



THE ANTARCTICAN SOCIETY

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Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, September 16, 1975
Minutes of the Meeting

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Antarctic Society, a nonprofit corporation under the laws of the District of Columbia, was held at the Washington offices of the Arctic Institute of North America, 3426 North Washington Blvd., Arlington, Va., on Tuesday, September 16, 1975, at 5:30 p.m. Present were the following Officers, Directors, and ex-officio members: Bertrand, Cooke, Faylor, Hushen, Mahncke, Morrison, Moulton, and Stubenbord.

The meeting having been duly called and a quorum-being present, the President announced that the meeting was ready to proceed with the transaction of business.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, reviewed, and approved as read.

The Treasurer's report was presented for review and approval. Treasurer Cooke had the report broken down into two sections, copies of which are attached to these minutes. The first was a summary of the financial details of the Garden Party held in June. The bottom line showed a deficit of \$252.43. The second section of the report was a summary of Society income and expenditures from June 30 to August 29, 1975, at which time the balance was \$1,531.48. At this time the Board had a discussion on Garden Party costs and prices. President Bertrand asked that the subject be tabled until a later date to allow time for completion of this evening's agenda. The Treasurer's report was approved as read.

President Bertrand circulated a list of Board members' names and addresses for possible corrections or changes. Copies will be distributed to each member.

The meeting then turned to matters of old business. The first item introduced was that of Honorary Membership for August Howard, Secretary, The Polar Times. After much discussion, which brought out that the Society recognizes his outstanding contribution to The Polar Times, a motion was made and carried not to confer the honor at this time.

The next item of old business dealt with the subject of a meeting place for future Society meetings. Various locations were introduced and discussed, including the Cosmos Club, University Club, area County Libraries, educational facilities, the Officers Clubs of local military

installations and commercial establishments. Considerations such as parking, ease of access to all members, admissibility of females, cost and prestige (would members be discouraged from attendance at the more prestigious clubs?) were discussed. Mr. Faylor pointed out that as a member of other organizations he had helped organize meetings at such places as the Ramada Inn (Clarendon) and Key Bridges Marriott with good results. He noted that the dining facilities available prior to meetings encouraged attendees to look on the meetings as "a night out" -- possibly an added inducement to bring spouse, friends, guests, or lover. President Bertrand appointed Mr. Faylor to investigate the details and report to the Board in time for a possible November 2 meeting.

Another item of old business concerned how extensive the mailing of meeting notices should be. It was agreed that notices of general interest should be mailed to all members (including foreign members) regardless of the additional cost of postage. It was felt that such mailings are the only Society contacts available to members not in the immediate vicinity.

The final item of old business introduced was the problem of finding an individual to letter the Certificates since the gentleman who formerly did the lettering has retired and is no longer available. Mr. Morrison volunteered to find a new "pencman" willing to help the Society.

The Board then turned to items of new business and the unexpired term on the Board of Directors of Mr. Ken Moulton, newly elected Vice President. A motion was made and carried to appoint Mrs. Ruth Si pie to the vacancy. President Bertrand will contact Mrs. Si pie regarding her willingness to serve.

The President then introduced the subject of the Board of Directors seat held by Mr. Guy Guthridge. It appears that at the time of Mr. Guthridge's election to the Board, he was not a member of the Society. Mr. Guthridge has stated his willingness to serve but evidently due to an oversight on his part, his dues have not yet been paid at this point. Another Board member paid the membership fees and a motion was made and carried to confirm the nomination of Mr. Guthridge.

The third item of new business concerned the disposition of the remaining three Amundsen-Scott medallions held by the Society.- After a short discussion a motion was made and carried to retain the medallions for later disposal.

The President then read a letter from Mr. Varian Wilson of Christchurch, New Zealand, who wrote to inquire if the Society would be interested in distributing a medal commemorating the 20th anniversary of the conquest of Mount Everest. Part of the proceeds of the sales would go to the Himalayan Trust through arrangement with Sir Edmund Hillary. A pair of the medals were enclosed as a gesture of friendship toward the Society. After discussion a motion was made and carried to announce the availability of the medals in the next Society newsletter but not to participate in its sales or distribution.

President Bertrand then introduced and opened for discussion the subject of a Society contribution to The Louis Deroche Scholarship Fund at the University of Georgia., A decision was made not to make a contribution but to announce the establishment of the fund in the next Society newsletter so that interested parties could contribute.

The next item of business brought up was the frequency of Society meetings. It was decided that meetings during November, January, March, and May followed by the Garden Party was a satisfactory calendar.

President Bertrand announced that he would appoint a Program Committee and a Finance Committee and various names were submitted by Board members for possible consideration.

A short discussion followed on the merits of a Society newsletter or bulletin. General feeling was for a newsletter and President Bertrand will try to implement the matter.

The number and location of Board meetings was discussed. It was concluded that this location was satisfactory (and appreciated) and the frequency should be as often as needed.

The final item of business was a motion to make the appropriate name changes at the bank so that the new Officers could transact the business of the Society. The motion was carried. [Note: The standard bank resolution was approved and is made a part of these minutes.]

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the President asked for a motion for adjournment. The motion was made, seconded, and carried, and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Charles E. Morrison
Secretary/ Historian

Attachment