

Helena Mineralogical Society Meeting Minutes

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Submitted by Carolyn DeMartino

Announcements

Please note that articles for the newsletter go to Sally Brooks.

Program Chair

Dave Jordan presented a video about the Elgin Company's production of sapphire bearings. Dave said he had no program planned for our April meeting as that is when Raffle items from the Rock and Mineral will be given out to the winners. In May Dave will present a program about the tools more experienced club members use. And in June, Dave plans to have a program about making cabochons "cabs".

Show Chair –Gary Parisi

Gary Parisi updated the club members about the show status. T.V. and radio ads are all lined up! Gary also has the show on the HelenaEvents.com website. Show dates are April 9th and 10th, with set-up beginning around 1 pm on Friday the 8th. Following the show set-up; we will have a potluck. The club will provide fried chicken. Please bring a potluck item to share. Everyone was reminded again to sign-up on the sign-up sheets to work at the show. Sean and Race will stay overnight to guard the venue.

Sally Caputo will staff the new bracelet beading table. Please sign up to help Sally.

Ryan Hannahoe, a Science teach with Clancy School will have a table upstairs to promote the Outdoor Camp at Canyon Ferry Lake.

Grab bag filling will be at Wayne's house 5485 Sahara Court, Saturday March 26, 9 A.M. till done. Note, calcite from the Big Timber area will fluoresce orange and will phosphoresce blue.

Treasurer's Report – Terri Smith/ Jim Bruce

Terri gave the treasurer's report. Andie Moore presented a bill for cookies. A motion was made to pay the bills and it was passed.

Gene Hodge, Wayne Waters, and Dave Jordan discussed how they had looked at five tubs of slab material (approx. 150 slabs/ tub), boxes of mineral samples, a lodestone (fyi-a piece of magnetite possessing polarity like a magnetic needle), lightning-struck beach sand, jewelry making supplies, and three large display cases offered to the club from Grace (Ray) David. Gene made a motion that these items be purchased for \$300. The objective is to get these items back into circulation to people who can use them. The motion was passed. Gene will coordinate the acquisition of the cabinets. Grace lives near Toston.

Fieldtrip Chair – Wayne Waters/ Martin Landry

Wayne Waters announced that the Miss Beverly Claim is "open for business!" He did ask anyone who goes there to leave the stick in the water so critters can get out of the water if they fall in.

Wayne is still working on where to go for fieldtrips; so please let him know if you would like to lead a fieldtrip; or if you have ideas for fieldtrips.

Member At Large - Gene Hodge

No news at this time.

Historian/ Secretary-Carolyn DeMartino

No historic items to share at this time.

New Business

Ryan Claypool received the Montana Tech Geological Engineering Scholarship.

A Thank You note should be sent to West Mont Farm and Gardens for donating the beads for the bracelet making table.

All state and federal permits are done including the Small Miner's Exemption & the BLM permit that allows us to bring equipment into the claims for upkeep.

The Club needs to find a new place to store the club trailer. This item will be tabled until our April meeting

The 2016 Christmas Party will be moved from the Hannaford Baptist Church banquet room to the Stevenson-Wilke Funeral Home banquet room as this room is free of charge.

Special Notes

It was Grace David that actually recommended the name for the Sally Ann Crystal Claim. And, Beverly Roberts is who the "Miss Beverly" Sapphire Claim is named for.

Kurt and Jan Smith donated Lapidary Journals to give away at the Grab Bag table. Ray Breniger asked for more Ball Toss and Silent Auction material. Please bring these items to the Grab Bag filling at Wayne's house. Wayne would also like to have someone second his selections for the Grab Bags and Ball Toss.

The HMS Club's next meeting will be Thursday, April 21, 2016, at the Neighborhood Center at 7 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

See you all at the show!