

MINUTES
Geological Society of Kentucky Meeting
February 21, 2021 2:00pm Zoom

Attendees: **Frank Ettensohn, Tim Lewis, Ann Harris, Richard Smath, Ray Daniel**, Charlie Mason, Faith Fiene

1. Frank called the GSK Board meeting to order. **Minutes** from the December 20, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Richard moved to accept the minutes, Ray seconded, and the Board members voted to approve as written.
2. The **Treasurer's Reports** for December 2020 and January 2021 were reviewed by the board members. Richard moved to accept the December 31, 2020 (end of the year and end of Faith's term as Secretary-Treasurer) Report, Ray seconded, and the Board voted to approve. The Treasurer's Report thru January 31, 2021 was reviewed. The current balance as of January 31, 2021, in the Checking Account is \$1,745.08 and \$13,714.29 in the Savings Account. Ray moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Richard seconded, and the Board voted to approve.
3. **President's Report** – Faith and Richard currently have the keys to the post office box. Richard will deliver his key to Frank at UK on Thursday. Ann, Faith/Frank will have future access to the post office box. The post office contract will be switched to Ann (primary) and Faith. During the month of January, AIPG requested a donation of \$100. Board members approved via email vote, and a check was written, which will show up on the February treasurer's report.
3. **Howards Creek Field Trip** – The group tentatively plans to schedule the field trip for fall 2021 after everyone has had an opportunity for Covid vaccinations. The Light bulb Formation could be a separate field trip. The idea of parking at Fort Boonesboro or Howard's Creek rather than parking at Hall's was discussed. Story maps were discussed; KGS has a story map on Camp Nelson which could be a model for the Howards Creek effort.
4. **Bahamas Trip** – Frank usually leads a Geology Field Trip to San Salvador Island on behalf of the KY-AIPG during even years. He said that the Research Station re-opens in May but local weather is not pleasant after May 30, 2021. A field trip may not be possible until 2022 after airlines can be scheduled and vaccines are more publicly available. Anyone interested should contact him.
5. Faith suggested that GSK should consider setting a policy for field trip attendance regarding COVID vaccines, masks, and social distancing. Any policy should be similar to other national geological organizations and follow CDC guidance. It's too early for us to set a policy now – Charlie offered to look into what is being considered nationally so we can discuss further at a future meeting.
6. Ann will be coordinating with Richard in order to convert our existing EXCEL membership rolls to an ACCESS database. It's necessary to update everyone's email addresses and contact info since a lot of emails are bouncing. Charlie offered to contact old members to renew their GSK membership and to check emails.
7. The next GSK meeting is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, March 21, at 2 pm via Zoom. Tim moved to adjourn, Richard seconded, and the group approved adjournment.

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