

Olathe Gem & Mineral Society
Board Meeting Notes
March 28, 2017

Call to order: 7:08 p.m.

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

President's report:

- 1) Discussed several previous months minutes for website posting.
- 2) Discussed reviewing several months expenses and income at our next Board meeting to determine a standard for future convention reimbursements.
- 3) Detailed (written) delegate report from Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies annual convention.
 - a. The RMFMS has requested that our club participate in future competitions, like the website competition.
 - b. T.E.A.M.S. (Teach, Encourage, Accommodate, Mentor and Support) is the new theme for the RMFMS. The President of RMFMS would like all clubs to add theme into future meetings.
 - c. We added the RMFMS Bylaws, Articles of Incorporation, Operating Procedure and 2017 RMFMS directory to our club library and to our club website.
 - d. RMFMS has an extensive library and they will publish a current list of their materials.
 - e. We are expecting a visit from Bill Smith, the RMFMS State Director. We don't currently have a schedule for the visit. Norm is following up on this.
- 4) Tested projector – success!
 - a. The Vice President will keep the project and bring to meetings as needed.
- 5) March KC AFMS show report:
 - a. It was highly attended.
 - b. Our club had 14 cases on display.
 - c. Discussion about March show:
 - d. M. John reported that as of the meeting date, we had 17 display cases that would be at the show
 - e. Tom Lorenz reported that we need more volunteers
 - f. Norm Onnen reported that he still had 2 club cases but that 1 may be spoken for.
 - g. AFMS needs to fix the link on their website to our club website. Norm is following up on this.
 - h. Leslie Hartman will attend our April general meeting and discuss the Junior program.
 - i. AFMS has an annual scholarship program. The Board will review our annual expenses and income and determine whether our club should participate in the scholarship program.
- 6) Website update: Chris Onnen continues to work on the website. He is adding bulletins, minutes, calendar dates and pertinent links. He needs pictures from any club member that could be posted to the website.
- 7) Discussion about club Facebook page, at the March general membership meeting a short discussion was had with the group about the page's existence and everyone was invited to join the page. Since then, several additional club members have joined. At the April general meeting, Deborah Bryant (member) will show the website on screen using the projector and encourage more club members to join the page.
- 8) April general meeting – Jane McLaughlin signed up to provide refreshments for the meeting. Dr. David Burnham will lead the program and the club will pay a \$60 stipend. Dr. Josh Schmerge, KU was invited

to attend the April general membership meeting and he has volunteered to be a future speaker at a general membership meeting.

- 9) We need a September general meeting program. Would prefer to have it before the June picnic. We will also need to put out another sign up sheet for general meeting refreshments.
- 10) M. John and Barb will serve the Board members nominating committee. The Vice President's position is the only open position for the upcoming year. All other positions will remain the same.
- 11) Upcoming program ideas:
 - a. April - Professor David Burnham – T.rex dig in MT (speaker fee \$60)
 - b. May – Don Smith, paleontology (speaker fee \$30)
 - c. Tammy Shaw and Michelle Hursh are signed up for refreshments.
- 12) Field trip ideas:
 - a. Quarry in Southern Johnson County (Tom Lorenz is handling the scheduling)
 - b. Salts Plains N.W.R. near Jet, OK
 - i. April 8th – our club will join Topeka club at the plains
 - ii. April 21st – Deb Bryant and group will be at the plains
 - c. Mozarkite dig trip near Lincoln, MO (May is a tentative date, M. John Robinson is handling the scheduling)
 - d. Co-field trips with the Topeka G&M Society to the Hutchinson salt mines – possibly May or June
 - e. May 20th - Farmland along the Missouri River in Troy, KS - Larry Wells is handling the details
 - f. Truman Lake, Clinton, MO (Deb Bryant is handling the scheduling)
- 13) Adopted customized forms for release of liability, field trip indemnification and photo permission slip.
- 14) Previous comments have been added to the by-laws. We will do a final review and vote on the new by-laws at the next Board meeting.

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.
 - a. Club provides meat, condiments, paperware and drinks.
 - b. Members bring a side dish.
 - c. There will be a silent auction.
 - d. M. John will handle sign ups for the side dish items.

Membership report: Annual dues are coming up in May.

Treasurer's report:

- 1) The report is available upon request.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:35 p.m.