

AGS Board Meeting

MMS Conference Room, Centerpoint Building

August 30th, 2007

Attendees

Peter Barker, Tom Plawman, Art Banet, Ric Wilson, Diane Shellenbaum, Jennie Flight, Peter Johnson, Laura Silliphant

Meeting called to order at 11:35 am. President Art Banet

IRS Tax Issues

- IRS has confirmed that AGS does not owe any penalties for the 2004 – 2005 tax years.
- Tom suggests some recognition is in order for Laura's hard work on this issue
- Diane points out that previous non-filings were due to a misinterpretation of the fine print rather than negligence. AGS had made < \$25,000 in the years that were not filed, but when averaged over three years AGS had made >\$25,000 which did require the filing.

Treasurer's Report

- Membership
 - Odd total in the membership income due to memberships that were purchased through Paypal. We have to pay a service fee on anything purchased through Paypal, so the total membership take is not a round number.
- Safety deposit box
 - No one knows who has the key to the safe deposit box, or what is in there.
 - Action item to have keys made to the safety deposit box and to see what is in there. Discussion of whether it is worthwhile to even have the box. On one hand, with a transient board, it provides a central storage location. On the other hand, we obviously aren't using it and there are all of the keys to keep track of.
- Charity?
 - Item listed as 'Charity' in our expense report refers to \$500 contribution to Trailside Discovery program. The title 'Charity' will be changed to reflect this
- Breaking even
 - Without meeting profits, AGS is just breaking even. Diane suggests that the society is functioning just as it should – taking in money from talks and publications and dispersing it to students through scholarships
- Budget
 - We will have to approve this year's budget sometime in the next few meetings.
- Morgan Stanley
 - Pete Barker will take on management of Morgan Stanley account.
 - Account is currently in a Money Market account, but board felt that it could be achieving higher returns elsewhere. Pete was willing to take on the task.

AGS Luncheons

- Brought in \$700 last year on lunches, but we were able to ‘oversell’ the hot lunches since they are provided in bulk rather than in discrete quantities like the box lunch
- Need to ask the membership at the next several talks what they would like to see happen with the lunches.
- Tom or Jen to see what the options are with BP catering services
- Confirmed that Paypal is no longer being used to reserve lunches
- Diane presented a motion that for the next meeting we only offer the box lunch. Attendees will respond to Peter Johnson directly. He will order 10% more than needed. Tom seconded. Passed with all ayes.
 - Members w/reservation - \$13
 - Non-members w/reservation - \$15
 - No reservation - \$18

Email Notification

- Some folks that want electronic notification are not receiving their newsletter electronically. Greg Wilson and Mark Olson have been working hard to get this straightened out. Need to address the issue of electronic notification at the next talk (September 20th).

Field Trips

- No field trips currently planned
- There is interest in a Hatcher Pass field trip.
- Tom will call Cindy to inquire about a walking tour through the mine.

Publications

- Alaska Natural History Association has offered to sell our publications
- We will sell to them at wholesale (membership price) and continue to sell to members at this same price. Non-members will be charged whatever the ANHA sales price is.
- Had to reprint Kenai Guidebook. Price to print has increased. Cost for it will go up accordingly. This book has color photos – have considered going to black and white, but decided that the color was worthwhile.
- Peter mentions that there are some publications that have gotten out of date, or are repetitious
- Peter talked to Dwight Bradley about a Kachemak Bay guidebook. USGS has given permission to publish, so should be available soon.

Speaker Report

- Brian Sralla to give Sept 20th talk on Alaska Peninsula structures
- No October speaker yet. Many suggestions were offered

Next board meeting date not determined. Next speaker date is September 20th, 2007

Meeting adjourned at 12:45pm

J. Flight – AGS Secretary 2007-2008