

Central Dakota Gem & Mineral Society (CDG&MS)

Minutes for October 15, 2023

A 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. 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 \$5,795.31 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.

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:

President Kevin V. asked the participating club members how they liked the Pine Cone hunt. The Pinecone hunt was well attended with 12 to 14 participants. Victor recommended that Karen Mirer be given an honorary membership. She has allowed our club to explore that part of the Cannon Ball that is on her land for many years. This year one of Karen's sons Jim was also on the hunt. Russ S. made a motion that Karen M. be given an honorary membership in the CDG&MS. Virginia W. seconded the motion. A voice vote was held and the motion was approved.

It was also mentioned that Tom Anderson a new member who had just signed up found two of the petrified Pine Cones. Paula and Blaine found a rock with a pine cone impression. along with an ancient bone fragment. Several people found petrified rocks, lots of photos were taken and each year the excursion is a great adventure.

New Business:

President Kevin V. also directed the conversation to include any last minute detail reminders for our 49th Annual Gem & Mineral Show . Jamie and committee members reminded the membership that among other things: (1) An updated contract and \$25.00 per table price increase had been developed that eliminated the need for figuring out state taxes. (2) There are three out of state vendors: 1 from Montana, and 2 from South Dakota. (3) A couple of the on state display cases have been spoken for. (4) Skye F. suggested that we have membership signup forms at the show. (5) 43 Tables have been rented by dealers. (6) (7) Jamie asked for a hand count as to how many volunteers would be available in helping

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A huge thank you to Mike Simonson for his donation of cabochons & belt fittings to the Club as show door prizes. Brenda & Jolene Morgan had also artfully wire wrapped these cabochons. Donations of time and material show the deep dedication of our members. Tim Wiser also brought along some of his newest creations which included a variety of stones in ring settings for show & tell.

Our next meeting will be November 5th, 2:00 P.M. at the Bismarck Public Library: Our primary goal is the election of a new club president and club secretary. The Rock Club will also review how we did at the 49th Annual Show at the Eagles.