

Minnesota Center for Mineral Resource Education

Meeting Minutes for Thursday, December 4, 2014, 10 AM at DNR in St Paul

Attendees

Hannah Friedrich, Mike Hultgren, Dennis Martin, Harvey Thorleifson; by Phone: George Hudak, Julie Marinucci, Jim Miller, Cheryl Sill; Regrets: Craig Pagel

Agenda agreed to as circulated

Approval of Minutes for October 23, 2014 – motion to approve by Mike, 2nd by Dennis, no discussion, motion carried.

Report of the Chair:

- Jim Miller expressed appreciation to all, and noted how well MCMRE and MMEW affairs are going

Report of Vice Chair – Administration

- Mike Hultgren reviewed status of our funds – things are in good shape
- Mike is developing a model for how our annual financial cycle ideally will work
- Jim concurrently is developing a generic budget model
- IMA, ARM, & MM will soon be invoiced for housing subsidy
- NRRI will soon transfer residual MMEW 2014 funds - ~\$1500
- Mike confirmed that the annual 501c3 report is being done

Report of Vice Chair –Finance

- In Craig's absence, Hannah noted that an MMEW Executive Summary had been prepared to accompany fundraising letters

Report of the Vice Chair - Operations

- Draft online registration site in preparation
- We will cover the online registration fees rather than passing them through
- We will leave the registration fee unchanged
- We will include lodging on the online registration site
- Lodging next spring could be a bit tight – week before Grandma's Marathon
- Draft Facebook site done – will use photos from mmew.org
- Hardhats are expired – need new helmets, glasses, vests
- Will buy this if we need to
- Julie will talk to a potential corporate sponsor about donating safety gear
- OK for sponsor to place their logo
- Dennis will assemble rock and mineral kits; Harvey & Jim can help with materials
- Hannah now administers mmew.org – thanks to John Heine for his previous role & the transfer
- Discussion of possible sites for MMEW 2016 – e.g. Crookston, Morris, Northfield, St Cloud
- Good to alternate between NE MN & elsewhere; feedback favored somewhere new, or NW
- Re MMEW 2015 in Duluth, things are going well – updated task list; facilities worked out; online registration coming together; field trips being planned – discussion on Silver Bay, ME, Hallet Dock, gravel pits, flood damage, Tamarack, quarries; discussion of exploration session during conference; keynote possibilities discussed; promotional flyer for MESTA; Survey Monkey again; web site; teacher resources – maybe someone in Hibbing could help Cheryl & Dennis; continuing education credits unlikely due to cost – things are coming together well for a superb workshop

Other Business

- All is well!

Date, place and time of next meeting: late January or early February just before MESTA; Hannah will do a Doodle poll

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes prepared by Harvey Thorleifson