

Rock Chips

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The Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc.

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President's message

It was good to see several members at the board meeting. I wasn't prepared to get into detail of the shop budget. Finances are never a pleasant subject, but we do have to deal with them. I am still learning. I know that the club has had some dark times. There is no guarantee that it will not happen again, we can only hope that it won't. I kept hearing about accountability. Accountability comes with good people and good recordkeeping. It doesn't matter how many accounts you have. We can't keep the past in the present. The treasurer's job is one of the most important in the club. This position is volunteer just as all positions are. We should try to make their job as easy as possible and one way is, the least number of accounts to keep track of. The income and expenses are separated into categories on the computer within the General Account, what is reported is recorded. The Roundup is separate as it has been. Last year as Vice-President I went through all the financial records from 2008-2014 and put them on the computer. Anyone who wants a report on something the Treasurer can give it to them. I have had a background in record keeping and computers most of my adult life. Your treasurer has done income taxes in the past and kept records on the computer. The checking accounts are reconciled by someone not on the accounts and an internal audit done once a year. If need be we can go to an outside bookkeeper as in the past which cost about \$1200 a year.

Enough of that. It is time to gear up for the Roundup in March. Everything seems to be coming together. If you can sign up for something in advance it makes the Chair's job easier. Carol Duncan has stepped up as Co-Chair. Thank you Carol.

We have had some changes in the board. Welcome to our new Vice-President - Ken Sholer from Las Cruces. Carlos and Fran Chavez had to leave due to family. Hope they will return soon.. Shirley Krasanski had to resign due to health issues and is going back east to see doctors. Hope to see her and

Art back soon. Cindy Jordan has been appointed as a Pro Tem. Thank you Ken and Cindy.

Don't forget the potluck at 2 p.m. on February 21. The general meeting at 6 p.m. on February 26 there is going to be a program on florescent rocks.

See you around the clubhouse, Happy Valentines Day, Barb

Calendar of Events

Feb 10 grade geodes at 1 p.m.

Feb 11 fill egg cartons at 1 p.m.

Feb 12 & 19 Roundup meetings 2 p.m.

Feb 21 Raffle Ticket Sales 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Potluck 2 p.m.

Feb 26 General Meeting 6 p.m. – program on florescent rocks

Feb 27 & 28 Raffle Ticket Sales 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Feb 28 gold panning demo 12 - 2 p.m.

Mar 6 & 7 Raffle Ticket Sales 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Mar 9 Roundup Setup

Mar 12 - 15 Roundup



Deming Gem and Mineral Society, Inc.
General Meeting – January 22, 2015

MEETING OPENING: Barbara Staff, President called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. She then led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance. The members were led in prayer by Angus Campbell. The members then took their seats.

NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS: Allen Chupa is a new member and he introduced himself to the group. He moved here from New Jersey. He worked for years in zinc mining. We heartily welcome him.

MINUTES: Nancy Johnson moved to accept the minutes from the previous General and Board meetings as written. The majority of the members present approved the motion and the minutes were accepted into the club's records.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: There was no report or correspondence to mention.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ben Staff gave a brief discussion of the treasury.

FIELD TRIPS: A field trip is planned for January 27, 2015, to Fluoride Ridge to assess the area as a possible Round-Up field trip. Plans are to leave our parking lot at 9:00 a.m.

BIG-DIGGINS: Ben will meet with Paul Browning on January 23, 2015. Hopefully BLM will attend.

MEMBERSHIP: Monika was not in attendance as she has been ill for the past several days.

SUNSHINE: No cards were sent out during the last month.

ROUND-UP: Don't forget to pick up raffle tickets. We will be having a 50/50 auction in which our members can bring in items to be sold. There are forms available for people interested in participating. As each item sells, the person who donated the item will be entitled to 50% of the sale price and these amounts will be paid out at the Round-Up Critique Meeting.

LIBRARY: Sylvia Golden has volunteered to be the Librarian. DGMS greatly appreciates the fact that she has stepped up to keep the group running.

CHIPS: Barbara Staff published a January edition. December was the last month that Carolyn Abby published the bulletin.

SHOP: New grinding wheel on Titan and it has been rebuilt. Joe also mentioned that the shop has a new electrical outlet.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Continued discussion was had regarding changing the day and/or time of the monthly general meeting. It was decided to table this discussion until next month as there were very few members present due to the inclement weather.

NEW BUSINESS: Items are needed for display in the First Savings Bank. Items will remain on display for 6 weeks. The club received a new storage shed from Clifford Erdman. His donation is certainly appreciated.

DRAWINGS: Ernie did the drawings for the general membership, member with a name tag and the 50/50 drawing.

BREAK: Barbara announced a break for refreshments. Monika Anderson, Elena Bost and Barbara Staff provided refreshments and the group enjoyed them very much.

PRESENTATION: Following the refreshments, Kenneth King from Colorado gave an extremely informative talk regarding faceting.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:45.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Edwards, Secretary.

Deming Gem & Mineral Society, Inc. Board Meeting - February 4, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Barbara Staff, President. She then announced that it is not necessary for those present to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. The members agreed not to receive the Pledge of Allegiance.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Barbara Staff, Marilyn Page, Linda Edwards, Ben Staff, Scott Ehlers, Monika Anderson, Cindy Jordan.

CLUB MEMBERS PRESENT: Ed Edwards, Daryl Johnson, Tom Edwards, Mike Tindle, Joe Morone, George Lauder milk, Maria Ehlers, Elena and Joe Bost.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Shirley Krasinski has resigned due to health issues.

Art will stay on as Director for now.

Scott Ehlers has agreed to be the Bulletin Editor.

Carlos and Fran Chavez have had to leave Deming for now for family issues.

Cindy Jordan has agreed to be the Pro Tem on the Board for now.

Ken Sholer (not present) has offered to take on the position of Vice President. He is not retired. Ken is a scientist and employed by the Department of Health as the vector control supervisor for Dona Ana County. He is at a seminar today in Santa Teresa. He also is composing a children's coloring book on rock hounding for the club. He will be at the Round-Up meeting.

Barbara asked for approval for Scott, Cindy and Ken. Scott and Cindy were sworn in. Ken will be sworn in ASAP.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ben gave a brief overview of the bank accounts. There were no questions.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Linda had nothing to report. The Board and General Membership minutes that had been posted in the monthly Bulletin were approved as read.

FIELD TRIPS: Discussion was had regarding the need for a Field Trip Chair. Paul Browning was mentioned as a possible candidate but Joe noted that Paul was not interested. A search for someone to fill this position will be ongoing.

CLAIMS: Monday the committee had a brief discussion on digging at Big Diggins. This will be ongoing.

MEMBERSHIP: Monika noted that we have two new members.

SUNSHINE: Nothing for January.

SHOP:

Joe discussed his concerns regarding the new method of keeping track of monies for the Shop and asked that after three months that we revisit the issue to see if it will be possible to change the current arrangement.

A petty cash account for the shop was clarified to be \$50. There must be receipts to balance the amount taken out of the fund.

Discussion of why or why not the Shop Foreman is not considered a Board member. This will be brought up at the General Membership meeting to see where the members stand on this issue.

Joe wanted everybody to know that there is a used 18 inch saw for sale in the Shop for \$12.00

Mineral oil was purchased for \$400 for a 55 gallon drum. This expense is going to be expensed 50% to the Shop and 50% to Round-Up.

ROUND-UP: A Round-Up meeting is scheduled for 2 p.m. tomorrow, February 5th at 2 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Discussion still continues regarding day/time for the General Meeting. This will be ongoing.

We again have the opportunity to display the beautiful work done by our members in the display case at First Savings Bank from February 15th to March 31st. Drop off materials to the office on either February 11th or 12th.

NEW BUSINESS:

Barbara requested approval for Patterson, CPA as the firm to do our taxes and be our outside auditor. This will be presented at the General Membership meeting.

February 21st will be a pot-luck dinner for the club.

February 8th Joe will be giving a gold panning demonstration for the membership. The time is from 12 to 2 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Edwards, Secretary, 2015.

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DUES ARE DUE & PAYABLE ON DECEMBER 1st EACH YEAR

Membership Dues: \$15.00 per person for Adult Members

Junior Memberships: \$2.00 per person (up to 18 years of age) or \$25.00 per family

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...OFFICIAL SHOW OF THE SOCIETY

Held every year on the second weekend (Thursday through Sunday) in March at the SW New Mexico Fairgrounds.

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