

Olathe Gem & Mineral Society  
Board Meeting Notes  
October 24, 2017

**Call to Order:** 7:00 p.m.

**Officers Attendance:** Larry Wells - President  
Deb Bryant - Vice President  
Barbara Crompton, Treasurer  
Spring Wittmeier - Secretary  
M. John Robinson - Membership Chair  
Norm Onnen - Past President  
Dan McDaniel - Website

**General Announcements:**

- 1) Shared collection stories - Barb Crompton went to Garnet Hill, Topaz Mountain and Dugway, near Delta. It's a free collecting area in Utah.
- 2) Deb Bryant worked at the Topeka Gem Show and passed out several of our club cards.
- 3) Confirmed snacks for General Membership meeting - Dan McDaniel and Michelle Hursh.
- 4) Norm Onnen made suggestion about creating a basic club pamphlet to give out to potential new members at future shows.
- 5) Spring Wittmeier will bring Topeka youth program information to Norm Onnen as soon as possible.
- 6) At the September general meeting, members voted to have a presentation on gem identification.

**President's Comments:**

- 1) Gem Show Nov 3-5, 2017 and gem show case discussion. Confirmed list of several members that will set up cases at the show. There are a couple of confirmations that we still need. The club has 4 display tables reserved at the show. Club will set up display cases on Thursday. Show date is incorrect on the website. Dan will correct dates on website. The club will send updated information to everyone in the bulletin and be sure to mention it at the general membership meeting.
- 2) Review status of club membership directory. Julie Robinson has begun to format the directory. Bev Wells and Julie Robinson will meet soon to share info they each collected.
- 3) Guest Speaker for the November general meeting is Carli Beth Atlaksor. The presentation is Archeology Do's and Don'ts!
- 4) The club needs to create a new membership application to post on the website.
- 5) Holiday party sign up and attendance discussion. Will post members who are already signed up in the bulletin and on the website so that everyone can confirm or sign up. Current list will be sent around again at the November general membership meeting to confirm holiday party sign

ups. Norm Onnen advised that the menu will be the same as last year and that we need to confirm the final count with HyVee one week before the event. Room capacity is 40.

6) Larry Wells will check into another field trip date to quarry in Troy, IL.

7) Future presentations should be video taped and put in the club library.

#### **Vice President report:**

1) Deb Bryant will work on January membership meeting presentation. Barb Crompton offered to do a short presentation about her recent finds.

2) Norm Onnen suggested that we have Dave Burnham come back.

#### **Membership report:**

1) Current membership list and dues paid discussion. Membership and Treasury chairs compared notes and updated accordingly. Club dues are payable to Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineral Societies by 12/15/2017. Larry Wells and M. John Robinson will call members with unpaid dues to determine if they are going to pay or drop.

2) Discussion about Gem Show newsletter - we should have our website listed instead of an email for new members to contact.

#### **Treasurer's report:**

1) Reports will be available upon request.

2) Spring Wittmeier completed audit of treasury reports and bank statements for the previous 2 years. No discrepancies were found.

3) Barb Crompton will not be at the 11/7 general membership meeting because she has other obligations. Norm Onnen will handle her duties at the general membership meeting.

#### **New Business:**

1) Washburn will let us borrow the Boltz Agate for the March Gem Show.

2) Norm Onnen is working with APAC to get us into most of their quarries. As the schedule is set, he will notify everyone.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

1) 39th Annual Gem Show November 3-5, 2017 at Kansas City International Exhibit Hall.