

**Minutes of the NSS Survey & Cartography Section Annual Meeting**  
**NSS Convention, Huntsville, Alabama**  
**July 7, 2005**

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 PM by Chairman Carl Vesely. There were 24 people at the meeting. Carol noted the Section's Secretary, Robin Barber, was not at the convention and that Bob Hoke had volunteered to take minutes in her absence.

**Chair's Report:** Carol welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting. She noted that the minutes of the 2004 meeting were published in *Compass & Tape*. She asked for any additions and corrections. None surfaced. There was a **motion to accept the 2004 meeting minutes as published**. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Vice Chair's Report:** Nigel Dyson-Hudson said that a good set of presentations materialized for this year's Survey & Cartography session.

**Secretary's Report:** no report

**Treasurer's Report:** Bob Hoke presented a 2004 financial report. He noted that the Section continues to be in good shape and that the amount of available funds (not including prepaid dues) is slowly growing. There was a **motion to accept the financial report as presented**. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Compass & Tape Editor's Report:** Pat Kambesis reported that the next *C&T* issue is almost ready and she anticipates it will be done around August 1.

**Cartography Salon Chair's Report:** Jim Kennedy, the 2005 Salon Chair, was not present. Carol Vesely said that the number of Salon entries was down somewhat in 2005, but that there were lots of entries in the Apprentice and Beginner categories. There were only 4 Experienced entries and 5 Master entries.

Bob Gulden and Nigel Dyson-Hudson suggested having "work in progress" and/or "critique" categories. The idea seemed popular and there were a number of related comments:

- There were concerns that the category might introduce a bias and that it might be used to "pre-market" a map to be entered in a future Salon.
- Someone suggested a poster session to discuss and critique these maps or providing post-it note paper for viewers to provide their own comments.
- Bob Thrun suggested that perhaps local cave mappers could be used for the critique category.
- There was concern about overloading the Salon judges with a new category to judge.
- There were suggestions to have a Friday afternoon map critique session or a "suggestion box" where anyone can comment on displayed maps.

Initially, nobody offered to take responsibility for working on the suggestions. Carol Vesely then said that she would try to do something for 2006 and then Howard Kalnitz and Rod Horrocks volunteered to help her set up some sort of informal map critiques at the 2006 convention.

**Old Business:** none

**New Business:**

Future Cart Salon Chairs: There were rumors that Jim Kennedy might be willing to Chair the 2006 Cart Salon and that Rod Horrocks will be a backup Chair. George Dasher volunteered to Chair the 2007 Salon in Indiana.

Lava Tube Mapping Workshop: Someone suggested that the Section work with the Communications and Electronics Section to hold a workshop at the 2006 Convention on how to survey in lava tubes (which are frequently magnetic).

Survey Software Workshops: There was a suggestion was to have workshops for the WinKarst and/or Compass survey programs at the 2006 convention. Bob Hoke said that a well done demo would probably be better than a hands-on workshop. Someone else said that perhaps an overview demo followed by a hands-on workshop would be effective. Carol Vesely said that Steve Reams might be willing to something with Compass in 2006 and that she would try to convince him. Nigel also said that he would try to get something for the convention.

Cart Salon Space at Conventions: Carol Tideman (the NSS Convention Coordinator) requested that some realistic estimate of the amount of map display space needed be provided to the convention organizers each year. Carol Vesely and others said that attempting to do that would likely reduce the number of entries. Carol Tideman then suggested that perhaps advance reservations should be required for maps over a certain size so the convention organizers can provide sufficient display space.

New Surveying Instrument: Nigel Dyson-Hudson reported that someone is apparently close to making a single instrument that will do laser distances, compass bearings, and inclinations. It currently awaiting patent protection. No availability date or price is known.

**Election of Officers:** There was a motion to reelect the current slate of officers. Following an unproductive call for other nominations there was a motion to close the nominations and reelect the current officers by acclamation. The motion was seconded and passed. The new (and old) officers are:

Chair	Carol Vesely
Vice Chair	Nigel Dyson-Hudson
Secretary	Robin Barber
Treasurer	Bob Hoke

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM.