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BOD Meeting Minutes

March 22, 2021

Zoom

5:30-7:00 pm

Meeting called to order at 5:37 PM (PR)

In attendance: PR, MT, NH, JH, CG, SP, RL, HM, JS, DV, MW

Minutes 1/25/2021 [CG]

(moved DH, seconded MT) unanimously approved

Treasury Report [SP]

Update from SP, discussion on the technicalities of treasurer change
Treasury report unanimously approved (moved CG, seconded JV).

Correspondence [RL]

RL mentions letter about membership, brief discussion on how to keep membership roster current when members pay by check.

NH showed letter from Madison Land trust about possible fossil find at Indian Rocks and will respond.

Committee Reports

Membership

Wild Apricot and current membership update (PR)

PR in conversation with Lindsey Belliveau who wants to stay involved as webmaster, Wild Apricot credentials will be shared with BoD to streamline flow of communications.

Brief discussion about honorary members

Directory (JS, MT, CG)

No updates, JS will work on membership directory

Communication & Education [CG, NH, FM, MW]

AAC (NH)

PR sent out notes to AAC, NH plans meeting with AAC in Fall, revive distinguished speaker, Bob Wintsch was nominated, but he did not want to do it virtually.

Opportunities for [student] members (PR)

Discussion on how to distribute student / job opportunities to interested parties; currently PR forwards to AAC; discussion about a LinkedIn – group page to post such information;

MW proposed (virtual) LIDAR short course to be held (at or prior to) GSC meeting; Will Ouimet volunteered to do it.

Colloquia (PR)

Wesleyan seminars greatly appreciated by members and BoD; general discussion on including colloquium invitations from other schools (UCONN, Yale, CCSU)

Website update (DH, MW, PR)

Lindsey wants to remain involved, Weebly includes authoring tool, PR made modest improvements to website, DH will take over as web coordinator

Student Research Grant (FM, CG, NH)

PR sent out announcements; discussion on reaching out to out of state students; submission deadline 3/30; discussion on applicants will be between meetings; decisions by 5/1, preferably earlier; no applications so far.

Program Committee

CT Trails Day (RL)

No updates from RL, submission deadline for hikes is 5/19; suggestion to invite members to lead trips; RL will do trip for Lyme land trust; general COVID concerns; general discussion about liability insurance; PR will inquire with CFPA about their liability insurance

Summer Picnic (SP, CG, FM)

Last picnic was well-received, would be COVID safe event; FM thinks about date in September; RL proposes Rocky Neck SP as suitable space for picnic with significant geological interest; possible date: weekend after Labor Day

EPOC joint field trip (RL, JS, NH)

NH - trip preparations are far advanced, but on hold due to COVID

NEIGC (PR, NH, FM)

General discussion on travel and student involvement in COVID times; BoD cautiously pessimistic to respectfully pessimistic – will probably not happen

Fall Field Trip?

General consensus that picnic should serve as field trip; RL volunteers his expertise; regular field trips will resume next spring; Old Mine Park fieldtrip – still on hold; field guide almost ready to be sent out for review.

Annual Meeting (CG, MW, DH)

Will Ouimet proposed as speaker for annual meeting, discussion on LIDAR short course prior to meeting?

Organizational

Bylaw review, mission statement and revision (MW, PR, MT)

No news to report

Nominations and Elections

Recruitment of members to subcommittees (PR)

PR urges us to recruit members outside the BoD

Other Business

NEGSA

MW gives short review of meeting: 476 attendees, slight profit, meeting went a lot smoother than initially expected

JWP Award nomination/vote

Mark Evans nominated for JWP award (MT JS), unanimously accepted

Geopaths intern

MT wants one and will hire one, timing is flexible, and intern position is renewable

Next meeting

5/24, 4:30 – 6:00 PM - PR will send invitation

Meeting adjourned at 19:07 PM (CG, JS)