

MINUTES OF JANUARY MEETING

The Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club, Inc., met January 26, 1963 at Robert's Dairy Party Room.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Marie Carveth, followed by the introduction of new officers seated at the front.

The Recording Secretary held roll call with 42 members and 12 junior members present. Mrs. Velma Bloyd introduced the guests.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The President reminded us that membership dues were payable before March 1st, at which time they become delinquent and a fee of \$1.00 extra is assessed.

Announcement was made of the increasing cost of our monthly bulletin, The Pick and Shovel, and suggestions given which had been made at the Executive Meeting, regarding increased rates for paid advertisers or quantity buying of the paper to print on.

Announcement was made that plans for our Fifth Annual Show are in progress, to be held Sept. 28th and 29th if possible. Virgil Carveth has been named Show Chairman for 1963. Tom Simmons, Dealer Chairman was asked to report on availability of the Armory and dealer space.

A report was made on placing our "Gems on Location" case in the Public Library for viewing. The case will first be lighted with correct lighting at a cost of \$40 to \$50. Mr. Arthur Bloyd has been appointed Showcase Chairman.

Announcements were made of the Lincoln Air Base Hobby Show to be held April 24 only from 7 to 10 PM and the Lincoln Hobby Club Show to be held March 2 and 3 at the Auditorium.

Announcement was made that the Board has set up a \$5.00 memorial to any members who have passed on.

The Corresponding Secretary, Dorothy Engelhart had forms passed out from the Bureau of Mines to be filled in and returned to her for compiling to return to the Bureau of Mines.

Announcement was made of the Labor Day weekend to hunt for Fairburns. Reservations should be made in advance and information is available regarding accommodations.

The President announced that Program Chairman is Virgil Carveth.

Field trips announced with their separate Field Trip Chairman; May will be Fullerton with Velma Bloyd, June will be Wymore with Dorothy Engelhart, August will be Newcastle with John Lewis. More information will be given as the definite dates are settled.

January Meeting (cont.)

There was no further information from the Building Research Committee. The President announced that ballots may be used to gain opinions on this project or a special meeting of all voting members may be set.

Dr. Gibson requested information on the progress of projects regarding books and/or magazines for the public libraries and on the purchase of a picnic table for Fort Robinson.

Discussion of our own club library was held and the job of Librarian to keep these books available for the membership. Dorothy Engelhart offered her services and was accepted as Librarian.

The President asked for a motion to adjourn, motion made by Norman Engelhart and seconded by Frank Rule.

The meeting was turned over to Irl Everett to announce the Guest Speaker. He introduced Rev. Heim who gave a very fine lecture based on slides taken of "Gettysburg." Rev Heim. was assisted by Mrs. Heim, the photographer, and background ~~music~~ was organ music.

Refreshments and social hour followed the program.

Respectfully submitted

Thyllis Parks Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING

The Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club held its regular meeting at 7:30 on February 23, 1963, at Roberts Dairy Party Room. Greetings were given by the President. Roll was called with 38 members present. Seven guests were introduced by Mrs. Velma Bloyd.

Minutes of the January meeting were read and accepted.

The President announced that books and magazines had been given by Tom Simmons, Helena Baegl and the Carveths.

Introduction of a change in the by-laws was given by Mrs. Francis Tracy. This change would recognize the separation of the offices of Corresponding Secretary and Bulletin Editor. Action will be taken after further readings.

Announcements of appointments were made. Miss Adeline Nolde will be Rules Committee Chairman. Mr. Everett Weber will be Chairman in charge of Cases at Morrill Hall. He has asked for help in replacing and renewing materials in the cases at the earliest possible time.

Announcement was made that the Editor of the bulletin for the Nebraska Gem and Mineral Club of Omaha, Mrs. Celia M. Vokoun, has received a First Prize on her publication "Rear Trunk" and is to be congratulated.

An invitation was read asking us to exhibit at the Witchita Gem Show on April 27th and 28th.

It was reported that at present two dealers have acknowledged contracts for our 1963 show.

Our Historian, Francis Tracy, reported that she is still in need of material and pictures, especially of our recent show.

Velma Bloyd, Pick and Shovel Editor, renewed her requests for all commemorative and large stamps to help furnish milk for the needy children.

There being no further business, Virgil Carveth made the motion for adjournment and Maurice Tracy seconded.

Mr. George Schilman, Biologist with the Nebraska Game Commission, gave a very interesting and informative talk on snakes of our area, with slides and examples for display, after which refreshments were served.

Respectfully submitted

Rhyllis N. Parks

Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE MARCH MEETING

The Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club held its regular meeting at 7:30 on March 23, 1963, at Roberts Dairy Party Room. Roll was called with 55 members present. Five guests were introduced by Mrs. Velma Bloyd.

Minutes of the February meeting were read and accepted.

Club Historian, Mrs. Frances Tracy, displayed the beautiful Club History Book and reported that more pictures are being printed for it.

Announcement was made by Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Dorothy Engelhart, that entry blanks were available for the Air Base Hobby Show to be held April 24, 7 to 10 P.M. at the Air Base Service Club.

The President read a letter from The Witchita Gem and Mineral Society regarding their 10th Annual Show, April 27 and 28.

Report was made on the cases at Morrill Hall and some of the material put on display.

Mrs. Tracy read the proposed change for the By-Laws as follows:

Section f: The Corresponding Secretary shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Board. His (her) duties shall consist of carrying on all Club correspondence.

Section g: The Editor of the "Pick and Shovel" shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the Executive Board. His (her) duties shall be to publish the official monthly club publication.

Section g now becomes h.

The President called for a show of hands vote on these changes and the measure carried.

Mrs. Norma Miller was announced as Refreshment Chairman for the year.

There being no further business, motion was made by Virgil Carveth for adjournment, seconded by Norman Engelhart and Robert Bainbridge.

The program for the evening was presented by the "Three Gentlemen from the Mexico Trip," Senor Virgil Carveth, Senor Padre Waddle, and Senor Howard Taylor. Their experiences were told and many samples were shown, after which refreshments were served and a pleasant social hour held.

Respectfully submitted

Phyllis T. Parks Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE APRIL MEETING

The Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club held its regular meeting at 7:30 on April 27, 1963, at Roberts Dairy Party Room. Roll was called with 62 members present. Eight guests were introduced by Mrs. Velma Bloyd. A new member, Mr. Donald Peterson, was introduced.

Minutes of the March meeting were read and stood as read.

Attention was called to the bulletin board and all of the items of interest it contained.

Tom Simmons read a letter from the Lincoln State Hospital Occupational Therapy Department thanking us for the rocks and material which had been received and of which they are making good use. Tom requested more rocks which he would take out to them.

Everett Weber reported that 97 specimens from 14 members and 3 non members of the Club have been taken to the University where they are being arranged in two special cases from the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club.

A letter from the Federation concerning the mis-naming & spelling of four minerals and gems was read in part. Requests for a volunteer committee to be sure our club is correct. Irl Everett will head up this Committee for Correct Naming.

We received thanks from Mr. McCaw for the stamps to help needy children receive milk.

The March & April "Pick and Shovel" have been mailed to the Bulletin Contest for the American Federation. Good Luck to our Editor.

"Help Eliminate Litter Please" is a further plea from the Federation and stickers are available to increase our awareness of this. Everyone is urged to participate in this program.

People commented on the Hastings show as good, but needing variety in dealers and displays, and more rough material.

Announcement was made that the State would accept a donation for a standard type of ^{PICNIC TABLE} bench which can be had at a cost of \$35.00 each, including a name plate, to be placed at the State Park of our choice. Howard Taylor made a motion that two benches be donated, one for Fort Robinson and one for Niobrara. It was seconded by Mr. Mozer and accepted by a show of hands of the members present.

A letter was introduced from the State Historical Society suggesting that we put on one of their "Family Hour" programs. Volunteers for this program were requested.

Announcements of the Chairmen for the Annual Show Committees was made as follows:

Show Chairman-Virgil Carveth
House & Floor Committee-Tom Simmons and Robert Bainbridge
Tables-Virgil Carveth
Fluorescent Display-Everett Weber
Publicity-Bruce Simon
Tickets-Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Miller
Kitchen-Mrs. Ewald Paul
Signs and labels-Mr. Waddle
Working Displays-Floyd Olson
Special Display-Dr. R. D. Gibson
Outdoor Sign Placement-Howard Taylor
Dealers-Tom Simmons

The Panel Members for our evenings program were introduced as Mrs. Velma Bloyd, Dr. R. D. Gibson, Tom Simmons, Dick Hedges, Norman Engelhart, and Maurice Tracy. The membership was asked to try and stupp the panel.

Mrs. Jerrold Kohn made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Helena Bagel.

The Panel was kept very busy through most of the coffee-hour.

Respectfully submitted

Phyllis Barks Recording Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE MAY MEETING

The Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club held its regular meeting at 7:30 on May 25, 1963 at Roberts Dairy Party Room. Roll was called with 56 members present. Guests were introduced by Mrs. Bloyd.

Minutes of the April meeting were read and approved.

A letter from H. M. Silvey of State College of Iowa Bureau of Research and Examination Services was presented. He was seeking information about our state rock and where he could obtain such a slab. Margery Heedick volunteered a Prairie Agate to send to Mr. Silvey.

Announcement was made that two books have been donated by Tod Ashman for our Club Library.

Further announcement of the Field Trip June 2 at Wymore, beginning with a covered dish luncheon at the Wymore park at 12:30.

Everett Weber reported that the cases at Morrill Hall have been changed and completed.

Thomas Simmons reported more rocks have been accumulating in his drive ready to take to the State Hospital.

Letter introduced from Mr. Phetteplace regarding the "Lincoln Picture" being available for our show. It would mean a cost of approximately \$500.

Comment from Field Trip to Fullerton director on the very successful turn-out and enjoyment shared by all, and placing of a HELP sticker at the camp site.

Motion by Mr. Clyde Miller to adjourn seconded by Bob Bainbridge.

A program was presented by Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Tolman of Manteca, California with their slides and story of Monument Valley, after which they shared some swap material, during the coffee hour.

Respectfully submitted

Phyllis N. Parks Recording Secretary

NOTES FROM THE SUMMER PICNIC MEETINGS OF
Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club

June 2: A field trip to Wymore for (hopefully) celestite geodes, preceded by a picnic at the Wymore Park. Several guests joined a large number of members for a very fine trip.

July 21: Field trip #3 began with a picnic at Fremont Park and the annual trip to the sand pit with a good time had by all.

August 2, 3, 4: Field trip #4 to Newcastle, Nebr. headed by John Lewis with maps, picnic grounds, camp site and all which could be asked for a very fine week-end.

August 25: Picnic meeting at Pioneer Park with swap table for the main attraction. Advance tickets were checked out by Ticket Chairman Clyde Miller. It was decided to have the September meeting also a picnic to be held in a shelter house in case of undesirable weather.

September: The Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club held it's Sept. 22nd meeting at Van Dorn Park shelter house in the midst of heavy rain. The shelter was crowded with tables and the tables with food and people. Final announcements regarding the show were made and reports from each of the committees were made.

The Fluorescent display as feature attraction is complete and sufficient material is available for a fine showing.

Publicity- Bruce Simon reported that ads were appearing in The Sun, The Journal-Star, and The Jet Scoop. Free publicity is coming as usual on the radio and TV stations, including the announcement on Marion Beezely spot included with our regular insurance coverage.

Tickets: Clyde Miller has almost enough people listed to cover every hour on the door, and all matters well in hand.

Kitchen- More help needed and more pies and cake if possible

Signs and labels- Mr. Waddle asked for members to note how many and what kind they needed so he could work on them in advance.

Working Displays all in order and ready to begin.

Nor further business so the picnic adjourned to dryer localities.

Respectfully submitted

Phyllis N. Parks, Recording Secy.

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER MEETING

The Lincoln Gem & Mineral Club held its regular meeting on October 26, 1963 at Roberts Dairy Party Room at 7:30.

A new gavel was presented for use by the President. Mr. Walter Mozer told us the gavel had been made by his son from their own walnut.

Roll was called with 56 members present. Guests were introduced by Mrs. Velma Bloyd.

Minutes of the May meeting (last business meeting) were read and approved as read.

A resume of the summer activities and suggestions for next years field trips and show wer given by the President.

A letter of thanks from our Show Kitchen Chairman, Mrs. Luella Paul was read by the secretary.

Thanks were extended by Mr. Clyde Miller for all of the help he received as Ticket Chairman.

A request that we know our neighbors and suggested get-together with Omaha, Nebraska City, and any other clubs interested.

A door prize of a huge calcite crystal was given us by the Silver Pick Rock Shop of Des Moines, Iowa. Numbers were passed out to all members but the number called this month failed to be issued.

A call was made for nominations for members to the annual Nominating Committee. Maurice Trace nominated Virgil Carveth, seconded by Norman Engelhart. Ray Sincebough nominated Howard Taylor and Mr. C. Ray Waddle, seconded by Dr. R. D. Gibson. Show of hands vote approved these three for the committee, Virgil Carveth to be Chairman.

Dr. R. D. Gibson presented a motion that two cases of mineral and other specimen be given by the Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club to the Lincoln Board of Education for use in the Earth Science Classes of our Public Schools (8th grade level), *seconded by Ray Sincebaugh.*

(Discussion followed at which it was made known that the second case would be used as a lending case by the Board to any schools within a 50 mile area of Lincoln and cost was estimated at \$150. if all the material has to be purchased.)

The question was presented to the Club and unanimous approval given.

Howard Taylor presented the thought of sending a Club letter to our Congressmen protesting the suggested passing of bills S.4, S.859, and H.R.255 as not being in the best interest of Rock & Mineral hobbyists. Motion was made by Maurice Tracy that we obtain signatures tonite as this comes up in the very near future, Seconded by Fred Claus.

Motion to adjourn by Bob Bainbridge, seconded by Helena Baegel.

Program was presented by Mr. & Mrs. Guy Miller of Hastings who gave us much food for thought with a rock quiz. Coffee hour followed.

Respectfully Submitted

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING

The Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club held its regular meeting at 7:30 on November 23, 1963, at Roberts Dairy Party Room. The meeting was opened by Vice-President Thomas Simmons who introduced Rev. Earle McCullough and asked that the membership rise for a moment of prayer out of respect for our sorrowing nation in this time of great distress.

The roll was called with 54 members and 8 visitors present. A welcome was extended to new members, Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Ulrich.

Minutes of the October meeting were read and accepted as read.

Responses were introduced from several of our Congressmen with regards to our letters to them on the bills we are interested in.

Announcement of our Annual Meeting and Christmas Party to be held Sunday December 22, 1963 at the Welfare House where sufficient space is available. The membership decided to hold this at 1:30 PM in view of the church services also held this day.

A progress report was given by Mrs. Arthur Bloyd on the cases to the Board of Education. There are still many specimen needed.

Mr. Stachura gave us a few notes on the Silversmithing Classes to start January 15th. These classes are sponsored by the Board of Education, Adult Division. They will be held on Wed. evenings at Whittier School on 22nd and Vine.

Mr. John Lewis made a motion that any candidates for President at our Annual Meeting state their platform before the election. This was seconded by Mr. Arthur Bloyd. A show of hands vote approved the motion.

Mr. John Lewis was presented a gift from the Editor for his prompt call upon reading his Pick & Shovel Federation News.

Dr. R. D. Gibson extended thanks from Mr. Kurtz for the two picnic tables given to the State and placed at Fort Robinson.

Motion was made by Mr. Clyde Miller for adjournment. This was seconded by Mr. Virgil Carveta.

Mr. Donald Tilman of Lincoln introduced Mr. Walter Munn as our Guest Speaker. Mr. Munn presented a very fine lecture and showed slides on Australia, including many of the Andamooka Opal area. After the lecture we were given the opportunity of seeing many of Mr. Munn's own opals from this area.

A fine coffee hour was enjoyed by all.

Respectfully submitted

Thyllis N. Parks Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER MEETING

The Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club held its Annual Meeting and Christmas Dinner at 1:30 on Sunday December 22, 1963 at the Welfare Hall. Members and their families enjoyed a delicious covered dish dinner amidst the Christmas decorated hall.

The business meeting opened at 2:45 with 55 members present. New members Harold Eno, and Mr. & Mrs. Claude Clary were introduced.

The minutes of the November meeting were read and approved as read.

A letter was introduced from the Gateway Assn. regarding a new auditorium which might be available for use if we are interested.

A letter from the Christian Record asking for suggestions and help in their work on the Braille for the blind was presented for our future action.

A progress report on the Education Cases stated that a fine response from the members had furnished many specimens and the hard-to-find items will be ordered very shortly now.

The meeting was turned over to the Nominating Committee Virgil Carveth, Howard Taylor, and Mr. Waddell. Chairman Virgil Carveth presented as their slate for the 1964 officers: Tom Simmons for President, Everett Weber for First Vice-President, Bruce Simon for Second Vice-President, James Parks for Treasurer, and Phyllis Parks for Recording-Secretary. He then asked for nominations from the floor for any office. A nomination for president could not be accepted because one year membership is required in our by-laws.

A motion was made by Gerald Kohn that nominations be closed, seconded by Clyde Miller. Mr. Kohn then moved that since no further nominations had been placed the slate presented by the nominating committee be accepted as given. This again was seconded by Clyde Miller. There being no dissenting vote, they were announced as elected.

Mrs. Carveth, retiring president, presented the gavel and mortar to Tom Simmons as well as the lovely flag she has completed for the club. She then turned the meeting over to the new president.

Upon receiving a request for his platform, Tom announced that it would be "Action" and lots of it. He accepted the honor bestowed upon him and asked Dorothy Engelhart to continue as Corresponding Secretary and Velma Bloyd to function as Editor.

The business meeting was adjourned and gifts were exchanged before the program consisting of slides from our "Three Seniors from Mexico" on their fascinating trip last spring.

Respectfully Submitted

Phyllis Parks Recording Secretary