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BOD Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2024

Woodard & Curran, Middletown

4:30-6:00 pm

Refreshments [MS]

NH, RL, JS, PR, MS, MM, JC, CI, PD; SP, CG (via Teams)

Start: 16:33

Minutes [MM]

- **1/3/2024 Board Meeting** – Approved as distributed JC, RL

Treasury Report [SP] – Approved as distributed CG, RL

- All bills from the meeting were paid and there is money left over for student grants.
- Weebly charge of \$1632 came up and would like to confirm what the charge is for. SP to reach out to Lindsey to find statement history documentation.
- Confirmed that income from Annual Meeting was submitted as part of the November 2023 report.
- JC estimated Annual Meeting income based on Wild Apricot data: \$3155 of registrations and \$470 from donations.
- The pool of money of raffle tickets and alcohol were combined, so the reported number will not exactly reflect the income from raffle tickets.
- Charging \$25 for student tickets was a good strategy to encourage student participation and membership.

Correspondence [RL]

- There are two emails in the SPAM that might be related to the Google account modifications. PR to check messages.

Website/Google Drive/Google Workspace update [PR]

Google for Nonprofits setup

- Needs to add more information about the organization. Might be a good idea to come up with a mission statement or update the current language in the future.
- Next step is to confirm domain and coordinate linkage to GSC website with Lindsey.

Standing Committee Reports

Program Committee [RL, JS, CG, NH]

Spring Field Trip by Paul Olsen

- Paul Olsen responded to CG's email. Indicated that he is very busy and might not be available until July. Possible options discussed were to see if Paul could hold a trip in early September, as part of the summer/fall picnic, or next year. CG to ask if Paul could hold the trip the Saturday after Labor Day with the picnic after OR sometime next year.
 - Paul responded to the email during the meeting and said that September 14 works. There will be a picnic to follow the trip. CG to follow up with Paul for additional logistics.
- Since Paul is not going to be available this spring, we will have a Lower CT River Valley trip – same/similar as the one from 2016. JS, PR, and RL will lead the trip. The same guide will be used, and JS will update the date on the cover. Date of this trip will be May 4. Title is Geologic Evolution of the Lower CT River Valley – JS to coordinate with JC for any changes. Field guide will be distributed as a PDF. Save the date of the trip would be sent via News Blast on 3/14 and then registration information will be distributed on 4/1.

EPOC Field Trip planning

- Trip will be similar to the May 4th trip, but more catered towards environmental consultants (and will be applying for professional continuing education credit for participants with CT LEP or PG licenses from other states).
- Part of the trip will be to have a lecture in advance. Ideal location would be at DEEP Marine HQ - MS to coordinate scheduling with DEEP Central Services. The potential date for this trip would be late May or June. There may be two trips due to the number of participants.

Plan for remainder of 2024

- Continue coordination of field trips discussed above as well as picnic logistics.
- Need ideas for Annual Meeting location and speaker. To be discussed during May Board meeting.

Membership [PR, MS]

Wild Apricot update

- Continue looking into switching to Wild Apricot billing rather than PayPal.

Membership levels and renewal cycle

- Will monitor logistics of new renewal cycle.

Communication & Education [JC, PD, MM, CI]

News Blasts

- March 15 will include the spring field trip save the date, reminder of Student Grants, and job posting for GIS position at Wesleyan. April 1 will include field trip date and registration, NEGSA re-cap (anyone in attendance encouraged to take photos of students with posters), job posting for DEEP Geologic Survey.
- Participation for geology quiz has slowed down, and thinking about a replacement for content – ideas are welcome.

Guidelines for circulating items sent to us for member distribution

- We are receiving requests to advertise for national organizations. The purpose of the News Blast should be CT focused. PR set up a LinkedIn page, so any job-postings (relevant to CT affiliated organizations) can be advertised there.
- Need to figure out guidelines of when to post on LinkedIn, email Academic Advisory list, and on the News Blast – to be continued next meeting.

Scholarships

- March 31 is the deadline for applications. None yet

Nomination Committee [PR]

2023 Debrief

- Shawn's term ends this year. We will have a vacancy for a Treasurer.
- PR has been keeping track of Board member terms in a spreadsheet within the shared drive. There are 5 seats up for re-election.
- Nomination discussion will be on the agenda for the May meeting.

Other Business and Ideas for 2024 not otherwise discussed in Committee Reports?

Dinosaur State Park updates [MM]:

Store collaboration

- Field guides have been dropped off to the store and MM will continue to coordinate as needed.

DSP Day August 3rd

- Seeking volunteers to represent GSC at a table.
- Rock kits could be created for sale – MS seeking help to create kits.

Thank-you gifts for departing BoD members (for last 2 years?)

- Mini Joe Webb People's award vendor logistics still being sorted out.
- Possible candidates were discussed for award this year.

Next BoD meeting = May 6th