

GENERAL MEETING – January 22, 2005, Antelope Park Shelter

The meeting was called to order at 7:17 p.m. after a fun day of the annual Rock Swap and pizza supper. President Marburger welcomed everyone following the Pledge of Allegiance. Twenty-eight members and two guests, Ed and Donna Anderson of the Grand Island club, were present.

OLD BUSINESS: The minutes of the December meeting were read aloud. John Harrison made the motion to accept the minutes as read, 2nd by Marilyn Stewart. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was read aloud. The motion by Phyllis Parks to accept the report as read was 2nd by David Heffelbower. Motion carried.

John Harrison reported that plans for the show are going along well, and asked that committee members please stay after the meeting for a short committee meeting.

Geology Day is scheduled for February 13. Jim Atkins is in charge of publicity and making sure all goes well.

Annual dues are still being accepted. They will be delinquent after January 31, and a \$5.00 reinstatement fee will be assessed after that date.

President Marburger announced the sad news that Loomis Trousdale of St. Charles, Missouri passed away in November 2004. Mr. Trousdale exhibited his fine collection of 38x52 cabochons at our 2003 show. He will be missed.

NEW BUSINESS: The 2004 Rockhound of the Year was awarded to Susy McMahan. Some of her contributions in the past year include organizing and participating in the annual Pfizer science fair; demonstrating lapidary at the Younkers Senior Days, assisted care facility, and VA Employees Association; and teaching elementary school children about rock tumbling and rock collections. In the past, Susy has served on various committees and held offices in the Club. We thank you for your dedication to the promotion of the hobby, Susy, and congratulate you on this well-deserved award.

The President's Field Trip for 2005 is being planned for the July 4 weekend at Crawford, Nebraska. President Marburger has extended an invitation to the Denver Gem and Mineral Guild to join us at Crawford in reciprocation of their hosting our 2004 trip to Bailey, Colorado. Mark your calendars, plan to attend, and invite others!

The meeting adjourned to the silent auction and program at 7:34 p.m. on the motion by Phyllis Parks and 2nd by Marilyn Stewart. Although the program by Bob Fixter was entitled "Victorian Jewelry", he included photographs, letters, postage stamps, currency and other paraphernalia of the Victorian era. Bob had some wonderful pieces to show. Thank you for sharing, Bob!

Thanks to Vera Lyman for the delicious anniversary cake. Yummy! Thanks, also, to all who participated in the Rock Swap.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Marburger

GENERAL MEETING – May 18, 2006, Antelope Park Shelter

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by President Marburger. Seventeen adult members were present.

OLD BUSINESS: The minutes of the March meeting were published in the Pick & Shovel. Phyllis Parks moved to accept the minutes as printed, second by Roger Pittard. Motion carried. There were no minutes for the April meeting as there was no quorum. The March treasurer's report was published in the Pick & Shovel. Phyllis Parks moved to accept the treasurer's report as printed, second by David Heffelbower. Motion carried. The treasurer's report for April was printed in the Pick & Shovel. Phyllis Parks moved to accept the report as printed, second by Mary Pittard. Motion carried.

Pat Akins reported that everything the show seemed to be a success. Initial feedback indicated that the dealers were happy and guests were happy. Pat projected an approximate profit of \$1,200. Donations were given to Ashfalls (\$100), Morrill Hall (\$100), the Geology Club (\$200), and Mike Voorhees (\$100).

Reminder that the Grinding Party will take place July 16 at the Nature Center.

The President's Field Trip will be to various locations in south-central Colorado. Departure is planned for May 27.

A second field trip is scheduled for the last two weeks of July, starting in western Wyoming then working east. See Terry Anderson for more information.

We are still looking for the correct fluorescent lights for the club display. We may need to rethink how the display in the trailer is set up.

NEW BUSINESS: A work party is being planned to repair display cases and make new cases in preparation for the MWF show in 2008.

An ice-cream social is planned for the September meeting. Bring your summer collection to show off.

The Nominating Committee was instructed to have a list of candidates for offices available at the September meeting.

The meeting adjourned to program at 8:32 p.m. on a motion by Charles Wooldridge, second by Pat Akins.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Marburger

GENERAL MEETING – September 21, 2006, Antelope Park Shelter

The meeting was called to order at 7:29 p.m. by President Marburger. Nineteen adult members and one youth were present. New members Chuck and Kathy Meisinger were introduced and welcomed. Two guests, Spencer Trowbridge and Kagi Gifford-Ferguson attended.

OLD BUSINESS: The minutes of the May meeting were read aloud. David Heffelbower moved to accept the minutes as read, second by Roger Pabian. Motion carried. The treasurer's report was published in the Pick & Shovel. Phyllis Parks moved to accept the treasurer's report as printed, second by David Heffelbower. Motion carried.

Jim Marburger purchased one 13 watt, handheld fluorescent light for the club. A battery pack and inverter were also purchased to enable field use. The unit is three times stronger than most handheld units. The unit, called "Way Too Cool" cost \$300. The manufacturer will also be able to rebuild the club's existing lights.

The Audit Committee found the Treasurer's books to be in order.

NEW BUSINESS: The Nominating Committee has offered the following nominations: President – Pat Akins; First Vice President – Terry Anderson; Second Vice President – Roger Pittard; Treasurer – Vera Lyman; and all the same Board members. No nominations were received from the floor.

The by-laws currently state that the annual audit of the treasurer's books is due by the January general meeting. As it is nearly impossible to complete the year's business by that time, the Board recommends that the annual audit be completed by May 1 of each year. Discussion ensued. Phyllis Parks, as past-treasurer, stated that it would be beneficial to change the date, and moved to change the date from January to May 1, second by Andrea Anderson. Motion carried.

It was noted that the January Swap location for 2007 will be moved to the Bethany Park shelter because there is more room.

The Board approved a two-year subscription of Rocks & Minerals to the UNL geology library.

The meeting adjourned to program at 8:00 p.m. on a motion by John Harrison, second by Roger Pabian. The program was provided by Jim Marburger, who shared pictures of the 2006 President's Field Trip to Durango, Colorado. Following the slide show was a fluorescent light display.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Marburger

LGMC Treasurer's Report for September 2006		
Pinnacle Checking Balance August 31, 2006		\$ 5,600.52
Receipts:		
Mr & Mrs Charles Meisinger(new memb)	<u>25.00</u>	25.00
Payments:		
Club Trailer Tax/License	24.50	
FedEx Kinkos-Sep P&S insert	11.99	
Postmaster-P&S Postage (9/10/11/12)	156.00	
Heldref Pub.-2 yr subs renewal	177.60	
"Rocks & Minerals"-UNL Libraries		
Schwarz Printing Co.-Sep P&S	<u>104.86</u>	474.95
Pinnacle Checking Balance September 30, 2006		\$ 5,150.57

GENERAL MEETING – October 19, 2006, Antelope Park Shelter

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by President Marburger. Nineteen adult members and one youth were present. New members Bob and Pat Gruit were introduced and welcomed.

OLD BUSINESS: The minutes of the September meeting were published in the Pick & Shovel. Charles Wooldridge moved to accept the minutes as published, second by Roger Pittard. Motion carried. The treasurer's report was published in the Pick & Shovel. Mary Pittard moved to accept the treasurer's report as printed, second by Jim Atkins. Motion carried.

The Board recommends approval of the proposed show budget. Roger Pabian moved to accept the proposed budget, second by Aulden Stewart. Motion carried.

Jim Marburger announced that he has identified and tagged 30 specimens for the fluorescent light display. He hopes to have more by show time. He also has contacted a manufacturer to obtain information on updating the lamps and filters on the club's existing fluorescent lights. The manufacturer needs to physically look at the lights in order to give an accurate estimate of cost. Without seeing the lights, he estimates it will cost approximately \$300 to update the filters, which should last 20 years. He will provide a separate estimate on upgrading the lamps from 60 watts to 240 watts per lamp.

Reminder that the January Swap will be held at the Bethany Park Shelter on January 27, 2007.

NEW BUSINESS: The Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 10 at the Antelope Park Shelter. As usual, it will be a potluck supper from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Jim Atkins would appreciate articles for the Pick & Shovel. The articles can be instructional, fun, field trips, news tidbits – anything hobby or club related.

The meeting adjourned to program at 7:53 p.m. on a motion by Charles Wooldridge, second by Roger Pabian. The program was provided by Terry Anderson on their 2006 Wyoming field trip. Thank you for a well-put-together and interesting program, Terry!

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Marburger