

Minutes of the 2022 Meeting of the Surveying and Cartography Section

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SACS Secretary

The 2022 meeting of the Surveying and Cartography Section (of the National Speleological Society) was held on June 17, 2022 in the Lions Club Building of the Central Fair Grounds, in Rapid City, South Dakota. Attending were approximately 25 members and friends of the Section. The list of who attended the meeting and the session that followed is included on a separate spreadsheet.

Chairman Rod Horrocks called the meeting to order at 12:12 PM.

Bob Hoke first gave the Treasurer's Report, and said the Section has had no expenses for the past three years, when a payment was made for the Section's patches. He said that the Section has, at present, \$3,699, and that the only cost we have right now is the payment for the ribbons and medals for the Cartographic Salon, which totals about \$100 annually. He said that, if we continue spending money at our present rate, then we will have enough money for the next 36 years.

Carol Vesely asked if the Section will also be paying for the awards for the Sketching Contest. Bob said that nothing had been said to him about this, but that he would be agreeable to paying for these awards, if asked and if the costs are reasonable.

The minutes of the previous (2019) SACS meeting had been distributed in hard copy before the meeting by Bob Hoke, and everyone present at the meeting had had a chance to at least glance at them.

Jim Kennedy made a motion to accept both the Treasurer's Report and the minutes from the previous SACS meeting. Michael Raymond seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Carol, who, as the Vice-Chairman, is in charge of the SACS Session, said that no talks were submitted to the Session until the last minute, at which time she was given "a lot of stuff."

There were then some complaints regarding this year's Cart Salon. Jim Kennedy said that the Salon was in a very bad location, was far removed from the other NSS' salons, and had to share its location with a very loud rodeo on Friday morning during the map critique. Bob Hoke said that the vendors were also likewise screwed in that they were also away from the main convention, and that nothing about the Salon was listed in the Convention Program.

The statement was made that each convention needs to be provided a written outline of what is required for the Cart Salon. George Dasher said that he provided such a written documentation years ago.

Carol stated that these issues need to be addressed before next year's convention. Bob Hoke said that he is in charge of the sessions next year, and both the vendors and the salons will be in the same area.

George asked, "Who is running the Cart Salon next year?" No one knew. Josh Brewer was supposed to have been running it this year, but Josh "imploded," and Pat Kambesis took it over. Jason Richards was also supposed to be involved in some manner, and it was suggested that he might be willing to take over in 2023.

George then asked if "the Cart Salon book is up to date?" This is a book that George had put together a decade or more ago documenting a history of the Cart Salon, who had entered what map, and who had won what award. Bob said that the Salon information on caves.com (the NSS' website) is out of date, and that it needs updating this year. It was mentioned that Bert Alenbach, who was doing the SACS website, "has gone to ground." Rod said that he and Carol could update the website.

George again asked about "the book." Jim Kennedy said that he had updated the book when he was in charge of the Salon, but no one knew if Dwight Livingston (the previous Salon

coordinator) had been updating it since then. Jim said he would find out the status of the book and update the information, and George said that he would make copies and give them to the NSS Library.

Jim concluded the discussion on the Salon by saying it was a good Salon this year with a lot of maps.

Carol then asked about the Sketching Contest, and said it was a great idea and should be done again next year. A short discussion followed regarding which cave to use next year, and it was noted that Ray Keeling is working to get some of the USFS caves reopened, and that if Bowden Cave was not reopened, then there would be no suitable cave near the Convention site that would be worthwhile using.

Geary Schindel then said that the NSS has a 50K legal fund that can be used, if needed, to legally require the USFS to open the Mon Forest caves next year. Bert Ashbook said that taking the USFS to court could have far-reaching negative implications throughout the entire county. There was some discussion on this.

Jim asked what were the prizes for this year's Surveying Contest, and Carol said a laser-measuring device and a survey book. Rod declared that this year's Sketching Contest was "good," Carol noted that there had also been a sketching class this year, and Andrea Futrell said that there are already people signed up for sketching classes at the 2023 and 2024 conventions.

That concluded the Officers' Reports and the reports on the Cart Salon, the Sketching Contest, and the Sketching Class.

Old business followed.

Bert Ashbrook asked if the Section was publishing any kind of newsletter or other papers, and Bob Hoke said, "Not really." There was some discussion on this, and Bob said that we could make a listserv out of the people who have provided their e-mail addresses on the sign-in sheets that had been passed around, and send out pdfs. Jim Kennedy also

noted that Dave Bunnell would like similar articles for the *NSS News*. More discussion followed. Bert volunteered to edit any articles that could be acquired, and Bob volunteered to handle the distribution of any such "publication."

There was no new business

Announcements followed.

George Dasher mentioned that there had been an extremely good post on Facebook this year by a member of the Greenbrier Grotto who had collected Lidar data of the passages in Sharps Cave during a tourist trip to and from the Sharps Waterfall. It was quickly determined that this person had been Jimmy Boggs, who on a March 13th trip to the cave, had used an iPhone 13pro with a Lidar app to collect the data. The result, George said, is very, very detailed and most impressive. Bob said that the result is basically photography of the cave.

Introductions followed, where everyone in the room told who they were and a little about themselves. It was also somehow decided that Pat Kambesis would be in charge of next year's Cart Salon.

Jim Kennedy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. There was no second.

Elections followed. Jim Kennedy made a motion to keep the current slate of officers. Andrea Futrell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Rod then adjourned the meeting at 1:04 PM.



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