

MINUTES of the SOCIETY OF MINERAL MUSEUM PROFESSIONALS

February 11, 2000 at Tucson, Arizona

Minutes of the Board Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm by president Mark Mauthner. He issued the agenda for the annual general meeting.

Treasurers Report: Anna Domitrovic, treasurer, reviewed her financial report. Five thousand dollars has been moved from the checking account to the money market fund.

Newsletter Distribution: Tony Kampf and Anna discussed the distribution of the newsletter by e-mail. A few sent by email were returned, so some peoples e-mail addresses must have changed. All members who dont have e-mail got hard copies by regular mail.

Membership Directory: Anna inquired about the possibility of producing a hard-copy membership directory, since most people find this very useful. She offered to produce one, but does not have all the data. Mauthner also offered, saying he would make a new membership database in Superbase. Jean DeMouthe noted that she still has the old list in Access and Paradox. After some discussion, it was decided that Jean DeMouthe would create a new directory, with additions & corrections from Anna Domitrovic and Tony Kampf.

Computer Committee: Tony Kampf said theres nothing new with the Computer Committee, but he would speak at the main meeting anyway.

Collections & Curators Committee: Virgil Lueth said he would report on orphaned collections and curators and the activity of the Collections Committee.

Stolen Specimens: Bill Metropolis already returned to Boston, but no one knew of any stolen specimens.

Education Committee: Ginny Mast will speak for the Education Committee, on the Tucson SMMP exhibit on Brazilian oddities, and will discuss plans for the Denver show.

Publication Committee: Jean DeMouthe will issue a revised copy of the Publication Committee description and ask for contributions and volunteers.

New Business for the General Meeting: website feedback, MM4 in Australia

Ginny Mast suggested that we provide munchies at the end of the general meeting, before the program, to encourage people to come and stick around.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:38 pm.

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 1:08 pm by president Mark Mauthner.

Roll call and introductions were made, and an attendance list was circulated.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: Mauthner asked for a motion to accept the September 1999 minutes. It was so moved by C. Francis, 2nd by V.Mast, and unanimously passed.

Presidents Report: Mark Mauthner stated that due to the late opening of the Pacific Mineral Museum, he neglected his duties as president and promised to do better if re-elected.

Treasurers Report: Anna Domitrovic presented the treasurers report and distributed a copy of it to members. She asked for any changes in members addresses, etc. and encouraged people to pay their dues.

Computer Committee: Tony Kampf asked how people had liked being referred to the web site for the newsletter via e-mail. He urged people to check their e-mail addresses on the directory copy provided. We have a list server (group e-mail) for members only.

Richard Herd asked about SMMP archives on the web. Tony said he would post things as they come in.

Collections Committee: Virgil Lueth reported that the San Bernardino County Museum is without a curator; Bob Reynolds is gone. The California State geology collection has been transferred to the State Park system, and a job description is being prepared for the new curator.

Stolen Specimens: Carl Francis (in place of Bill Metropolis) reported that there have been no reports of stolen specimens.

Education Committee: Ginny Mast discussed the SMMP exhibit in this show (Brazilian Oddities) and thanked all that contributed. For Denver, she suggested a case about SMMP. For Tucson 2001, she suggested a case on collection prices; an exhibit showing that good specimens can be had for reasonable prices. SMMP members would bring specimens for which they had paid less than \$50 within the last two years. Jeff Post said that this will encourage new and the low- to middle-level collectors. He urged members to think of interesting or unusual specimens for this project. Members were encouraged not to discuss this project with dealers in order to keep it fair. Tony Kampf asked about the logistics of arranging this exhibit, there was some discussion. Pat Gray asked if gemstones would be included (yes).

Publications Committee: Jean DeMouthe distributed a description of the publications SMMP plans to produce and asked for contributions from the membership, and for volunteers to act as editors.

Election of New Officers: There were three board members whose terms of office expired on this day: Domitrovic, Lueth and Post. Only three people were nominated for these vacancies, so they were elected by acclamation: Virgil Lueth, Anna Domitrovic and Mike Wise.

New business:

1. Tony Kampf urged people to attend the Saturday symposium on Brazilian minerals.
2. Mark Mauthner asked if the newsletter should have a name. The SMMP Pump was suggested.
3. Susan Eriksson offered to help organize an SMMP event at the MM4 event in Australia this December.
4. Richard Herd raised the subject of meteorite identification requests from the public. The Canadian Geological Survey has created a questionnaire for people who think they have a meteorite, which Richard will provide to anyone who is interested. He discussed problems they have with unsolicited samples coming in for identification. They may have to have all samples opened by an outside person or opened in the presence of more than one person, to prevent problems of ownership and identification.

Mary Johnson said that the Gemmological Institute has a form for people to sign, giving GIA permission to work on samples submitted for identification

5. Mark Mauthner read aloud a letter sent by Don Newsome (UV Light Systems), thanking SMMP for input into his new UV light design.

With no further business or announcements, the general meeting adjourned at 2:04 pm

Post-meeting election of officers

The board of directors elected the following officers: President: Mark Mauthner, VP: Suzanne Cowan, Treasurer: Anna Domitrovic, Secretary: Virgil Lueth.