

GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF MINNESOTA
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
December 13,1997

I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was held at Goldie Johnson's home. President Marlys Lowe called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Marlys Lowe, President; Sylvia Huppler, Vice President; Pat Johnson, Secretary; Don Mattsson, Treasurer; Directors Alex Lowe, Don Swensrud, and Doug Zbikowski.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Charlie Brennecke, and Dick Heglund.

OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT: Bruce Goetteman, Membership Chair; Judy Hamilton, Newsletter Chair; Galen O'Connor, Field Trip Chair; newly elected directors, Dave Christianson, Paul Lemke, and Tom Burt; and members Rick Hosterman and Barb Gudmundson.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Minutes of the Nov.10, 1997 Board Meeting, with corrections, were approved. Sylvia made a motion to accept the minutes and Alex seconded the motion. Passed.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT: As of 9-30-97

Checking	\$2511
Savings	\$1114
Education fund	\$8095

Don Mattsson distributed copies of the 9-30-97 financial statement. Alex made a motion to accept the report, Don S. seconded the motion. Passed.

Don M presented the proposed '98 budget. Don S. made a motion to accept the proposal, as corrected, and Sylvia seconded the motion. Passed.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. MEMBERSHIP: Bruce reported we have 161 paid members, plus 15 promotional memberships. Bruce gave an extra membership disc to Sylvia. He will also call Fran about printing more of the "Fire and Ice" pamphlets.

2. FIELD TRIPS: Galen will have a committee meeting in Jan. In '98 there will be one weekend trip, two day trips, and one big trip.

There has been some complaints about field trip cost, so Sylvia suggested using some money from the Educ. Fund to reduce cost. This will be discussed at a later meeting.

3. NEWSLETTER: Judy reported that currently the Newsletter is being put together. Bruce will be doing the production (layout). Judy will be going off the Newsletter committee in a few months.

4. PROGRAM-LECTURES AND LABS: Various lecture themes were considered for '98-'99. Sylvia made a motion to accept the theme "Basics of Physical Geology and Climate Change". Don S. seconded the motion. Passed.

Five different entities will receive GSM Xmas gifts. Alex made a motion that \$125 be appropriated for this purpose. Sylvia seconded the motion. Passed.

5. PUBLIC SERVICE: Doug reported that a phase 2 may be added to the plaque project with 10 new markers added.

The Outreach student does her presentation about 3 times per week.

Alex attended a planning meeting in Hinckley on rocks and minerals workshop. They may need 100 GSM rockboxes for next summer.

6. SHOW AND EXHIBITS: Rick Hosterman, the GSM State Fair contact person, filled out & returned the application to rent a space at the Fair. The money is due in May.

7. SOCIAL : Don reported that approximately 30 people take coffee & cake per lecture, down from about 50.

8. VIDEO LIBRARY: Alex reported a \$643 balance as of 12-10-97, with 55 members.

V. OLD\NEW BUSINESS:

1. ~~The University has agreed to pay for a GSM Web Page.~~ Sylvia made a motion to form a Web Page committee. Don S. seconded the motion. Passed. Ben Preece, our contact person, recommended the following two objectives: 1) the Page will publicize what the GSM does 2) general geology topics will be covered.

2. Sylvia passed out to committee chairs lists of possible members to contact.

3. Sister Joan is doing a video on the brownstones of Duluth, Superior, the Bayfield area, & the Upper Michigan Peninsula. She requested that the GSM be her nonprofit sponsor so she can get grants from organizations. This would involve handling money and extra bookkeeping. She also requested the GSM underwrite part of her project. Total money needed has not been determined. Don M. indicated there is some question if the GSM can even receive money in such a situation. Discussion at a later time.

4. Next Board meeting will be Feb. 7 at 1:00 p.m. at Sylvia's.

VI. ADJOURNMENT: Don M. made a motion to end the meeting. Dave C. seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Pat Johnson, Secretary