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Board Meeting Minutes, 4/19/05

-In attendance at board meeting: Emilio Garcia, Susan Bucciero, John & Ann Piziak. The following decisions were made at the board meeting by board members in attendance.

-For next show – We will remain with gem and mineral vendors, but we will also have different types of vendors, such as antique jewelry/estate jewelry, Indian artifacts and other artifacts, etc. Also creative types of vendors to make and sell their wares.

-Therefore we are increasing our show.

-A 10,000 to 20,000 foot building has been reserved for next year at the Central Florida Fairgrounds.

-John Piziak has been assured by the CF Fairground management that there will not be another bead, jewelry, artifact, gem & mineral show running simultaneously with ours in the future.

General Meeting Minutes, 4/19/05

-Meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. and was adjourned at 8:35.m.

-24 attendees at the meeting – 2 new members were in attendance.

-A motion was put forth to accept the minutes in the bulletin from last month's meeting. The motion was accepted by Richard Nagel and seconded by Emilio Garcia.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- All bills from annual show were paid and the club is current with all bills.
- The deposit was put down for next year's annual show at the Central Florida Fairgrounds.
- A used, rebuilt cabachon machine was purchased at the show. Our club now has 4 working cabachon machines.
- A motion was put forth to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was accepted by Bill Menginley and seconded by Michelle Bogle.

ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- . The trip to Venice was successful.
 - . Attendees: Jim Johnstone, Michelle Bogle and her 2 children, and Anne and John Piziak.
 - . Everyone found shark's teeth.
 - . Paul Bordenkircher reported on upcoming activities:
1. Rock's pit in Ft. Drum trip is Sunday, 4/24. FL Fossil Hunters and CFMGS will be attending. For future reference: If 10 or more attend, price = \$25.00 per person, if less than 10, price = \$30.00 per person.

Clamshells with calcite crystals can be found. There is another date in May that Rock's Pit will be open.

2. Honeymoon Island, a state park, in Dunedin, agatized coral can be found.

ANNUAL SHOW REPORT:

- . Show was executed well – Anne, Susan & Lynne were at food table, Ed & Benjamin were at silent auction, Jan & Bill were at kids corner, Emilio & Don in cabachon cutting, Richard & Bill in door prizes – THANKS TO ALL!
- . Main door prize: last year club gave single door prize, this year we gave 4 door prizes. However, the cost for the door prizes was greater than what was brought in. This may need to be revisited.
- . Chinese auction was successful, although, only by a little.
- . John feels that there may have been too much in the front door area – this may be part of the reason that these items did not do so well. Next year there will only be ticket sales at the front door.
- . The turquoise ring was donated by Richard Nagel, which brought in almost 200 signatures for mailing list for next year's show.
- . Silent auction did very well this year!
- . Food sales also increased this year over last year.
- . Ticket sales & door prizes, kids corner all did well.
- . Vendor payments were good as well.
- . Our total net profit from show increased this year over last year.
- . However, on Sunday of show, the fairgrounds management & Orlando Police were called. The Bead show running at the same time as ours was putting people in the driveway to physically prevent people from coming to our show.
- . It is agreed that the front door was too busy – ticket sales are the only thing that should be at the front door in the future.
- . It is believed that the cards that were sent out prior to show did help to bring people to show this year.
- . A motion was put forth to accept the annual show report; it was accepted by Jim Johnstone and seconded by Bob Cole.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Regarding show next year:

- . Because our annual show will be increased as stated in the executive minutes, we will need vendors of different types. Not one type of vendor will be overexposed, for example, not too many bead vendors.
- . All vendors have to be retail, and not wholesale, to be fair to all vendors. We have to be careful with this.

However, the current bead vendors only sold wholesale beads to their regular wholesale customers, but sold retail otherwise.

- . We may think about having a wholesale section of our next show.
- . Our expanded space will cost more, and our entrance fee will have to be discussed further at a board meeting.
- . Vendors need security and more advertising, and will pay up to \$10.00 extra per table for such.
- . Overnight security will cost a lot, so our club will need to discuss whether or not members will serve as overnight security.
- . Tables were \$60.00 this year, but will need to go up if these things are implemented.
- . The number of attendees (people attending show) will have to go up to support the larger show.
- . Advertising needs to be more aggressive for next show. Including contracting college science departments.
- . Sources of Advertising:
 - o Southwest Magazine: 60-8- word press release by two months prior to show.
 - o Central FL fairgrounds has a website for advertising.
 - o Lapidary Journal magazine.
 - o Rock & Gem magazine.
 - o AAA Travel magazine.
 - o AARP.
- . There are two vendors that mail out cards prior to show, they have requested that we give them flyers to put in their mailers. The Bead Bucket – Larry – 2000 flyers, Rick Speakler- 250 flyers.
- . Next year, the show is again the first weekend of April, 4/2 – 4/3.
- . For next year's show, we will need to learn how to make gem trees and teach others so we can have gem trees for next show. The club has the materials, but we need the knowledge.
- . The silent auction is a great source of income and should be done more frequently, such as every ½ hour. We also need more items for auction.
- . We need more grab bags – we sold all of them. Fossils, bones, shells, gems, promotional items, pens, etc.
- . We can use small decorated paper bags instead of the hand-sewn bags. However, Jan Burrage volunteered to sew grab bags. Jhan needs fabrics. Please give Jan Burrage any fabric scraps you may have.
- . The magazines were purchased at the show. The club needs more rock & gem related magazines for next year's show. John Luedke has magazines to donate.
- . Lynne Cole suggested a larger table or space for food/magazines/kids corner. Also, vendors asked for more nutritious and less fattening foods such as, cheese (small containers), fresh fruit, energy/health bars.
- . However, our club needs to be careful and not sell food types that compete with the food vendor. We told her we would be doing our own food.
- . Since our show has expanded, there will be more space for the food/magazines/kids corner.

- . Our club can take advantage of the vertical space at show and use signs for auctions, food, kids corner, etc.
- . If ticket is purchased on Saturday, then admittance is free on Sunday.
- . Tickets for auctions, etc. need to be retained all day for fairness. Do not throw tickets away.
- . There are committees needed for everything for the show next year. This will be discussed at a later date.

Other Comments:

- . Volunteers are needed for future cabachon cutting and faceting classes. Our club would like to run two e-hour sessions: from 9-12 and 12-3, but it would be too much of a burden on John & Emilio, so our club needs more teachers.
- . The door prizes were donated by Gene Baney.
Door prize winners:
 1. Angela Luedke
 2. James Brandon
 3. Jan Burrage
 4. Judy McHolley
 5. Jim Johnstone
- . 50/50 went to Richard Nagel.
- . A volunteer is needed for refreshments for June.

WORKSHOP REPORT:

- Faceting, Instructor: Emilio Garcia. The faceting class has 2 students, and 2 remaining machines are open. Faceting classes take place on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month.

- Cabachon Cutting, Instructor, John Luedke. The cabachon cutting class has between 3 and 6 students. Cabachon cutting class takes place on the 2nd and 4rd Saturdays of the month.

If you would like to join us for either one or both of the classes, just let the instructor know you would like to sign up! The instructors ask that if you are signed up for a class, and cannot make it, please call them to let them know.

WORKSHOP RULES:

Our club has drafted a few rules for our new workshop, and we will be adding to this list as we go along. These are the rules of our new workshop as discussed in our general meetings:

1. Teachers of club classes will receive free workshop time, hour for hour, for compensation for teaching classes.
2. Nobody will be allowed in workshop without a board member and/or instructor present.
3. During classes there will be a charge for the beverages in the refrigerator: 25 cents per beverage.
4. Workshop usage charge: \$5.00 per hour for everyone except teachers that have accumulated free hours for teaching classes.
5. (*New Rule*) To participate in classes in shop, the participant has to be a member.

The next BOARD MEETING is on Tuesday, 05/17/05 @ 6:30 p.m., and the next general meeting is at 7:00 p.m. immediately following the board meeting at 2721 N. Forsythe Road between University and Colonial.

Notes from the Editor

One of our members, Don Fasano, is spending the summer at his house in upstate New York, so we won't see him until the autumn. Have a great summer, Don!

Richard Nagel has lent three discs on wirewrapping, and cannot recall to whom he lent them. If you have these three discs, please return them. Richard needs them currently.

For the benefit of our new members (and as a reminder to others):

Lynn Cole has set up the club email address: CFMGS@yahoo.com This is the email address that everyone should be giving out to guests, prospective members and anyone that wants to contact our club!

Everyone that has a computer should have received an email a few months ago inviting you to join the Yahoo Group, CFMGS. Please make sure that you have signed up for the CFMGS Yahoo group.

-The club is looking for free sources of advertising. We need free space in which to advertise our club and our new class offerings. If any member finds a publication that is free of charge, i.e. community publication, please collect a copy and give to the secretary.

-Please remember that our club is only as strong as its members, so please bring guests to the meetings, volunteer for projects or needed assistance, etc. If there is anyone that would like to assist with a project, but doesn't know exactly what to do, please let a board member know and we can come up with something that will fit your schedule.

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One of our members, Paul Hayes, is looking for a 4" trim saw. If you know of anyone that is selling such an item, please contact him on 407.816.1229 or his email address is phayes3@bellsouth.net.

Ken Reed, another one of our members, wants to buy used faceting machines, Genies, saws and other lapidary equipment in any condition. Please contact him at 386.943.4685 or kr1113@aol.com

Remember, Anna Marie Hansen, Jackie Williams, and Jim Blackburn are selling materials. Their contact information has appeared in past Thumblickers, but I still have the original letters if anyone is interested in their items. Please

contact me if you need to see lists of items that they are selling or need their contact information.

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To encourage active participation in all phases of the search for and identification of mineral and gem specimens, including their collection, evaluation, and preservation, as well as to faithfully uphold the policies of the society.

CFMGS Membership and Meetings

Dues single - \$10.00, Couple - \$18.00, Juniors - \$5.00; due October thru December for the subsequent year. Members not paid by January 31 will be dropped from the membership.

General meetings: 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at 2721 N. Forsythe Road between University and Colonial.

Members will be notified of changes.

Executive Board meetings: 3rd Tuesday before the General meeting.

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