

**MBGS Executive Committee Meeting
Minutes
January 13, 2010**

<u>Officers In Attendance:</u>	Craig Johnson	President
	Mike Olson	Vice-President
	Jen Jennings	Secretary
	Tom Hoane	Treasurer
	Tom Godbold	Business Manager
	Mark Wollensak	Co-Field Trip Director
	Mark Nida	Co-Field Trip Planner
	Leonard Espinosa	Co-Field Trip Director
	Robb Gillespie	AAPG Delegate
	Bill Harrison	AAPG Delegate

<u>Officers Not Present:</u>	Arlene Anderson-Vincent	Newsletter
	EZ Manos	Past-President

<u>Guests:</u>	Cheryl Stanfield	Member
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Location: Claddagh Irish Pub, Lansing, MI

Meeting Called to Order by Mike Olson at 4:36 pm

Field Trips: Mark Wollensak gave his report first so that he could attend to some business.

- 2010 ES AAPG Meeting:
 - o Detroit Salt Mine & Fitzgerald Park field trips: Mark reported that he'd sent out agendas and cost estimates for the trip. There was some discussion in regards to the pricing of the two trips.
 - o Kentland Quarry: Mark W. needs a contact name for this trip. He was wondering who is coordinating the trip.
 - o Field Trip Lunches: Mark mentioned his neighbor who owns several Subway restaurants may help arrange a deal at a Kalamazoo-area Subway for MBGS field trip lunches.
- Yellowstone:
 - o Although Mark mentioned pushing the Yellowstone 2011 trip back to 2012, he still wants to explore planning the trip for 2011.
 - o Mark Wollensak gave Mark Nida information on a person to contact for the Yellowstone trip.
 - o Mark estimates the trip may cost around \$1,200 per person, but it is a rough estimate.

Core Kit:

- Mark W. reported that he hasn't found a set of appropriate-sized clear nesting containers to use with the core kit. The preference is clear Nalgene containers and was wondering if we can get some from WMU.
- Mark secured an old "pelican case" to put the cores in.

Website:

- Mark W. is prepping a list of links for Wendy to add to the website.
- A suggestion was made for Wendy to use the same links from the former website, if she has access to that information.

Insurance: Mark W will contact Jim Neal to see if it is feasible for him to review our insurance waiver.

Arkona Quarry Field Trip: Mark W asked Mike Olson to discuss his ideas for this potential field trip

- Mike Olson talked about his plans to meet Dr. Steve Loduca from EMU at the quarry to spread out the rock piles to expose fresh fossils for an April 2010 MBGS field trip.
- There will be some sort of liability release that needs to be submitted to the owner, and a release to the society

- Dr. Loduca wants to combine the trip with the former Holcin Quarry in Dundee, which just closed recently.
- Mike would like to run the trip on a Saturday in April, the committee discussed and agreed that April 24th would be a good date to hold this field trip

Speakers: Mike Olson reported that all slots have been filled except for May 12

- January: Tonight Dr. Taggart will be speaking
- February: Dave Huey will be speaking on the Eagle Project
- March: going to U of M, there was some discussion on carpooling
- April: open forum "What I did for Vacation." Jen volunteered to speak on her trip to Watkins Glen, NY, and will do a write up for Arlene to put in the newsletter, to seek other speakers.
- May: Still need a speaker

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was reviewed and approved.

Minutes: Minutes from December 9, 2009 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Meeting Locations:

- Tom G. reported that he cancelled March's meeting room at MSU
- February & May are still at MSU
- March will be at U of M, Tom G. suggested we carpool

2010 AAPG ES Meeting Update: Bill & Robb gave their update on the 2010 AAPG ES meeting

- Field Trips:
 - Bill complimented Mark W. on the work he's done so far
 - Kentland Quarry:
 - Bill has a contact.
 - The trip would have to be on a Wednesday or Friday because the quarry does not permit visitors on weekends
- Registration:
 - Dave Morse sent the registration software used at the Evansville meeting
 - Credit Cards payments:
 - Jen agreed to ask Wendy if she can set up something secure on the MBGS website in order to accept credit card payments.
 - If not, Bill Harrison said he could go through WMU for registration.
 - Mike Olson suggested we consider using Pay Pal as another option
- Meeting Webpage: Bill H. sent Wendy some information for the meetings webpage.
- ASAP: Meeting Webpage and Registration needs to be worked out asap. Goal is early March.
- Call For Papers:
 - Needs to go out ASAP, Bill Harrison & Mike Grammer (technical program chairman) will see to it
 - The selection of sessions has already been established. Again, technical sessions are key to the meeting.
- Budget: Bill Harrison is working with Tom Hoane
- Ice Breaker at the Air Zoo:
 - Estimated attendance for budget projections is 300 people.
 - They need to work on the menu for the event. Radisson will cater (6 or 6:30 start time) and serve Michigan Beer (Bells or Arcadia) & Wine (Lawton Ridge).
- Radisson:
 - Hotel Rooms: contract exists for rooms set aside: Friday 40 rooms, Saturday 60, Sunday 150, Monday 150, Tuesday 100, plus there are other hotels nearby
 - Meeting Rooms:
 - we are being charged by the Radisson for using meeting room space
 - we need to decide what to charge displayers, perhaps a non-profit & government rate, as well as a rate for displayers that are for-profit
 - Meeting rooms are reserved for breakfast meetings, poster session, etc...
 - Logistics for room set up and decisions for food need to be made ASAP

- Short Courses:
 - Trenton-Black River core workshop will be Saturday @ MGRRE
 - Dr. Harrison mentioned a DOE-funded program for small oil & gas operators (RPSEA?) that might help with costs
 - Books, lunches, etc... are the costs
 - Fundamental Petroleum Geology: short course for students as part of the student expo.
 - Mike Grammar has a contact from Chevron who puts on this short course.
 - Eastern Section pays for the Student Expo
 - Charge a nominal fee so that students are motivated to show up once they're registered
- Padfolios & Shoulder bags/brief cases:
 - Tom Hoane passed around the padfolios & shoulder bags we could obtain through Dan McGuire.
 - Bill mentioned shoulder bags are common & many folks are overloaded with them, padfolios are more unique and probably the way to go.
 - Bill will contact Dave Morse from the 2009 ES meeting as well as Tom Hoane's contact
 - Shoulder bags might be a good idea for spouses. There were 40 spouses registered at Evansville
 - Hopefully we can get a sponsor for these items
- Sponsors: needed for
 - Padfolios, spouse bags
 - Ice breaker
- Alcohol: still need to consider free drinks vs cash bar for the mini-break Tuesday night. 1 free drink was served in Evansville

New Business:

- MBGS Field Trip Waiver: Mark W. covered this during his portion of the meeting, he will see if Jim Neal will review
- AIPG Joint Meeting: Craig Johnson said AIPG would like to do the meeting in June or September. Craig told them we don't meet in June, but that September could be a possibility
- Scholarships: SPE is offering a \$1000 scholarship. The committee couldn't decide how much to offer for MBGS scholarship, so it will be discussed over email.
- AAPG Delegates: Craig has received several emails wanting the names of our delegates. He thinks they want to know every year, in the past notification has been required every 3 years. He will double check the email and talk to the MBGS people involved.
- Elected Positions: Jen mentioned she won't be running for secretary in the next election, due to wanting to focus on starting a family

Meeting adjourned at 6pm