

Minutes of the NSS Survey & Cartography Section Annual Meeting at the NSS Convention in Waynesville, Missouri

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July 16, 2015

Chair Rod Horrocks called the meeting to order at 4:40 PM. There were 18 people in attendance.

Secretary's report: The Secretary (George Dasher) had to leave the convention early, but Bob Hoke passed out copies of the 2014 minutes and served as Acting Secretary. There were no corrections to the minutes and they were approved.

Bob Hoke passed out a sign-in sheet and said that anyone providing an e-mail address is automatically a SACS member since there are no dues. (Four new folks were on the list and have been added to the e-mail list).

Treasurer's report: Bob Hoke passed out a 2014 financial report. He said that since there are no longer any Section dues the only activity was \$7 in interest income and \$12 expense for Web hosting. The Section had \$4,182 in the bank on December 31.

Dwight Livingston said he had some expenses left over from the 2014 Cartography Salon and additional ones from the 2015 Salon. Hoke said to send him receipts and he will pay up.

Hoke said that since there is essentially no banking activity, he would like to close the checking account and open a simple savings account. He also said he's currently the only person on the account and there should be a second person in case he drops dead. Adding a person to a savings account is easier than adding to the checking account. Hoke asked for a volunteer to be the second person on the account and Nigel Dyson-Hudson volunteered. There was a **motion to transfer the checking account balance into a savings account and add Nigel Dyson-Hudson as a second signatory on the account.** The motion was seconded and passed.

Chair's report: Rod Horrocks had no separate report.

Web site: Brent Aulenbach was absent so there was no report.

Social Media: Peter Sprouse was absent so there was no report.

Cartography Salon: Dwight Livingston said the 2015 Cart Salon went well. All the critique sheets have been scanned and will be given or sent to the individual cartographers. He said that Kim Fleischmann helped him with the Salon's administrative work and that helped a lot.

There was a discussion about whether any changes in the judging criteria are needed. At the meeting, Dwight was caught quite off guard and made a confused answer to Rod's proposal. His intended message was that during convention he had at times mentioned that the judge's form could use some change, but had no specific ideas, except to provide more space between lines in the comments section. He believes that though SACS is quite involved in the salon, and should be, there is no formal relationship or authority. He welcomes receiving ideas for changing the forms and will send out examples for review if changes are proposed.

Someone suggested that since most maps are now digital, the software used to produce a map should be listed on the map. The consensus was that this is desirable, but that it should not be a requirement. Dwight said it should be treated as a suggestion, not a requirement. The comment was made that listing the software used would be similar to saying that Suuntos and a fiberglass tape were used to do a survey.

There was then a discussion about whether there are too many requirements for maps with the result that cartographers have to match the Salon requirements rather than just producing a good map. The consensus seemed to be that the many requirements are worthwhile and don't impede artistic expression.

2016 NSS Convention: Carol Vesely said she is involved in the 2016 convention and that some special survey-related activities are being planned. She said that anyone with suggestions for

convention activities, even non-survey ones, should contact her.

Election: Following an unsuccessful call for candidates in addition to the existing officers, there was a **motion to reelect the following slate of officers:**

Chair: Rod Horrocks

Vice Chair: Carol Vesely

Secretary: George Dasher

Treasurer: Bob Hoke

The motion was seconded and passed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:02 PM.

(Minutes taken by Bob Hoke)

Note: The 2014 minutes contained a discussion about having a SACS patch. However, there was no mention of the patch at this meeting.