

CENTRAL FLORIDA MINERAL & GEM SOCIETY, INC. MINUTES

June 12, 2017

GENERAL MEETING

President Salvatore Sansone called the meeting to order June 12th at 7:10 pm at the Pine Castle Women's Club, 5901 S. Orange Ave., Orlando, FL 32809. Other Board members present were: 1st Vice-President Thelma Craig, 2nd Vice-President Gordon Oakley, Treasurer Dave Granger and Secretary Betty Sumner.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESIDENT REPORT

The President welcomed everyone to the June meeting.

1ST VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT

She reported that as of today we have 95 members. She wished the following a Happy Birthday: Christine Arsenis, Rhonda Olson, John Cartagena, Sharon Ruark and Sylvia Tortolini.

2ND VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT

He reported that so far we had 17 members present plus one non-member. Shop is ready for people to cut stones. Still have a lot of straightening up to do but we are ready to go.

SECRETARY REPORT

The minutes for March, April and May were unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

He summarized the final account figures for the Show. After income and expenses, we are looking at a profit of about \$10K. He reviewed the May financial report.

Question was asked for the amount of money required to keep the machines in good repair. It takes about \$100 to \$150 per month to maintain the machines in working order.

SHOW CHAIRMAN REPORT

In the absence of George Wood, the President reported we have security and the ATM covered. Tables will be ordered the month before the Show. After discussion, it was concluded to order half plastic tables but it may cost more. Problem with the plastic tables is holding light fixtures, which requires a different bracket. We have 12 or 13 Vendors for the October Show. The first room is full. The Armory is getting more expensive and Security is required so the Board decided to raise the tables from \$85 to \$90 each starting in April 2018. Room B tables are 6' and will remain at \$65 each. We need more members to volunteer to help at the Show. We are not getting the business we use to for the sluice. The Fairgrounds was three weeks and we are not going to do this anymore for various reasons, such as where we were placed, lack of foot traffic flow and lack of volunteers. Discussion followed on our geode cracker and it was suggested that we get a soil pipe cutter.

Discussion followed on teaching kids gold panning and polishing stones with water and sandpaper.

The President stated we did not get many kids this year. We do give scouts free admission when they are in uniform. It was suggested to contact schools and boys and girls scout councilors. The President reported that John McIntosh is certified as a geology merit badge counselor and is willing to do this for the scouts.

Discussion followed on the workshop hours earned by Volunteers during the Show. There was disagreement about only having six months to use the hours earned before losing them. Tom Cook made a motion to allow Volunteers to have one year to use their workshop hours, seconded by Dave. Voting was unanimous that Volunteers have from the April-to-April Show and from the October-to-October Show to use their workshop hours earned. The President stated we have 95 members and emails were put out to get help renovating the workshop and only six or eight showed up. He wanted to see members participating in the workshop.

Gordon introduced visitor Elizabeth Cantrell of Sanford. She gave a brief report of her history and stated she had a rough time reaching someone from our Club.

The President reported we are reducing the number of tables for Vendors. Reason is the time to set up and break down and Volunteers leaving early. The Club has to pay \$22 per hour and the guards do not want to stay after 8pm, as they have to work the next day. The number of tables Vendors can have are being reduced from eight to six. Volunteers leave early and lifting those tables to the top of the stack is not easy. John Piziak objected stating he is the only Vendor with eight tables and he was willing to pay the \$22 per hour after 8pm but he was done breaking down by 8:30pm. The President cautioned John about cursing during a public meeting. Cursing will not be tolerated.

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Discussion followed and it was suggested that it be included in the contract that any Vendor after 8pm had to pay the \$22 per hour. Also suggested that Vendors be allowed to start packing at 4pm and to try this at the October Show to see how it works.

The contract additions and closing at 4pm was tabled until next month.

Thelma stated that she is disabled and doing 40 hours, starting Wednesday, for the Show. We only had 20 Volunteers and last year we had 40 Volunteers. There are only certain members that bring in pastries. People do not want to work in the kitchen. We need more Volunteers and participation at the Shows. Discussion followed.

50/50 DRAWING

Tickets sold totaled \$25. The winner, Tammy Dippenworth, won \$12.50.

DOOR PRIZES

Door prizes were won by: Dave Granger, John Piziak, Linda Bycz, Elizabeth Cnatrell, Debbie Nowak, Liza Vorster, Joe Bycz, Anne Piziak, Dave Manor, Chuck Roux, Thelma Craig, Gordon Oakley, Betty Sumner, Tammy Dippenworth and Bob Cole.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

SHOW & TELL

Lesley Horwarth presented beautiful colored crystal butterfly bracelets she created and members can make them at the 4th Saturday of the month, June 24th. She has supply kits for \$5.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm for refreshments and the Silent Auction.

Betty Sumner
Secretary