

2000 SACS MINUTES

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The 2000 meeting of the Surveying and Cartography Section of the National Speleological Society was held on Wednesday, June 28th, 2000 in conjunction with the NSS' annual convention. The Convention took place in the Band Room at the Elkins High School, in Elkins, West Virginia. Attending were the following 32 members and friends of the Section:

Linda Andrews	Frank Filz	Nancy Pistle
Robin Barker	Mike Futrell	Andrew Slater
Roger Bartholomew	John Ganter	Scott Stepemuck
Jim Borden	Bob Gulden	Dave Taylor
Kevin Carriete	Ralph Hartley	Bob Thrun
Barry Chute	Bob Hoke	Carol Vesely
Hubert Crowell	Rod Horrocks	Cyndie Walck
George Dasher	Paul Jorgenson	Bill Walter
Nevin Davis	Pat Kambesis	Arnie Wesibrot
Thom Engel	Chuck Laun	Jim West
Harry Fair	Doug Medville	

Chairman Carol Vesely called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm. She first introduced the five officers present herself, Roger Bartholomew, George Dasher, Bob Hoke, and Pat Kambesis and then she said that the previous meeting's minutes had been published in the Compass and Tape and there had been no corrections. She then asked the officers to give their reports.

Roger Bartholomew gave his Vice-Chairman report. He said he was currently looking for papers for the 2001 Convention, and that things had gone pretty good for the 2000 Convention. He said he had gotten no papers by the 2000 Convention deadline, and that he had then sent everyone emails and postcards, and had received some papers.

Secretary George Dasher said that he had done nothing in the previous year.

Treasurer Bob Hoke said the Section has a lot of money about \$4300 at the end of last year, \$2800-plus of which is available for use. He said that the Section is making about \$1 per issue of the Compass and Tape. John Ganter added that this profit is due to the generosity of the D.C. Grotto, who is printing the C&T at present.

Bob said he had a list of people who should renew their membership, and he also said he had the required forms to join the Section. Carol asked is there was a lot of new people, and Bob said, "Yes, there were a lot of unsolicited people who wanted to join the

Section." Bob said that he felt this new influx of members was entirely due to the Section's webpage.

Editor Pat Kambesis then reported that she had wanted to have the next issue printed by this meeting, but that this had not worked out. She said she had enough material, but had not had time to complete the layout.

Carol said that, as had been approved at the last meeting, there would be a special issue of the C&T dedicated to the Cartographic Salon. This issue would explain about the maps and the judging criteria. She also said she would like to see this special issue become a tradition. Carol said that Scott Schmidt had completed the 1999 Cart Salon issue, but that it had not yet been printed, and that Rod Horricks planned to do the 2000 issue.

Bob Hoke said that he routinely searched the exchanges of the D.C. Speolograph and sent out copies of the C&T to each cartographer he did not know. Bob also asked if the special issue would be paid for out of the membership's dues, and Carol said yes. Bob asked who was printing this issue. Carol said, "You!" She also said that the 1999 special issue was almost done, and that there were only two maps missing.

Rod Horricks then gave a report on the 2000 Cartographic Salon, and he said he had tried to continue the tradition begun by Hazel Barton and Don Coons; however, he had only divided the Salon into two categories novice, where it was the entrant had never won an award in the Cart Salon, and experienced, where the entrant had previously won an award.

Rod also said he had dropped the Master Category and had divided the judging up between his two categories. He had used six judges, three for each category. He also said that 67 maps had been entered in the 1999 Salon and 30 in the 2000 Salon, and he hoped this wasn't the start of a downward trend.

There was some discussion of the Salon. Jim Borden said that this year's Salon had been located in a very good display area, and that the maps were all very high quality maps. Rod said he had divided the judging sheet into four sections, and George Dasher said that the vertical control, a mandatory item, had been omitted from the sheet, and that the old George Veni scoring sheet had just provided for a "Yes" or "No" on the mandatory requirements, not a rating of the mandatory items. He thought the "Yes" and "No" method was better than the rating method. Rod said that Steve Reames would be the chairman of the 2001 Salon in Kentucky. Rod also expressed an interest in chairing the Salon again.

George Dasher then said that he thought the Cart Salon had been very well run this year, and everyone joined in thanking Rod Horricks.

Bob Thrun then gave a brief report on his "Introduction to Surveying" workshop, which he said had taken place in two sessions, between 9 am and 12 pm in a classroom

on Monday morning, and at 1:30 pm in Bowden Cave on Tuesday afternoon. Bob said that Ralph Hartley had been a big help on Monday, but that he had no help at all on Tuesday. This had been a big problem, as he had had to split himself between his four in-cave survey groups on that day. Bob said that the class had been limited to 25, but only 21 people had attended. He also said he had printed handouts for 40 people, and Carol asked if this was appropriate for publication in the C&T or if it could be put on the SACS website. Carol also asked if Bob would be willing to do his workshop again, and Bob said "Yes, if he could get some help."

Carol then gave a report on her and Pat Kambesis' sketching class. She said they had had 29 students, of which only about one-third were beginners. She said that no one attended the class who was new to surveying, and Bob Thrun added that his attendees were mostly new to surveying. Carol said the sketching classroom work had taken place on Tuesday morning, with the in-cave part in the afternoon this had again been in Bowden Cave. She thanked Pat, Cyndie Walck, Don Coons, Vivenan Lotland, Nancy Pistole, and Dan Ligini for their help with the workshop.

Both Carol and Pat said their students had done good, and Carol said they had compared their sketches to each other to and to several photos they had taken of the cave. Carl also thanked Paul Jagnow for making the little compasses and rulers that they had given each person to use. Bob Hoke asked if he could have a list of the workshop attendees, so that he could mail each of them a copy of the C&T.

Carol next asked if there was any Old Business, and when there was none, moved to New Business. (Secretary's Note: I forgot to mention, under Old Business, that there had not been a single response to the computer-reduction-program questionnaire that I had been asked to put together by the Section two years ago, and which had been subsequently published in the C&T.)

Under New Business, Hubert Crowell said that he had retired from the Convention Survey Contest, and asked if anyone wanted to continue it. Bob Gulden said he had set up the OTR compass course behind the OTR pavilion, but that only one person had run it.

George Dasher said that he wanted to step down as the SACS secretary because he felt he was being overworked and starting to make some serious mistakes. Bob Gulden mentioned that this mistake was losing the New Trout map. George also said he had also planned to step down as coordinating the Cart Salon, but that he would stay on as that, as he was doing nothing at present but giving advice, having the medal made, and maintaining the lists of winners.

There was no additional new business, and Carol asked if there were any announcements. John Ganter said that it was 17 years ago, at the Elkins 1983 Convention, that the Section had been formed. He said he had recently found a card announcing that first meeting in the Elkins Pizza Hut, and he also said that the Section had quickly grown to over 200 members after it was formed.

Carol announced that Mike Walsh had given a talk in the International Session that pretty-much said, "Come to Mexico and Survey!! There are tons of leads and caves!"

George Dasher said that there was now a revised cave-surveying publication for sale at the NSS Book Store, and John Ganter announced that this was his Guide to Cave Mapping. John said that he had gotten the issue out early in 2000.

Carol said there was no more New Business, and that the elections were next. There was some discussion and in the end it was agreed that Bob would continue as Treasurer, Roger as Vice-Chair, Carol as Chair, and George as Secretary this last was despite the fact George said he would not be attending the 2001 Convention. Arnie Weisbrot made a statement of thanks to these people for their work, and for continuing to be the Section's officers.

Paul Jorgenson then made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which Arnie Weisbrot seconded. Everyone was in favor of adjournment, and the meeting was ended at 1:45 pm.