

# CENTRAL FLORIDA MINERAL & GEM SOCIETY, INC. MINUTES

January 9, 2017

## GENERAL MEETING

President Sal Sansone called the meeting to order December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:05 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, Treasurer Dave Granger, Show Chairman Paul Hayes and Secretary Betty Sumner. Absent: 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Gordon Oakley.

All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the year. He noted there were a lot of new faces present.

## 1<sup>st</sup> VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT

She reported we have 49 paid members for 2017. Membership applications are on the table for anyone needing one. She wished the following a Happy Birthday: Chris Dinatale, Dianne Hearn, Edith Stanley, John Piziak, Gerald Metayer and Dale Angel. Applauding followed.

She reported the Orange County Fairgrounds is holding the County Fair from March 2<sup>nd</sup> to March 19<sup>th</sup> and Volunteers are needed. Our Show is April 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> and Volunteers are needed on Thursday to help set up and on each day of the Show.

The President added that there would be a sign-up sheet for Volunteers for the Show and Fair. The Fairground pays us to man a booth and they provide tables, chairs and two display cases. It's a lot of fun and they will provide us with the details. Every Volunteer can bring in one display when they are present. The sluice will be there.

Dave Manor added that you don't need to know anything about rocks and Volunteers get into the Fair free.

## 2<sup>NE</sup> VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT

In the absence of Gordon Oakley, Bob Cole, with the assistance of Belinda Yarnell, reported there were 21 signed in and two guests: Cameron and Noel Hickey.

## SECRETARY REPORT

She reported working on the advertising for the upcoming April Show.

### **MINUTES OF OCTOBER, NOVEMBER & DECEMBER, 2016**

There is a problem with the minutes sent to John Piziak as he could not read them. Everyone else present could read the minutes. After discussion, it was decided to vote on the minutes for October, November and December meetings, which were unanimously approved.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Dave Granger introduced himself as the new Treasurer and had the pleasure of reading the financial report for December. Final income for the October 2016 Show was \$7,761.03. Because of the hurricane, attendance was down 40% but the finances were down only 20%. There were no questions of the Report.

### **SHOW CHAIRMAN REPORT**

He reported 39 tables were sold and we are getting filled. The President added that the Show is held at the Florida National Guard Armory in April for which we need Volunteers. We are also working on a third Show.

### **AGENDA FOR 2017**

The President reported on plans to make the meetings more fun:  
January meeting – Dave Manor will be speaking on Tiger Eye.  
February 13<sup>th</sup> – Bill Gusgafson will be speaking on minerals and there will be a party because it's the day before Valentine's Day.  
March 13<sup>th</sup> – Bill Ferrell will be speaking on minerals and rocks.  
April 1<sup>st</sup> – Annual anniversary party and our first mini-show of the year. Members can bring tent and tables. Discussion followed on mini-show and parking.  
April 10<sup>th</sup> – A speaker is being considered but he needs to be confirmed.  
May 8 – Club picnic will be held in this building, as well as our annual auction.

### **INSTRUCTOR WORK SHOP REPORT**

He reported nothing has changed. We will get our budget report and have a better report for next month. The President added that we have a full functional workshop. We need more members to come in and use the equipment. We have very good instructors: John Piziak, Emilio Garcia and Gordon Oakley.

### **BEAD & WIRE GUILD**

Lesley Horwarth reported we have a glass this Saturday. We have little space but we can handle eight to ten people at one time. We have done wire wrapping, rock painting and Juju dolls. We have fourteen members. The President added that they work hand in hand with the Club. The name of the group has to be changed. John suggested that the group be emphasized at the Fair. The President added that they have a month and a half to get a banner done before the Fair. Gem Trees are needed for the Fair. Instructor

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Belinda Yarnell stated that a class could be arranged for everyone interested in making rocks. Contact Betty and make arrangements.

### OLD BUSINESS

None

### NEW BUSINESS

The President reported that we needed to advertise that we have a rock shop. We are registered as CFMG2. We have permission to put up a 40 x 40 rock shop sign and workshop. It will also state jewelry, minerals, rocks and beads. Name on the sign was discussed and it was unanimously approved for Gem and Mineral Shop to be on the top.

Dave Manor reported that they look up prices on Ebay and if they find a \$10 price, they mark the product \$5. They pass on the savings to members. A collection from two science professors was purchased. We are half the price of stores. Prices we are offering are amazing. Members are getting bargains. In the past when the Club got a nice collection, there were a select few who got first choice. We have had a lot of problems in the past but nothing disappears now. We get nice stuff and it's passed on to the members.

The President reported that Dave Manor is our buyer and negotiator for purchases. Items are in storage. We paid \$1,100 and have made \$700 in sales and we still have a lot of stuff left. These items will be at the May 8<sup>th</sup> auction.

Lesley Horwarth stated that everyone needs to register on Amazon Smile so when they purchase anything a small percentage of it comes to our Club. Belinda stated that this is set up and information has been set to Paula for Club members.

The President stated we are a 501(C)3 and can get donations and grants. If anyone knows of someone that wants to get rid of a collection, we will send out our Negotiator.

### SHOW & TELL

The President requested that anyone who makes anything to bring it in to Show & Tell.

### FAIR

The President reported the theme display for the Fair is educational on Agates, Geodes, minerals and petrified wood. Discussion followed on petrified wood, space size, sluice bags and cutting/polishing geodes.

### PRESENTATIONS

The President reported that Bob Cole and John Piziak have gone to schools and made presentations for the Club. Also George Wood made a presentation to the Kiwanis Club.

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### 50/50 DRAWING

Bob Cole reported that \$64.00 was collected. Jeri Cetroli won the big prize of \$32.00.

### DOOR PRIZES

Door prizes were won by: Jim Van Dam, Miriam Troya, Dave Granger, Tom Douglas, Anne Piziak, George Wood, Ritchie Juchniewicz, Cameron Hickey and Belinda Yarnell.

### PRESENTATION BY DAVE MANOR

The President introduced Dave Manor as an expert on African Tiger Eye. Dave started by saying he would like to see this Club make more presentations on beads or minerals, where they come from and where they can be collected. It was a joy for him to be handling the material of Mother Earth and moving it on to others. He showed several pieces of blue, gold and even red Tiger Eye from Africa. It is sold by the pound, sliced and cabbed. Tiger Eye is plentiful but Africa is not allowing anymore shipped out now. He gave a history of where Tiger Eye is located in Africa and the four years he spent there traveling, talking and negotiating with miners.

He's heard the claim that Tiger Eye is Asbestos and this is not correct. It is 100% quartz. He suggested that everyone google Tiger Eye to see what it is made of. It's a great learner's piece to start with as you can cut it in different directions until you get the cut you want.

Red Tiger Eye is artificially induced. It starts with gold Tiger Eye and is placed in an oven at a low temperature and it turns red.

His presentation was very interesting and kept everyone spell bound. During the presentation, the President walked around with a display of finished Tiger Eye Cabochons.

### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was unanimously adjourned for the Silent Auction.

Betty Sumner  
Secretary