

LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC. – BOARD OF DIRECTORS – Jan. 5, 2004
Kinkos Conference Room, 48th & Vine Streets

President Jim Marburger called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Roll call was taken. All Board members were present, with the exception of Pat Akins. Guests were Phyllis Parks, Ed Ridge, and Susan McMahon.

John Harrison made the motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting, 2nd by Jim Atkins. Motion carried. Jim Atkins moved to accept the Treasurer's report, 2nd by John Harrison. Motion carried.

The club received Christmas cards from Pershing Center and Bill & Betty White. Other mail received was a flyer for the Colorado Mineral Show to be held April 23-25, 2004; World Famous Lipizzaner Stallion show; and the UNL Natural Resource Link publication. The flyers will be available at the general meeting.

No swap report as Pat Akins was not present.

Vera Lyman reported that Pat Akins emptied the items from the storage facility into the trailer. The club owes no money to the facility. Vera related that the storage facility staff kept a good watch on our unit. The mother passed away and was buried on December 31. Vera suggested that the club send a memorial to the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Motion to do make a \$25 memorial was made by Roger Pabian, 2nd by Jim Atkins. Motion carried.

The black light seems to be missing. Phyllis Parks suggested taking money from the juniors to purchase a new one if the old one can't be found.

Geology day is February 15th, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. President Marburger suggested getting names and addresses of those present in order to recruit youth members.

Roger Pabian reported that he has 13 of the 14 dealers lined up for the show. He sent out the contracts for selling demonstrators, waiting for responses. He has set up outside promotions – Geology Day, Legacy, science fair and Youngers. Roger also reported that the Fire Marshal wants everyone to use GFI or circuit breaker power strips at the show.

All the Standing Committee positions have been filled, with the exception of Programs. David Heffelbower will have the sign-up sheet for volunteers with ideas for monthly programs.

Phyllis Parks asked that we postpone the annual budget until the February meeting. The Board concurred.

Vera Lyman volunteered to make the anniversary cake for the January meeting.

The delegate for the 2004 Midwest Federation show is Susan McMahon, Phyllis Parks alternate. John Harrison asked if the delegates will put stuff out regarding the 2008 show; answered yes.

Discussion about sending letters to Seward College, Midland College, and Chadron to see if they would be interested in a scholarship from the club and what their requirements are. Roger Pabian said he thought that Chadron and UNL were the only schools with a geology department.

Board meeting nights have been selected for the first half of the year; locations to be determined. Dates are as follows: Feb. 3 (Tues); Mar. 4 (Thurs); Apr. 6 (Tues); May 6 (Thurs) and, if needed, Jun 1 (Tues). President Marburger will contact the library system to attempt to reserve meeting rooms.

Planned field trip to Kadoka, SD over the Memorial Day Weekend. More to follow.

Motion by Jim Atkins to adjourn; John Harrison 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Marburger



LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC. – BOARD OF DIRECTORS – Feb. 3, 2004
Vera Lyman's home

President Jim Marburger called the meeting to order at 7:07. Board members present were Jim Marburger, Sharon Marburger, Vera Lyman, Jim Atkins, John Harrison, and Judy Reilly. Guests were Ed Ridge and Susy McMahan.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and the spelling of Susy McMahan's name was corrected in two places. Vera Lyman moved to accept the minutes with corrections, 2nd by Jim Atkins. Motion carried. John Harrison moved to accept the Treasurer's report, 2nd by Jim Atkins. Motion carried.

Vera Lyman reported that the Club made \$124.15 on its 10% from the Swap. The silent auction netted \$81.50. \$4.11 was given to the City for the selling license.

Scholarship letters were sent to Concordia College in Seward, Midland Lutheran in Fremont, and Nebraska Wesleyan in Lincoln. A letter was also sent to Dr. Smith, explaining the Club's position on giving out scholarships.

President Marburger presented his proposed budget for 2004. Vera Lyman made the motion to accept the budget, 2nd by Jim Atkins. Motion carried.

Treasurer Lyman reported that the 24-month CD earning 4.18% interest comes due on February 19. Vera will research to find the best short-term interest rate and duration, rolling the CD into a new CD, not to exceed 24 months.

The books are nearly ready for audit. Phyllis Parks is currently working on 2003.

Reminder to the Board that the school project sponsored by Pfizer will be upstairs at Pershing on March 2 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Senior Day at Younkers is March 3. Geology Day is February 15.

President Marburger read a letter submitted by John Harrison, dismissing the 2008 MWF Show Steering Committee from its duties now that Roger Pabian has been named as Show Chairman. Sharon Marburger moved that the letter of dismissal be accepted by the Board, 2nd by Jim Atkins. Motion carried.

The Board voted to contact those members who have not yet paid their club dues. Vera Lyman will phone to remind them; giving them the option to just subscribe to the Pick & Shovel without renewing membership.

Discussion ensued regarding honorary memberships. Upon reviewing the by-laws, it was determined, by consensus of the Board, that meeting attendance is not a requirement to receive the free, one-year membership. Renewal of that membership to a standard membership does require a minimum one meeting attendance. Vera Lyman will mail a letter to the 2003 State Fair honoree explaining her meritorious membership for 2004.

Judy Reilly will add the Club's web address to the informational cards she created as promotional handouts. A motion to have Judy print 250 cards was made by Vera Lyman, 2nd by John Harrison. Motion carried.

The next Board meeting will be held at the Walt Library on March 4.

Motion by Jim Atkins to adjourn; 2nd by Sharon Marburger. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Marburger

LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC. – BOARD OF DIRECTORS – March 4, 2004
Walt Library

President Jim Marburger called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Board members present were Jim Marburger, Sharon Marburger, Vera Lyman, David Heffelbower, Jim Atkins, John Harrison, Roger Pabian, and Judy Reilly. Guests were Ed Ridge and Phyllis Parks.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read. Jim Atkins moved to accept the minutes as read, 2nd by John Harrison. Motion carried. John Harrison moved to accept the Treasurer's report, 2nd by Jim Atkins. Motion carried.

Phyllis Parks reported that the books are ready for audit, then turned them over to the auditors. Once the books have been reviewed individually, a meeting will be scheduled to review them as a group. Attendees will be John Harrison, Roger Pabian, Jim Marburger, Vera Lyman, and Sharon Marburger.

A letter was received from a student at Concordia College, and a recommendation letter from a professor. Because the student is a geography student, discussion ensued regarding possibly giving student a club education scholarship rather than the graduate scholarship. The matter was tabled to the April general meeting.

Roger Pabian would like to discontinue being the library custodian by the end of 2004. The library currently contains enough publications to fill three good-sized bookcases and two 4-drawer file cabinets. Suggestions were entertained as to what can be done with the library. The city library or university library were suggested as being places that might be willing to keep the set intact.

President Marburger expressed concern regarding the Club's historical information. Document and picture scanning was discussed, as was where the paper documents will be stored. Phyllis mentioned that the scrapbooks, photo album, and memorial book are currently missing. The subject was tabled to the next board meeting.

The next Board meeting will be April 6. Vera will call Kinkos to see if the meeting room is available. The location of the May 6 meeting will be announced later.

Motion by Sharon Marburger to adjourn; 2nd by Vera Lyman. Meeting adjourned to the show committee meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Marburger

LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC. – BOARD OF DIRECTORS – April 6, 2004
Kinkos – 48th and Vine

President Jim Marburger called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. Board members present were Jim Marburger, Sharon Marburger, Vera Lyman, John Harrison, and Pat Akins. Guests were Ed Ridge and Susy McMahan.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read. Pat Akins moved to accept the minutes as read, 2nd by John Harrison. Motion carried. John Harrison moved to accept the Treasurer's report, 2nd by Pat Akins. Motion carried.

A full show report was unavailable in Roger Pabian's absence. Paid attendance was 1,446.

The audit committee had no report as the members have been busy with show preparations.

President Marburger requested Pat Akins to run the April general meeting, and Vera Lyman to act as secretary because Jim and Sharon will be at the Wichita show.

The club received three applications from UNL for the annual scholarship. Upon review of the applicants, Pat Akins moved to select Steven A. Fischbein who is studying depositional environments of the sandstone unit, and using Indian Caves for his investigation. John Harrison seconded the motion; motion carried. The presentation will be made at the general meeting.

The general membership will decide at the April meeting if an additional scholarship from a different fund will be given to the student at Concordia - Seward. The Board members present were all in favor of the additional scholarship.

President Marburger checked into data imaging of the historical materials. A very rough estimate of 10 cents per page, with software and index provided. The imaging company requested samples so they could give a better estimate.

Reminder that field trips to Lincoln, Missouri on Memorial Day weekend and Colorado on July 4th weekend are planned. Details will be provided in the Pick & Shovel.

Mail: Sac & Fox Lapidary Club's swap is May 15 and 16; their Gem and Mineral Show is September 11 and 12.

Pat Akins commented that the cases need work, the specimens and maps need to be reworked. All the belongings need to have maintenance. He suggested that we make it a club meeting event. Together, he and John Harrison suggested changing the September or October meeting to Saturday afternoon, making it a food, work, and fellowship activity.

Pat would like to see more children become members of the club. He suggested that child members, such as boy scouts, be given free membership. John Harrison said that we need to have a program in place first, which would require a junior program director who can be available on a monthly basis. The possibility of having the juniors meet on a different night was discussed. The subject was tabled for future discussion.

The next Board meeting will be May 6 at Kinkos.

Motion by Pat Akins to adjourn; 2nd by John Harrison. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 to executive session.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Marburger

LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC. – BOARD OF DIRECTORS – May 6, 2004
Kinkos, 48th and Vine

President Jim Marburger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were Jim Marburger, Sharon Marburger, Vera Lyman, David Heffelbower, Jim Atkins, John Harrison, Roger Pabian, and Judy Reilly. Ed Ridge was the only guest.

The minutes of the previous meeting were handed out. John Harrison made the motion to accept the minutes as printed, 2nd by Jim Atkins. Motion carried. Jim Atkins moved to accept the Treasurer's report, 2nd by David Heffelbower. Motion carried.

A request to sponsor a prize was received from the State Fair. After open discussion, Roger Pabian made a motion to give out a prize at the State Fair, not to exceed \$25 and also award an annual membership to the winner of the lapidary and jewelry arts category. Jim Atkins 2nd the motion, motion carried.

In order to keep track of the Club's material possessions, it was suggested that an accurate inventory and locator system be kept. Secretary Marburger volunteered to gather the information and track the physical location of everything. The system will be similar to a library, utilizing a checkout system.

The 2004 Show report will be published as final in the next Pick & Shovel.

John Harrison, Chairman of the Audit Committee, stated that the Treasurer's books are up-to-date and approved. The official letter will be published in the next Pick & Shovel.

Two new membership applications were put before the Board for approval. Annette Gifford, sponsored by Phyllis Parks; and Terry, Andrea, and Leahh Anderson, sponsored by Pat Atkins. Jim Atkins moved to accept the new members, John Harrison 2nd. This adds three adults and one junior to the Club's roster.

At this point, President Marburger surrendered the Chair to 2nd Vice President, Roger Pabian. Mr. Marburger made a motion to establish a property maintenance fund, to be supplemented annually with a minimum of \$700 from the Show budget, beginning with the 2005 Show. 2nd by Vera Lyman. Motion passed. Mr. Pabian returned control of the meeting to President Marburger.

Vera Lyman then made a motion to convert the Grant Quinn Memorial Fund to the Property Maintenance Fund, explaining that the fund was originally set up to provide material for a fluorescent display in memory of Mr. Quinn. The deaths of those involved with this fund caused the issue and monies to lie dormant. Vera's motion included the request that a plaque in memory of Mr. Quinn be added to the fluorescent display. John Harrison 2nd the motion. Motion passed. \$372 from the Grant Quinn Memorial Fund will be transferred to the Property Maintenance Fund and a memorial plaque added to the fluorescent display.

The 2005 Show Chairman, John Harrison, reported that the 2005 Show dates have been changed to April 9 & 10 because Easter falls on the usual Show weekend. Pershing has been contacted. The Show dates return to the usual 4th weekend in March in 2006.

Judy Reilly stated that the Midwest Federation Show in Cedar Rapids was excellent. Congratulations to Editor Judy and the Pick & Shovel for winning 3rd place for "small bulletin".

John Harrison expressed concern over the lack of junior members and appropriate organized activities for them. Discussion ensued regarding 1) finding a person or persons willing to actively guide our youth, 2) creating an interesting program for them, and 3) having machinery available for checkout and use. Once this is set up, a liability statement, signed by parent/guardian, would be necessary before equipment could be loaned out. The youngsters

would have free use of the machinery; adults would lease. In an attempt to restore our youth members, Vera Lyman and Sharon Marburger will send letters to past juniors, inviting them to the September meeting, telling of a new juniors program. Mr. Harrison made a motion to have the board pursue attracting kids into the program, the subject to be discussed at the May General Meeting. Second by David Heffelbower. Motion carried.

Research on past adult members will be conducted. Invitations will be sent, inviting them to the October meeting for a "blow-out". Details to be discussed at the May General Meeting.

The next Board meeting will be August 31 at Kinkos.

Motion by Jim Atkins to adjourn; 2nd by David Heffelbower. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Marburger

LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC. – BOARD OF DIRECTORS – October 4, 2004
Kinkos, 48th and Vine

President Jim Marburger called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Board members present were Jim Marburger, Pat Akins, Roger Pabian, Vera Lyman, Sharon Marburger, Jim Atkins, and John Harrison. Ed Ridge was the only guest.

The minutes of the previous meeting were handed out. John Harrison made the motion to accept the minutes as printed, 2nd by Pat Akins. Motion carried. Pat Akins moved to accept the Treasurer's report, 2nd by Jim Atkins. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Discussion of the October reunion meeting. Pork for sandwiches will be donated to the Club. Pat Akins moved that the Club purchase buns, salads, and beverages for the meal, Jim Atkins 2nd. Motion carried. Program will be provided by Eric Fritsch. Members will be asked to bring self-collected or made items for display. Invitations will be mailed to all current Club members and past members who are still in the area. Community service ads will be placed in the newspapers by the Secretary. Mr. President will look through the historical files to locate pictures and items of interest.

Pat Akins again mentioned the possibility of Club members attending a Mining Safety Class. This class is required for anyone who wishes to hunt at rock quarries/sand pits. He will get more information and present it at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: The Rock and Minerals gift subscription to UNL is due for renewal. Roger Pabian moved to continue the subscription for two years, 2nd by Pat Akins, motion carried.

An application for membership from Jerry Moore was brought before the Board. Jim Atkins made the motion to accept Mr. Moore's application, 2nd by John Harrison. Motion carried.

Started planning the Christmas party. It will be held on December 5, beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the Antelope Park Shelter. As in the past, the Club will provide the meat; members will supply the hot dishes, salads and desserts. Hobby related gift exchange, not to exceed \$5.00.

Vera Lyman will make arrangements to reserve the Shelter for the January 22 Rock Swap, which will be held from 1:00-5:00. Last year's pizza supper was such a success, it will be repeated this year. An anniversary cake will be provided. Need items for silent auction.

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, November 3 at Kinkos. December Board meeting will be Wednesday, December 1 at Kinkos.

Motion by Jim Atkins to adjourn; second by Pat Akins. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Marburger

LINCOLN GEM & MINERAL CLUB, INC. – BOARD OF DIRECTORS – November 3, 2004
Kinkos, 48th and Vine

President Jim Marburger called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. Present were Jim Marburger, Pat Akins, Sharon Marburger, Vera Lyman, John Harrison, and Jim Atkins.

The minutes of the October meeting were handed out. John Harrison moved to accept the minutes as printed, Jim Atkins 2nd. Motion carried. The motion by Pat Akins to accept the Treasurer's report was 2nd by Jim Atkins. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: A thank you note for endowment fund money was received from the Midwest Federation.

John Harrison made a motion that the proceeds from the October meeting silent auction be divided equally between the Special Lapidary Class fund and the Midwest Federation Endowment fund. 2nd by Pat Akins, motion carried.

The prize awarded and refused by the State Fair winner of the lapidary arts division, will be rolled over to the next State Fair winner, as requested by this year's winner.

Discussion regarding the January Rock Swap ensued. The Swap will be held January 22, 2005 at the Antelope Park Shelter from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. The doors will open at noon for setup. A pizza supper follows at 6:00, with the general meeting starting at 7:30. There will be silent auctions all afternoon and evening.

NEW BUSINESS: Six new membership applications were presented to the Board. On a motion from Pat Akins to accept the applicants as new member, with a 2nd by John Harrison, the Board unanimously approved memberships for Lonnie and Susie Esquivel; John and Patricia Hardesty; Richard Peterson; and Don Ward.

Beginning in 2006, Pershing Center will assess a 25 cent fee per paid admission. This will result in a possible \$1.00 increase in the Show's admission fee.

The next Board meeting will be 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 1 at Kinkos.

Motion by Pat Akins to adjourn, 2nd by Jim Atkins. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Marburger