

# **CENTRAL FLORIDA MINERAL & GEM SOCIETY, INC. MINUTES**

March 13, 2017

## **GENERAL MEETING**

President Salvatore Sansone called the meeting to order March 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Pine Castle Women's Club, 5901 S. Orange Ave., Orlando, FL 32809. Other Board members present were: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Thelma Craig, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Gordon Oakley, Treasurer Dave Granger and Secretary Betty Sumner.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **1<sup>ST</sup> VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT**

She stated there were eighty paid members and 65 people that have not paid their dues. She wished a Happy Birthday to Bob Cole and Michelle Preusch. The Show is April 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> and we need members to bring in pastries so we can make money. Also Volunteers are needed.

## **2<sup>ND</sup> VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT**

He stated that fourteen members signed in and three visitors: Marian Troya, Chuck Roux and Russell Ferrell who is our speaker tonight. The Fair is still going But we are not doing well. This Sunday we will be packing up. He invited everyone to come out and see what we do. The President added that the sluice has been revamped.

## **SECRETARY REPORT**

Two Conway Newspapers were passed around to members showing our advertisement for our April Show. The minutes of February 13, 2017 were unanimously approved.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

He gave a detailed financial report. (Copy attached to the minutes.) He reported he has requested a quote for the tables.

## **SHOW CHAIR PERSON**

The President reported that we signed with Icon Security Service, the same company we had for the last Show. They are still charging us the same amount of \$374. ATM has been ordered. The first room is full and there are four tables to

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be sold in the auxiliary room. The hall way is full with four tables. The auxiliary room makes \$1,500 profit and pays the guard, cleaning up and other expenses. We need Show volunteers. For every four hours worked Volunteers earn one Shop hour. Volunteers are needed at the entrance, kitchen, kid's corner, Thursday set-up and clean up on Sunday. This Club is for members. We need members to bring in pastries to sell at the Show. Our two Shows are what keeps this Club going. Volunteers sign-up sheet will be available by the end of the week.

Dave Manor reported that he would contact a couple of sign carriers who require \$8 per hour. He will be busy with his own tables so someone will need to pick up the two people, take them home and get them food and drinks.

We have had a small decline with the Shop. We do have a Clubhouse with machines for Members to use. After every Show we put \$5,000 in the savings account. We can use help from members with donations for the sluice bags. Anything that is small or that we can put in bags is appreciated.

Dianne Hearn presented one of the Navy table covers that she is sewing for the Club's tables at the Show.

### **EVENTS COORDINATOR**

In the absence of Paula Wilson, the President reported there would be a Charity event April 1<sup>st</sup> for the Cancer Society. A prize will be put in the sluice bag but details had to be worked out. April 1<sup>st</sup> is also our Open House and Mini Show. April 22<sup>nd</sup> there will be an event at Lake Lotus Park. April 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> is our Show. In May we will have the Club picnic and our annual auction and we have big items for sale.

Tonight Russell Ferrell will do a presentation.

### **FIELD TRIP COORDINATOR**

The President appointed Jim Ingram as Field Trip Coordinator and he accepted the position.

### **INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT**

Gordon reported he had his first faceting student who is doing good and has half his stone cut. There have been no new students for the cab machines. The cab machines are in excellent shape with new belts on all the machines. He is ready to teach anyone to use the machines. The cost is \$6 per hour. The wheels are being done by the Johnson Brothers. All the pumps are working.

Other Instructors are: Betty Sumner, John Piziak, Emilio Garcia, Tom Gordon, Byron Wertz, Debbie Wood and Lesley Horwarth, Instructor of Bead & Wire

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Guild. The President added that the Guild helped the Club a lot as the ladies are asked to do wire wrapping which brings in a lot of people.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Jim Ingram, Field Trip Coordinator, stated we could have a trip to Stenson University as they have the largest mineral display in Florida. We have beaches that are full of all kinds of stuff. Butte, Montana, has a very high-end fish lodge. A Five-day trip would be limited to sixteen people with possibly traveling by horseback to the edges of Yellowstone Park or a garnet trip. Also he's working with his brother in Arizona on an Apache Tears trip. There was a good show of hands of interested people for long two-day trips. Discussion followed on trips in Florida.

### **50/50 DRAWING**

The winner, Jim Ingram, won \$20.50.

### **DOOR PRIZES**

Door prizes were won by: Chuck Roux, Dave Granger, Jim Whiteraven, Gordon Oakley, Marian Troya, Francisco Ortiz, Tom Douglas, Jim Ingram, Russell Ferrell, Bob Cole, Liza Vorster, Betty Sumner, Lesley Horwarth, George Wood and Jim Van Dam.

### **SHOW AND TELL**

Jim Ingram display a rock that pictured a clear petroglyph made with a 16-penny nail. He donated a copper sulfate mineral to the Club in honor of Paul Hayes. The President added that it would be added to our collection.

Jim Van Dam showed some beautiful wire wrapped faceted stones that had a high-end value.

Chuck Roux showed pictures of an onyx clock and explained how he built it.

7:50 pm Short break was taken for refreshments and an opportunity to view the silent auction items.

Thelma Craig displayed two pieces of Rhodochrosite of which one was wire wrapped by Betty Sumner and the other was a slab, which is our last piece of Rhodochrosite. The President added these two items would go into our collection.

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### **PRESENTATION**

8:10 pm Meeting was reconvened with Russell Ferrell from Texas, author of The Bone War of McCurtain County, speaking on the true story of two men who discovered and excavated a dinosaur specimen in Oklahoma. After four years work, they were forced to fight a major corporation and government for the rights to their treasure. His book was passed around for members to view and purchase. Also an interestingly short video was shown on carnivores and vegetarian dinosaurs.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 for the Silent Auction items.

Betty Sumner  
Secretary