

Central Dakota Gem & Mineral Society (CDG&MS)

Minutes for July 9, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by President Kevin V. at the Bismarck Public Library. Other Officers in attendance were Brenda M. Vice President; Skye F. Treasurer and Darrel S. as Secretary. The Pledge of Allegiance was given and the Club members introduced themselves.

Skye F., our Treasurer reported that the Club has a positive cash flow with the bills having been paid. The Club's Non-Profit status has been revoked.

Secretary Darrel S. read the minutes from the February 5th Club meeting that had been held at the Bismarck Public Library in Room A. The minutes were approved as read.

Old Business:

Skye F. reviewed our three options for our tax status. A: Reinstating our club for a 501c7 tax exempt status. Reinstatement means paying a user fee. B: Apply for a 501c7 Tax exempt (No reinstatement), or C: We could just carry on as a non tax exempt corporation and pay taxes year to year. (3) conduct business as non-tax exempt corporation. Skye is in discussions with the state and will report back to the Club as more information becomes available. Until then any final decision on what we as an organization will do is tabled.

New Business:

Just before our regular meeting, Jamie, our CDG & MS show chairman and the planning committee met for the upcoming 49th Annual Gem & Mineral Show which will be held at the Eagles Club, October, 19, 20, & 21. The Show Committee members participants were as follows: Jaimie, Chairwoman; Russ S., Skye F., Joe M., & Virginia W.

The most important changes include an increase of table rent to \$25.00, which would eliminate commissions being charged. A new updated contract between the club and the vendor would be needed. Jaimie would like a larger budget than \$550, which was the amount allocated for the previous year. President Kevin V. recommended that this be discussed during our upcoming July 25th 6:00 P.M. Club Board meeting at the Eagles. New flyers are available for members to hand out.

Since Skye & Steve F. are both attending the Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies Convention on July 14, and July 15, our Club decided that they needed a little extra money to defray the expenses that will be incurred at the Ramkota Hotel in Casper, Wyoming.

Tim W. made a motion that Skye & Steve F. receive a payment for \$125.00 to help defray expenses. This motion was seconded by Russ. A voice vote was conducted and approved. After a short discussion it was decided to amend the previous motion. Jamie made a motion to increase the \$125.00 to \$300.00. Brenda M. seconded the motion. A voice vote was held and the new motion as amended was approved.

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There being no other business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned by President Kevin

Educational

One of our club members, Joe Martinetti gave a great presentation on the Pegmatites of the Black Hills: First of all A pegmatite is an igneous rock showing a very coarse texture, with large interlocking crystals usually greater in size than 1 cm or larger. Most pegmatites are composed of quartz, feldspar, and mica, having a similar silicic composition to granite. South Dakota is lucky enough to have lot of active mines where these crystals and rare earths are located. Joe explained that over 250 different types of minerals are located in the areas of Keystone, Custer & Hill City. The lecture was very interesting. For more information talk to Joe or Google the subject.

Announcements:

Remember that on August 6 at 12:00 noon we will be having our Annual Potluck Picnic at the Sertoma Park Shelter # 9. The hamburgers, buns, condiments, plates and bottled water will be provided. Members should bring a dish to share such as salads, etc. If everybody will bring a door prize for the drawing. The event will be a lot of fun.