an outreach event that could help gain some publicity and a great way to re-establish a relationship with DSP
- NH offered to represent GSC's table and MM/MS will help coordinate – Other ideas for table display can be sent to MM/MS/NH
 - PR might have a banner
- MM will send JC content to advertise in August news blast

Next BoD meeting = September __?, 2023, 4:30-6pm (back at Wesleyan?) – possibly/ideally before the fall picnic. NH to send Doodle poll

CG, RL - Adjourned at 18:42

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Mostowy