

Central Dakota Gem & Mineral Society (CDG&MS)

Minutes for September 10, 2023

A meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm by President Kevin V. at the Bismarck Public Library. Other Officers in attendance were Brenda M. as Vice President; Skye F. our Treasurer and myself as Secretary. The Pledge of Allegiance was given and the Club members introduced themselves.

Skye F. our treasurer reported that The Rock Club currently has \$5,854.24 in the treasurer less a couple of minor bills that will be paid.

She also reported that we are still waiting for information on the Clubs tax exempt status.

The dates and times have been secured for several of our 2024 club events. The metal detecting & picnic at McDowell Dam is on June 2, 2024. Our fall family picnic at Sertoma Park, Shelter # 9 will be August 4, 2024. and our 50th Annual Gem & Mineral Show will be at the Eagles Club on October 24th, 25th & 26th of 2024.

Secretary Darrel S. read the minutes from our August 6th Club meeting that had been held at Sertoma Park Shelter # 9. The minutes were approved as read.

Old Business:

Skye and her husband Steve reported that that the Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Society's Convention that they had attended at Casper, Wyoming, (July 14 -16) was a success. Both Skye & Steve recommended attending future conventions if the opportunities occur.

New Business:

At the previous Board Meeting , A long time Club member, Mrs. Berg along with her son had donated two vest with several very nice pins and also several rock identification books. After donating the two vest to current members. The club sold the pins to interested members. The proceeds were added to our treasury.

Joe Martinette volunteered to maintain those previously donated reference books as part of a Club Library. Virginia Wingerter made a motion that Joe M. would maintain the reference library for the CDG&MS. Jolene M. seconded the motion. A voice vote was held and the motion was approved.

With a reminder from Kevin that in November, we will need a new president and secretary. Tim W. has indicated that he would be interested in serving as president. Joe M. has also previously indicated he would be interested in the position of Club Secretary.

Another topic of interest was Kevin's recommendation that the club sell one of the large stationary advertising signs that The Club has. The proceeds will be added to the club treasury. The club will keep one sign that is more presentable for advertising at the Eagles.

There being no other business to discuss, Kevin adjourned the meeting.

Paula & Blaine Nordwall had attended a Yakima Rock & Mineral Club event at Yakima, Washington and were able to bring back a very interesting newsletter as well as a great sampling of rocks from that area for display. They also had an example of a Ellensburg blue agate, which is very valuable for jewelry making.

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Announcements/Reminders

We will have a 2:00 P.M. Club meeting on October 15, 2023 at the Bismarck Public Library. This time can be used for discussing final details of the upcoming show and we will also have a show & tell.

October 19th through the 21st is our 49th Annual Gem and Mineral Show at the Bismarck Eagles. Thursday October 19 is set up day from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. On Friday, October 20th, the show will run from 10 A.M. through 6:00 P.M. Saturday's show will run from 10:00 A.M. through 5:00 P.M.