

Olathe Gem & Mineral Society
General Meeting Notes
February 7, 2017

Call to order: 7:00 p.m.

Board Attendance: Norm Onnen, President
Tom Lorenz, Past President
Larry Wells, Vice President
M. John Robinson, Membership Chair/Bulletin Editor
Barbara Crompton, Treasurer
Spring Wittmeier, Secretary

President's comments:

- 1) Introduced two meeting visitors: 1) Vince Martini and 2) Neal Becker.
- 2) Introduced two new members 1) Dan McDaniel and 2) Rebecca Gibbs.
- 3) President lead group discussion about member recent and past digs, classes, field trips and upcoming events. One member recently came back from New Zealand. Tom Lorenz just returned from Quartzite, AZ.
- 4) March 10-13 Gem Show
 - a. Tom Lorenz reiterated the need for set up help starting Wednesday at 10 a.m. Members will set up cases on Thursday.
 - b. Discussion followed about how to set up an individual's club case.
 - c. With Club membership card, entrance to show is free.
 - d. Seeking volunteers to bring food at 4:30 p.m. Thursday for carry-in dinner.
 - e. M. John Robinson is handling display sign ups.
- 5) We still have club cases available for sale, please let the President know if you are interested in one. They are selling for \$25.00 each.
- 6) RMFMS convention
 - a. Jane McLaughlin gave detailed report about past meetings, excursions and events for conventions.
 - b. President would like another member to join him as a delegate for the convention.
 - c. Jane reminded us that the RMFMS is always looking for articles, poems and submissions from the clubs for the monthly newsletter.
- 7) Discussion about Albuquerque, NM show, Treasures of the Earth. While there, you can take a trip to the Blanchard Mines in Bingham, NM or to Nacimiento in Cuba, NM.
- 8) Upcoming programs: March – Gold Panning and show case preparation; April 4, 2017 – Dr. David Burnham, KU (Montana T.rex dig)

Treasurer's report:

Available upon request.

Raffle Ticket Sales and Drawing

- 1) Keith Shaw and Brian Symons are taking over responsibility for the on time drawing and monthly raffle tickets.

Committee reports:

Refreshments: Provided by Deb Bryant and Jeremiah Jackson

Bulletin/Website management: M. John Robinson and Spring Wittmeier continue to work on the website. They are being assisted by Chris Onnen.

Membership: M. John Robinson is the committee chair.

Field Trips: Earl Newland is the Club field trip coordinator.

- 1) We have been invited by the Topeka Gem Club to go with them on their trip to Hutchinson to the underground salt mines. More information about the fieldtrip will be forthcoming.
- 2) April 8, 2017, Jet,OK/Salt Flats National Wildlife Refuge to be joined by the Topeka Gem Club.
- 3) May, 2017 – Mozarkite, more details to be forthcoming.
- 4) 2017 (date to be determined) – Strataca, KS Underground Salt Museum (with Topeka)

Librarian: Will be posting by laws and officer positions to the website. Will be posting club library holdings to the new website when activated.

Shows:

1) 3/10-3/13/2017. 56th Annual Association of Earth Science Clubs of Greater Kansas City Gem & Mineral Show

- a. Location: KCI Expo Center
- b. Tom requested that club members volunteer for table set up
- c. Wednesday and Thursday are show set up work days, we need members to help set up.
- d. Show is Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
- e. There will be an auction Saturday after the general show closes.
- f. We still have 5 club cases for sale at \$25.00 each.

2) 3/17-3/19/2017. Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc. Annual Convention, Albuquerque, NM

Program:

“Fake, Frauds and Phonies” – presented by Mark Sherwood.

Announcements:

- a. 3/10-3/12/2017 - 56th Annual Association of Earth Science Clubs of Greater Kansas City Gem & Mineral Show
- b. 3/17-3/19/2017 - Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc. Annual Convention, Albuquerque, NM
- c. 4/8/2017 – Trip with Topeka Gem Club to Selenite salt flats near Jet, OK.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:00 p.m.