

## **Minutes of Connecticut Geological Society Board Meeting**

**February 20, 2014**

Present: Ralph Lewis, Fritz Moritz, Janet Stone, Meg Enkler, Margaret Thomas, Mark Lewis.

Call to order 4:35

**Treasurer's Report:** Tax form 990 was approved via e-mail on February 6<sup>th</sup> 2014. We had an extension to February 15<sup>th</sup> but because the date of the last meeting was changed it was necessary to do an e-mail approval. John Purtill filed the tax return for us. Current report of Society's finances:

Paypal \$5,681.37

Savings \$502.32

Checking \$1,023.66

Total assets: \$7,207.35

Matte has put together a new Excel spreadsheet to track/expenses revenue which she showed to the group. It will be very helpful when the treasury passes to the next person.

**Treasurer's Report was approved Mark moved approval/Fritz seconded**

**Minutes were approved Mark moved approval/Meg seconded**

**Society Brochure** –Latest version looks great but we need a couple of changes on the panel where the titles of past programs are listed.

**Grants program** – Meg and Fritz presented the details of how the grant program will work. It will be offered to undergraduates (Juniors and Seniors) and Masters degree students doing work in Connecticut. They must be studying Connecticut geology and must provide a final technical report. They must be GSC members. The Committee approved the guidance document as amended. This will be posted on the website.

Mark made a motion that GSC allocate \$2,000 from existing funds from the Society to serve as seed money for the first year of the grant(s). Any additional funds donated specifically for the scholarship will be added to this amount." This was approved unanimously.

**CEUs/LEPs** – Mark spoke to Kim Moriano who handles LEPs for DEEP. They have a Board that meets monthly and they will need a summary of the event with details including location, hours, etc. They must receive this at least a week before the meeting. Mark will get this information to Kim. CEUs will be handled by DSP for this Field trip, in the future the Society will need to become a provider on our own.

**Student research symposium/Connecticut Geoscience Journal.** At present the Society lacks the manpower to move forward on either of these initiatives but we will keep them in mind for the future.

**Membership** –Renewals are dribbling in, we expect that it will pick up right before the field trip. A Save-the-date should be sent out for the field trip which can also serve as a reminder to pay for membership.

**Program Committee-** Janet reported for the program committee. The date is April 12<sup>th</sup>. However, before we publicize it to members Janet is going to check with Mike W. to make certain his class can come. They had another field trip scheduled for the day but he thought that he could switch. If they can't we may switch to an early May date. Janet will try to firm this up quickly. There was discussion of what the guidebook will contain, Janet plans to supplement the descriptions of the stops with some material from USGS and two large color maps. We will not be having a Society sponsored cook out after the trip. Instead we will select a local restaurant where everyone can meet afterward for dinner and drinks. Anyone who attends can just pay their own tab which will simplify things.

**Future Speakers** – UCONN is the site for the annual fall meeting. Gary Robbins is going to be taking the lead organizing the meeting and Ralph will give him a call to see if he is willing to be the speaker and to also pick a date.

**Joe Webb Peoples Award** – Everyone was in agreement that Sid Quarrier would be an excellent candidate for the Joe Webb Peoples award. However, we should still go through the process. Nomination information will be posted on the website and we'll see if we get other nominations before making an announcement.

**NEGIC** – will be at Wesleyan in the Fall of 2015. Ralph will contact the chairperson to offer our help. We can offer to help with the guidebook, lead field trips, tell our members and post information on the website.

**Historian** – Do we really need a historian to establish a formal way to archive what we do? We may discuss this further at the next meeting.

**Licensing of Professional Geologists** – We won't pursue this at this time. There is already an LEP program, trying to establish something new is beyond our purview at this time.

#### **Other**

Fritz brought up that we could make arrangements to have our logo on T-shirts, mugs, etc. now that we have a logo. He will investigate the cost further. This has been brought up before – Peter knows someone who does this as well. We should compare prices.

Adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Next meeting April 2nd