

## Minnesota Center for Mineral Resource Education

Meeting Minutes for Thursday, January 29, 2015, 10 AM at DNR in St Paul

### Attendees

Mike Hultgren, Dennis Martin, Harvey Thorleifson; by Phone: Julie Marinucci, Jim Miller, Cheryl Sill

Agenda agreed to as circulated

Approval of Minutes for December 4, 2014 – motion to approve by Dennis, 2nd by Cheryl, no discussion, motion carried; Dennis asked that we understand that all emails to the State are public information

### **Safety Equipment Update:**

- Julie reported that 3M will provide hard hats and safety glasses with their logo; we will honor their logo, perhaps while adding our own logo – Cheryl will look into stickers; Julie will prepare a draft thank-you letter for Jim's signature; Jim will look into vests with reflective tape

### **Teacher Resources, Rock Samples:**

- Cheryl has made good progress; looking at \$4-6 flash drive; \$1.25 water bottle, maybe a rain poncho, need to replenish bags, maybe a \$5-6 hand lens; nice to provide a poster, but getting harder to get, as more and more things are digital – Harvey will look into what the Survey can provide; nice to do a topo map of each teacher's school, but this was a lot of work when it was last done; lanyards are surprisingly expensive - ~\$2; bags maybe \$1 for 1500, or \$1.60 for a more manageable number; metal water bottle would be nice if not too expensive, or maybe a sponsor can provide them
- Cheryl is proposing \$40/person; Jim suggests a total of \$5000, or about \$50 per person
- Participants like to get a T-shirt, and this could be good promo, such as by listing dates and sites of past workshops; people likely would pay
- This was good brainstorming, and Jim suggest that we finalize a plan at the next meeting, although we can go ahead with some things such as flash drives, and maybe bags
- Regarding rock samples, Dennis is ready to go on this, and he needs to know what we have; Jim will do an inventory of what is at NRRI – will need tackle boxes; will plan to have these ready for May 1; Cheryl will help

### **Report of Vice Chair – Administration**

- Mike Hultgren reviewed status of our funds - \$33k – things are in good shape
- \$900 in contributions in January; Still need to transfer residual MMEW 2014 funds from NRRI - ~\$1500
- IMA, ARM, & MM were invoiced for housing subsidy
- Mike confirmed that re 501c3 status, there is no issue with how much money we have
- Agreed that Jim should seek advice from Kate Lehmann on financial support and governance

### **Report of Vice Chair –Finance**

- In Craig's absence, it was noted that fundraising is going superbly due to Craig's excellent efforts, with the support of all; Jim will follow up with Craig for an update

### **Report of the Vice Chair - Operations**

- Excellent program pretty much confirmed; Brad Moore, Polymet, keynote speaker; Tuesday evening event
- Liability insurance arranged by ARM; Will renew Survey Monkey, \$300
- Circular will be distributed at MESTA; Online registration through Eventbrite
- Excellent science/resource balance; motion Dennis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike to endorse draft program; carried
- Field trips look fantastic; Silver Bay, Tamarack, and more; Minnesota Coaches; will run twice with half of the group switching; Motion to endorse draft field trip plan, Harvey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike, carried
- 80 dorm rooms booked despite Grandma's Marathon; \$42/night
- Would like to subsidize the rooms to \$30; will discuss with Fred, Craig, & Frank, and confirm by email in February; Catering all set; 750 emails in our contact database
- Discussion on future sites at next meeting

### **Other Business**

- All is well!

***Date, place and time of next meeting: maybe late in the week of April 6<sup>th</sup>; Doodle poll to come***

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes prepared by Harvey Thorleifson