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Newsletter of the Central Florida Mineral and Gem Society



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The Central Florida Mineral and Gem Society is a member of the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical and Lapidary Societies.

The CFMGS was established in 1961 and now has 131 members and sponsors two (2) large Mineral and Gem shows each year.

MEETING MINUTES

June 21 2011

Called to order by Club President at 7:29, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Mary Mulcahy, a MetLife financial administrator, was invited to speak by Ray Miller. She gave the group information about how her company can help individuals increase spendable income, minimize impact of taxes, and increase and protect net worth. At the end of her presentation she gave out her contact information. If you would like to know how to reach Mary, please let me know and I'll get the information for you.

Board of Directors Report

President – Michelle Bogle:

Since 2nd VP Bob Cole couldn't attend Emilio took over the duties for the evening.

Michelle talked briefly about the lawsuit. A former Club member has filed legal action against several board members and the Club. The Club will have legal representation to address the charges. Please contact one of the Board of Directors if you'd like more information.

Michelle wanted to stay on topic and keep the meeting as short as possible. She asked that all questions be held until she was done speaking.

All members should have a paper copy of the bylaws. You can get one from the Winn. New members should get bylaws when they get their membership cards.

Officers have recommendations and they were going to be discussed at the meeting but there's a lot to cover. Revisions are being made. Board meeting will be called to do preliminary work and then have club vote on bylaws. Any member that wants to be included in this preliminary work should contact Michelle.

Michelle loves the club – been with it for 10 years. She wants to improve it for all of us. As president she'll work on continuous improvement, like getting more members involved.

There are some new positions. If they're done as a group it could be fun.

Our club should start supporting the federations: The American Federation of Mineralogical Societies and the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical & Lapidary Societies. The AFMS will hold it's meeting July 9 & 10 in Syracuse, New York. Each year the meeting is held in a different state. Our club used to support them with funds for endowments. We used to send \$50 for deceased members as a memorial. These endowments help support this. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. Here's a link to see pictures of this year's donated items, which amount to \$4000. As you can see, some very nice items have been donated.

<http://www.amfed.org/endow2011.htm>

AFMGS recommends that editors exchange newsletter by email so they can be shared. This is good way to learn about what others are doing – field trips, ideas for events, etc. Michelle found out that one club had an outdoor event that had kiddie pools with sand in them and stones to dig for.

There are Jr. Rockhound awards sponsored by the Society. Our club needs a Jr. Rockhound activity Chair Person. They can either be on executive board or a non elect board member. We want to get kids involved. We'll post awards and badges they can earn on Thumblicker. For shows kids can create displays – set up and label displays or do poster boards with information about different areas.

AFM has several reward programs and the winners will be announced during the event. Some categories are:

All American Award

This was established to encourage clubs to share their activities and expertise with other clubs within their respective regions and with the clubs of the AFMCS. It focuses on the efforts of each club to be a good neighbor, support other clubs and government initiatives, and provide an avenue of learning and growth for its members, among other things. Each report is read and judged for completeness and quality, as well as inclusion of those activities thought to make a well-rounded club. Our club can put together a scrap book that includes club history, activities, field trips, etc. This could be used for the award application.

Rock Hound Award

This award goes to a person nominated by their club. The entry would include back up information on all the person has done to further the aims of the Federation and lapidary in general.

Other awards are presented for websites, writing articles and poetry. Please help Gordon put material together for entry into these contests. The entries are forward to AFMCS In March.

The club will send a delegate for next conferences for next year. Usually president goes, and there would be a discussion and vote on who would go if the president couldn't go. They need to know in advance who is coming. We will start sending someone to represent our club. Club will pay a good part of costs. The attendee must attend banquets and meetings, take notes, represent our club, network, and wear the club vest!

The Eastern Foundation holds retreats at Wildwood Acres in its location in North Carolina. The next one is Sept. 5 – 11. There are lots of things to learn hear and lots of socializing. Tom and Kay Benham just attended a recent one as students. There's a link on the website for further information.

Michelle is looking for someone to be the Club Historian. They would document events, elections, committee reports and keep a history of what's going on. Michelle wants help goig over old newsletter to see what happened in the past and to document events, elections, committee reports, keeping history of what's going on. A history committee could put together a presentation with current and historical photos to get a timeline on history of club for the open house and 50th anniversary. Anyone who likes history can help Michelle do the research or volunteer for the historian position.

In show demo area it would be nice if we had someone that could put together poster boards of old ways of stone working. There used to be huge stone wheels run by rivers to grind cabs. Past lapidary history would add a lot to the show. Attendees could watch a demo and read about how it was done in the past. Michelle has other ideas but will present them at later date.

John suggested that we have program director that can put together a program of educational or fun

entertainment for meetings. These could be films, presentations, or activities for every month.

Michelle has begun work on the club's history and found out that the club filed for incorporation on Nov. 21, 1961. On June 19 the club filed with the state to become a nonprofit organization. She also has a list of club officers who signed that document.

1st Vice President John Piziak

John said the move to the new location will happen on Saturday June 25. John decided not to wait for the plumbing to be completed. Toilet facility, water, and electricity are working. A layout of the new shop has been put together. Equipment will go from old to new location and be put right in place so classes can begin right away. Volunteer assistance is needed for the move.

John suggested that we have the 50th anniversary celebration, open house and rock fest the weekend in July We would have open house Saturday and Sunday and Rock Fest on Saturday. Open house to will let people in the area to come in and get to know about it and become new members. Michelle suggested the date move until September or October since it's so hot in July and August. That will also give us time to prepare.

The club needs extra income. John is investigating permits so the club could have ham, pulled pork, or pit roasted beef at the Rock Fests to generate interest and more money

The fairgrounds are booked for the 2nd week in November. The Wyndham location might be an option for the march show.

Next rock fest will be at new location. New mailing address 105 Drennen Rd. Orlando, FL 32806

Treasurer's Report

The May income was \$746.50. Expenses were \$2432. This includes \$800 deposit for utilities at the new location. Current balance is \$6320. This is after July rent has been paid for both locations. There is \$280 in the building fund. The club currently has 131 members

Secretary Report

Michelle – Angie volunteered to be temporary Secretary till elections are held.

Gordon – Nothing to report.

Instructors Report

Tom said the new rolling mill must be signed off on before operation. Also have draw plates for wire and can make sheet. He has about people in class at a time and things are going well.

Linda would like a drill press. Not a Dremel, but a standard one for jewelry making. Harbour Freight has one and prices & options will be investigated

Old business – Byron was show chairman but moved .for personal reasons. He miss us and we miss him. Salvatore may take position. Paul will still call chair. Or Michelle, Paul committee would do the work. John will work with vendors.

New business – get wireless service at the new building. People can bring in laptops for research and projects. Michelle has a wireless box that she will donate.

Old business – At last meeting Gordon made a motion to compensate board members. Michelle presented some thoughts on this and will schedule a vote for the next meeting. This has not been done in the last 50 years. A handful of people carry the majority of work for the club. Instructors are compensated for their expertise and because sometimes they pay for materials themselves.

Door Prize Winners:

Winn, Betty, Ray , Paul, Michelle, Ray

50 – 50

John

18 members attended the meeting.

Michelle moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 and Fred seconded the motion.

Secretary – Angie Howard