BOD Meeting Minutes – approved
July 14, 2020

ZOOM

4:30-6:00 pm

Refreshments [BYOB]

Present: PR, JS, MT, RL, NH, SP, MW, FM, CG, DV

Minutes

05/05/2020 [DH] (2 min)

- Approved as revised. DH will send to CG and post on society Google drive.

Treasury Report [FM] (5 min)

- Received and appended.

Correspondence [RL] (3 min)

- Limited activity. Some identification requests, one piece of mail
- RL commented that there has been little P.O. box activity for a while. In discussion, MT commented that as a nonprofit the P.O. box address is needed as a physical address.

Committee Reports – What can/should we do during the pandemic?

- PR encouraged subcommittees to meet outside of regular BOD meetings, report on society business, and reinvigorate activity.
- Subcommittees will meet to discuss events and education/outreach efforts.

Event Committee [MT, FM, JS, RL] (30 min)

Fall field trip(s)

- PR commented on limitations placed on some universities including no off-campus activities and limiting van transport to the driver plus one student. This could influence the use of vans for society events in the upcoming year.
- FM led discussion of the status of the Old Mine field trip. This has been on hold for a variety of reasons. This was viewed as possibly a good site for an informal meetup.
- MT indicated that the map is now available online which would be of interest to members. There was some discussion of sharing this map with the membership.
• Several C19-safe activities were discussed including:
  o Short informed geo-walks, ≈ 1 hour on sites of geologic interest. Less formal than a field trip, at sites suitable for interested members to drive to on their own (with ample safe parking).
  o This could facilitate donations for the scholarship fund.
  o Short field trips that safely bring people together with a bag-lunch. RL volunteered to lead a trip at sites he knows of.
• PR requested that BOD members develop and submit brief proposals for these activities prior to our September meeting. This will be a discussion item at our next meeting.
• Considerable discussion followed on ways in which society activities could be of use to the membership and the geological community. Ideas brought forth include:
  o Video vignette competition for members to describe sites of geologic interest
  o YouTube postings of similar videos
  o A contest would ease selecting a subset of videos, which would ensure quality.
  o Requesting that past student scholarship awardees prepare a brief video or web-appropriate summary of their work
  o RL commented on success in his geology class for UCONN on having students’ present podcasts rather than in-person presentations. A podcast submission/contest could be developed.
  o Similarly, MW described his efforts with students presenting posters on geologic sites of their choosing.
  o Specifics on managing (if necessary), posting, and linking video to the society website would need to be resolved.
• RL will receive submissions on short geo-walks to bring back to the society for discussion at our next meeting.
• PR requested that the events committee meet separately to consider these ideas for discussion at our next meeting.

2020 Annual meeting
• The fall meeting will be virtual, and the board will need to formalize plans on such an event. Several ideas were discussed including:
  o Approaching Maureen Long on providing a virtual keynote (PR will contact her)
  o Hosting, perhaps with zoom, sharing business reports from appropriate BOD members
  o The society needs to determine who is up for reelection. This should be in the google.
  o PR will chair a meeting to organize a virtual annual meeting. MW and NH volunteered to help.

Communication & Education [CG, NH, FM, MW] (20 min)
2020 DL, Academic Advisory Committee
• Bob W. is the 2020 distinguished speaker. Would he be willing to do this virtually?
• Academic advisory meeting discussion:
  o This could be a zoom meeting.
  o Several ideas discussed considered ways that the GSC could support geologic programs.
  o In addition to ideas identified earlier in the minutes, it may be helpful to develop a brief list of sites and information that would be of use to the geologic community. A prompt sent to the AAC and perhaps the membership might solicit feedback for the GSC to post/share relevant information.
  o DH will prepare a draft document for revision to organize solicitations for information on such a listing (this will be sent to the BOD via email over the next week). Ideas raised included known
outcrop sites, associated parking, useful online resources (e.g. 3D geologic samples, other web resources), good YouTube videos, geo-hiking sites, etc.).

- MT emailed after draft minutes were posted commenting that the State Survey has content that would be useful for possible walk/video series. In addition to their garnet trail web/story map sites there are Earthcache sites described online. The website is undergoing a transition, but may be accessed from https://www.depdata.ct.gov/maps/earthcache/earthcachemap.htm
- The Connecticut Garnet Trail will be republished online soon.

**Web page**
- Web page is very important to the society. It will be important to provide updates as appropriate
- Michael Ross from DSP may have content that could be linked to on the website. Several agreed that he should be invited to a future BOD meeting to introduce himself.
- DH will reach out to Michael.
- PR and CG will create a zoom meeting on the website. MW, CG, RL, PR, DH will be included.

**Social Media**
- Tabled.

**Membership [JS, MT, SP] (2 min)**
- GSC activities are needed to engage the membership.
- The guidebook for Mine Park could be provided to the membership as a pdf, with a less formal field trip.
- FM will talk with MT.
- In the past, the GSC did vote to provide past guidebooks for sale as prints and pdfs.

**NEGSA 2021 [MW, CG, MT, DH, PR] (10 min)**

- Meeting is going ahead
- GSC discussed sponsoring the event. This was viewed positively although the level of commitment needs to be clarified.
- Sponsorship would provide exposure for the society. Logo, business meeting, filler slides, student videos, cut to the next business item.
- MW will discuss with Mark Evans what would be involved if the society were to sponsor the event.
- MT commented that several short courses are proposed. MW and CG are also involved with sessions an DH with exhibits. 4 are proposed as well as some field trips.

**NEIGC [NH, PR] (5 min)**
- Postponed until the fall of 2021 due to C19. The timing in October 2021 will need to avoid conflicting with national GSA in Portland Oregon.
- A committee will need to form to start recruiting trips. Activity on this will likely begin in the winter of 2021.

**End of Meeting:** 6:00 pm.

**Next Meeting:** Early September – date finalized by email.
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GSC TREASURER'S REPORT
5/5/2020 through 7/13/2020

CASH FLOW - ALL ACCOUNTS

INCOME
Membership (regular) 40.00
TOTAL INCOME 40.00

EXPENSES
Wild Apricot (3 months) 180.00
Paypal & transaction fees 2.96
TOTAL EXPENSES 182.96

NET CHANGE -142.96

ACCOUNT BALANCES 5/4/2020 7/13/2020 Net
Paypal 1451.29 1308.33 -142.96
Checking 1316.56 1316.56 0.00
Cash 718.07 718.07 0.00
TOTAL 3485.92 3342.96 -142.96

STUDENT GRANT FUND
Balance as of 5/4/2020 253.33