

Olathe Gem & Mineral Society
Board Meeting Notes
January 31, 2017

Call to order: 7:10 p.m.

Attendance: Norm Onnen, President
M. John Robinson, Membership Chair
Barbara Crompton, Treasurer
Spring Wittmeier, Secretary
Tom Lorenz, Immediate Past President
Chris Onnen, Guest
Larry Wells, VP - absent

President's report:

- 1) Minutes from November Board meeting approved.
- 2) M. John and Spring continue to work on the new website. Lengthy discussion with Chris Onnen about structure, functionality, security and data for website. M. John, Spring and Chris will meet separately to review and continue work on the website.
- 3) Discussion about club Facebook page, set up by Deborah Bryant (member) and currently managed by her. It was decided to invite Deb to our next Board meeting to get more details as to her plan and intent for the Facebook page.
- 4) Discussion about income from Nov 2016 show – Larry has paid his booth percentage to Club and Mike Puduski still needs to pay.
- 5) Upcoming program ideas:
 - a. February - “Fakes, counterfeits and phonies” presented by Mark Sherwood
 - b. March – Gold panning (again because it was so fun!)
 - c. April - Professor David Burnham – T.rex dig in MT
 - d. President motioned to pay \$30.00 presenter’s fee to Mark Sherwood and \$60.00 presenter’s fee to Dr. David Burnham. Spring Wittmeier seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.
- 6) Field trip ideas: Quarry in Southern Johnson County, Salts Plains N.W.R. near Jet, OK (2nd Saturday in April), Mozarkite dig in May, Trip to Troy, KS (probably spring/early summer), and co-field trips with the Topeka G&M Society.
- 7) Presented a new field trip waiver form that he will customize for our Club and we will use it on future field trips once approved by the Board.
- 8) Tabled discussion on updating by-laws until our next Board meeting.
- 9) The Club still has 5 club cases to sell.
- 10) Upcoming shows to consider:
 - a. 3/10-3/13/2017. 56th Annual Association of Earth Science Clubs of Greater Kansas City Gem and Mineral Show
 - i. We can submit club cases
 - ii. Tom Lorenz is the show chairman and will run the PA system
 - iii. Association needs help with table set up
 - b. 3/17-3/19/2017. Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc. Annual Convention, Albuquerque, NM
 - i. Norman Onnen, President will attend as Club delegate (we will only send one delegate as the second, Larry Wells, had to cancel)
 - ii. RMFMS dues deadline was December.
 - iii. We submitted the Club insurance form in December.
 - iv. Jane McLaughlin was the RMFMS directory chair.
- 11) We did receive a request for Amber via email from someone studying their Ph D. President will check into email and request before we make any decisions to ask the club if anyone can help requestor.

Past President's Report:

- 1) Annual summer picnic will be June 3rd, 3 p.m. – 9 p.m. at Lone Elm Park, Olathe, KS. Tom Lorenz confirmed the reservation. Cost of reservation was \$54.00.
- 2) Discussion about March show and club cases. Recommended that everyone bring their own club cases and set them up.

Membership report: Tabled until next Board meeting.

Treasurer's report:

Available upon request.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30 p.m.