**MINUTES**

**Geological Society of Kentucky Meeting**

13Dec2019 12noon EARL (Core Barn)

Attendees: Charlie Mason, Will Gilliam, Faith Fiene, Richard Smath, Ray Daniel, Matt Boudreaux

1. Charlie called the Board meeting to order. We reviewed the minutes from our last meeting which was 15 February 2019. Will moved to approve the minutes, Richard seconded and the group voted to approve. The 15March19 Field meeting was rained out. Another meeting scheduled for 8August did not have a quorum.

**2.** The treasurer’s report was reviewed. Income from the Fall Field Trip was $1434.00 and expenses were $1518.00. Current balance as of 30Nov19 in the Checking Account is $ 1,349.66 and $14,700.89in the Savings Account for a total of $16,050.55. Ray moved to accept the treasurer’s report, Matt seconded and the group approved unanimously. Faith moved to move $1000.00 from the savings account into the checking account to maintain an adequate balance to cover insurance, post office box and other running expenses. Will seconded and the group approved unanimously. Faith will give Richard a list of people who have not yet paid 2020 dues.

3. **Fall Field Trip discussion:**  There were 45 field trip attendees on the 15-16 November trip which included 14 students. The overall Field trip comments good. The church was a welcome stop for lunch, mini-lecture, map viewing and facilities. We were lucky with the weather, but we should schedule earlier in fall. The bus cost more than expected. A comment was that there were too many field stops. Reminder to bring sliced tomatoes next time. The group agreed that we should consider increasing future field trip fees to help offset GSK’s annual expenses.

4. For the Fall Field trip event this year GSK plans to establish the **Lower** **Howards Creek Nature and Heritage Preserve** in Fayette County as a Distinguished Geological Site (DGS). We will work with the KY Nature Preserve Commission staff and Hall’s to select a date in September or October. Will will coordinate with Drew on field stops. Further discussion at January meeting.

5. **Short course** - The group discussed the possibility of scheduling another Carbonate Short course in 2021 with field trips around Morehead. Tentatively we could plan a Friday course with a Saturday field trip for September or October. We would like to advertise nationally and possibly could include an optional Sunday Keeneland package for visitors.

6. Richard reported the recent GSK election results. There were 27 returns: Frank Ettensohn was elected President-Elect and Ray Daniel was re-elected Councilor-at-Large.

The officers for CY2020 are President: Matt Boudreaux, President-Elect: Frank Ettensohn, Past-President: Charlie Mason, Secretary-Treasurer: Faith Fiene, Councilors-at-Large: Richard Smath and Ray Daniel. Faith suggested splitting the Secretary- Treasurer position into two different positions.

7. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Friday 17Jan 1030am at EARL. Topics for next meeting: AAPG meeting attendance and cost estimate; results of Howards Creek discussions. Will moved to adjourn, Matt seconded and adjournment was approved by the group.

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