GeoClub Minutes – January 22, 2013

General outline:
Introductions
General club business
Upcoming events
Other business from officers and members

Detail minutes:
- Consumption of sandwiches.

- Introduction of GeoClub co-presidents:
  - Tom Hudgins (hudginst@umich.edu)
  - Kate Volk (kevolk@umich.edu)

- Call for donut day volunteers: answered! Make sure to come by on donut days to eat good food and thank your setup and cleanup volunteers: Nick Aquilina, Sue West, Samantha Nemkin, and Kyle Meyer. At the end of the semester, all donut volunteers will receive an awesome reward!

- Movie night: Monday 1/28/12 at 6 pm, Rm 2520. Come by and watch Prometheus with us, for free! Rocks, aliens, food, blood promised.

- GeoClub T-shirts and mugs are available! Shirts are $10, mugs $5, payable by cash or check. Please send in suggestions for new designs or merchandise ideas!

- Dr. Thomas Shipley of Temple University is conducting a study on “geocognition”, the ways in which geological information is processed by the brain. He is seeking up to 8 undergraduate volunteers to participate in a spatial reasoning survey. Let the presidents know if you are interested.

- Hiking trip to Pinckney Recreation area, February, date to be determined.

- Rock climbing trip to Grand Ledge. See exposed bedrock and climb on it! Non-climbers also encouraged to come along and have fun. Date to be determined and contingent on weather.

- Other trip ideas welcome! Send us your suggestions. GeoClub has funding for geology-related trips and “community building”. Use your imagination and geocognition!

- Job talks are ongoing for faculty positions in the department, Wednesdays and Fridays at 4 pm. Check them out: these could be your new professors soon! Grad students especially are
encouraged to attend and give their input to the grad student faculty representatives (Petr Yakovlev, petryak@umich.edu; Ethan Hyland, hylande@umich.edu). Grad students collectively get one vote on the hiring committee, so use the power for good!

-Faculty news from Petr: no faculty meetings, no news.

-FEMMES, an organization for females in science, is seeking volunteers! Help engage elementary school students in the Earth science, including tutoring. Contact Lorena Medina Luna (lmedina@umich.edu).

-Reminder that proceeds from the department vending machines go to support GeoClub, so indulge your habit! Ian Winkelstern is our GeoClub vending maestro.

-Dorr lecture and dinner on February 22nd!

-Spring Banquet is coming up this April! It will be held at Cobblestone Farm. There will be catering, potluck, and pettable goats and chickens for petting.

-The Geo lounge on the first floor is currently being cleaned and reorganized. If you want to have input into the future of the lounge, contact Lorena.

-Shell Leadership Conference, February 2nd, 9 am – 4 pm at the Ross School of Business. A great networking opportunity! (Also, remember that the more interest we show when these interviewers come to visit, the more incentive companies have to invest in our department and our club!)

-Kyle Meyer proposes a GeoClub trivia night.

- E. C. Case Memorial Lecture, February 5th at 8 pm in the Rackham Amphitheater. Dr. Ewan Fordyce of the University of Otago, New Zealand will give a talk titled “Drifting Continents, Changing Climates, and the Evolution of Whales and Dolphins”. It is preceded by cocktails and dinner. Come by to hang out and hear about awesome whales!

-More eating of sandwiches, meeting is adjourned.