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The purpose of this corporation shall be to study, promote an interest in, and disseminate knowledge of lapidary and various Earth Sciences including but not necessarily limited to Geology, Paleontology and Mineralogy. It shall be a particular purpose of the corporation to provide education in these fields to its members and the general public, especially to youth and student groups.

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2016 MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Regular monthly meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. at the Bethany Park Shelter House. Youth activities begin at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, Mar. 17

Program: "Stories Bones Tell"

by Charlie & Karen Messenger

(They will have bones of critters from bison to mice. Bring bones to be identified; they will do their best to identify them, or know someone who can!)

Thursday, Apr. 21

Thursday, May 12

(Please note the May 2016 meeting is to be held on the **second** Thursday of the month)

Thursday, Sep. 15

Thursday, Oct. 20

Thursday, Nov. 17 (Annual Business Meeting)

Sunday, Dec. 4 (Christmas Party & Awards)

Board

Wednesday, Apr. 6: Lyman Residence

Wednesday, Apr. 27 (May Meeting):
The Jewelry Connection

Activities

Sunday, Mar. 13: Geology Day

Saturday, Mar. 19: Rock Party (See page 2 for details)

Apr. 1: Show Set-up Day

Apr. 2-3: Annual Show

REFRESHMENTS

Mar 17: Marburger & Dvorak

Apr 21: Tiedje & Ashmore

May 12: Ashmore & Schleiger

Sep 15: Lyman & Beer

Oct 20: Schleiger & Ashmore

Nov 17: McMahan & Beer



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Pat Dvorak

Jayden Eno

Jim Marburger



Sunday, March 13
Pioneers Park Nature Center, Prairie Building
Setup at 12:30 p.m.
Open from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

58th Annual Show
Nature's Glorious Wonders
April 2 & 3, 2016
Setup on Friday, April 1

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Sharon Marburger on behalf of Ed Dvorak

Our esteemed President and his wife are off gallivanting around the southwest United States. In his absence, I offer this message in his stead.

President Ed wishes to thank 1st Vice President Jayne Beer for stepping up and leading the meetings in his absence. She has done a great job, and she is greatly appreciated.

The 58th Annual Show, "Nature's Glorious Wonders," will be here before you know it. President Ed is Show Chairman this year, and I know he would want to remind you to contact Ed Ridge with your display needs. Eddie has several cases still available. Consider setting up one, two, or even three display cases this year. You may use your own cases, or borrow from the club. If you plan to use your own cases, let Eddie know how much space you will require.

Geology Day will be Sunday, March 13, at the

Pioneers Park Nature Center, Prairie Building. Bring your equipment, displays, and any "freebies" you may want to hand out to the visiting kids.

The March Rock Party will be held at The Jewelry Connection on March 19. It was suggested that we use this gathering to finalize Show plans, and help one another with display ideas and how to set up a good display.

Let Jim Marburger know if you have any ideas for field trips this year. There have already been several suggestions. Your thoughts matter, so speak up and share!

That's all for now. As President Ed would say, stay safe and be happy!



SPECIAL HONORS

Pick & Shovel Editor, Sharon Marburger, received the following message from Mark Nelson, AFMS Bulletin Editors' Aide Committee Chairman:

Your entry to the 2015 AFMS Bulletin Editor's Contest was judged to be among the Top Ten in North America! The AFMS would like to honor your achievement by retaining your entry for future generations of editors, writers, poets and illustrators to see what an example of really good work looks like!

Congratulations go to:

- ◆ James Marburger for his Adult Article, "How to Deconstruct and Rehabilitate an Opal Triplet," published in the August 2014 Pick & Shovel.
- ◆ Ed Dvorak for his Adult Feature, "The Amazing Dino Adventure," published in the October 2014 Pick & Shovel.
- ◆ Charles Wooldridge for his Adult Poetry, "The River," published in the December 2014 Pick & Shovel.
- ◆ Sharon Marburger for her Special Publication, "Stones & Bones Show Program."

You can find archived newsletters on the club website. Take a look at some good work!!



Everyone's Irish
On March 17th.



Sr. Patrick's Day

March Rock Party at The Jewelry Connection!

Saturday, March 19



@ 5:00 p.m.



St. Patty's menu

Bring your projects and specimens to be identified. We will also discuss what makes a good display for the show, and offer assistance to those who need it. Get ready to have some good food, good fellowship, and informational instruction!



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club, Inc.
February 2, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting
Meeting held at The Jewelry Connection

- ◆ Called to order by Ed Dvorak, President at 6:30 p.m.

Jayne Beer	present
Charles Wooldridge	present
James Marburger	present
Vera Lyman	present
Carolyn Ashmore	present
Sharon Marburger	present
Fred McVay	present
Andrew Tiedje	present

Two guests: Ed Ridge & Pat Dvorak

- ◆ Motion to accept the minutes of 01/06/16 board meeting by Jayne B. Second by Carolyn A.
PASSED 9 yea, 0 no
- ◆ Treasurer's Report was given. Motion to accept the report by Charles W. Second by Carolyn A.
PASSED 9 yea, 0 no

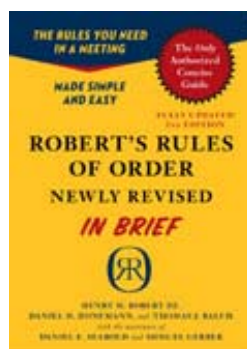
OLD BUSINESS:

- ◆ A discussion on NAES involvement with clubs of Nebraska was continued from last meeting. Motion to withdraw from NAES after the April 2016 Lincoln Gem Show by Fred M., Second by Sharon M.
PASSED 9 yea, 0 no
- ◆ A Swap Report was given; we made about \$388 profit on the January 2016 Swap.
- ◆ Ed D. announced that he will be gone for the February General and March Board meetings. Charles W. will also be absent from the March Board and General Meetings.
- ◆ Show Report – all dealers are contracted; five selling demos and four non-selling demos have returned their contracts. Advertising is going well with TV, Buy Lincoln, Kids Paper, and Neighborhood Extra. Postcards are ready to mail.

- ◆ Science Fair March 3 with 3:45 to 4:30 setup. Must sign up.
- ◆ Geology Day at Pioneer Park will be March 13, 1 to 4 at the Prairie Building.

NEW BUSINESS:

- ◆ Motion by Charles W. to accept new members Nick and Nicky Lytle, Stan Johnson, and Arvid and Cheryl Olsen. Second by Jayne B.
PASSED 9 yea, 0 no
- ◆ To date we have 44 adults and 14 juniors in the club.
- ◆ Motion by Charles W. to reduce the size of the library by offering books to members at the February Rock Party at Wooly's, with magazines to be retained as sets. Second by James M.
PASSED 9 yea, 0 no
- ◆ Now is the time to start planning field trips. A discussion on areas included were: Oregon AMFS trip; Crawford; Weeping Water; Fairbury; and Keokuk, Iowa.
- ◆ The ALL AMERICAN club book for 2015 is done and will be submitted, report by Sharon M.
- ◆ Motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. by Carolyn A. Second by Andrew T.
PASSED 9 yea, 0 no



GETTING BACK TO BASICS

by Sharon Marburger

You may have noticed the graphics at the end of the Board Meeting Minutes on page 3 of this newsletter. You may ask, "What is this all about?"

Unless you are sitting at the Board's table, you may not notice that our club has gotten away from following parliamentary rules for governing a meeting. We are a likeable bunch, and we all want to say what is on our minds, and we want to hear what others have to say. The appropriate way to do this is to follow parliamentary rules.

It is very difficult for the President to convene the meeting when those in the audience are so busy chatting and having fun that they fail to recognize official club business is about to take place. Once the meeting is successfully called to order, everyone should remain quiet unless recognized by the President to speak. This courtesy is not only to the Board of Directors, but to your fellow club members. When people are speaking out of turn, carrying on spirited conversations, or visiting with their neighbor during the meeting, it becomes difficult to hear the important business of the club.

So, how do we proceed? Secretary Jim Marburger purchased a copy of the book, *Robert's Rules of Order*. A simplified explanation, provided by Diablo Valley College and San Diego State University, can be found at <https://www.dvc.edu/student-services/student-life/pdfs/Roberts-rules-SDSU.pdf>. There is a lot of information here, but bear with me.

Robert's Rules of Order provides applicable rules governing key matters of meeting and general procedures, including: (1) establishing a Constitution and Bylaws for the organization; (2) structure of the meeting agenda and discussion; (3) motions, including making, seconding, discussing, modifying, and amending motions; (4) sufficient majority and simple majority and which decisions are appropriate to them; (5) establishment of a quorum; (6) definition of membership; and (7) voting rights of presiding officer and voting procedures.

Douglas N. Case of San Diego State University prepared an outline of Robert's Rules that can be found at the above referenced website. The entire outline is very good. I will summarize what I think is important for our group.

➤ The Rules govern an organization, in our case, a

tax-exempt corporation. This means we have Articles of Incorporation and By-laws which define the basic structure and fundamental rules of our club. Our By-laws are published on our website, http://www.lincolngemmineralclub.org/about/general-information/articles_of_incorporation_and_by-laws. If you don't have access to the internet and want a copy of this document, ask and one will be provided to you.

- The purposes of Parliamentary procedure are to ensure majority rule; protect the rights of the minority, the absentees and individual members; provide order, fairness and decorum; and facilitate the transaction of business and expedite meetings.
- The basic principles of Parliamentary procedure provide that (a) all members have equal rights, privileges and obligations; (b) a quorum must be present for the group to act – the general rule is that a majority of the entire membership must be present in order to transact business; (c) full and free discussion of every motion is a basic right; (d) only one question (motion) at a time may be considered, and only one person may have the floor at any one time; (e) members have a right to know what the immediately pending question is and to have it restated before a vote is taken; (f) no person can speak until recognized by the chair (President); (g) personal remarks are always out of order; (h) a majority decides a question except when basic rights of members are involved; (i) a two-thirds vote is required for any motion that deprives a member of rights in any way; (j) silence gives consent - those who do not vote allow the decision to be made by those who do vote; and (k) the chair should always remain impartial.
- The typical Order of Business is (a) Call to Order; (b) Opening Exercises, such as Pledge of Allegiance; (c) Roll Call/Determination of a Quorum; (d) Adoption of the Agenda; (e) Reading and Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting; (f) Reports of Officers (Treasurer's report); (g) Reports of Standing Committees; (h) Reports of Special (Ad hoc) Committees; (i) Special Orders; (j) Unfinished Business and General Orders (old business); (k) New Business; (l) Program, if applicable; (m) Announcements;

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GETTING BACK TO BASICS - CONTINUED

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- (n) “Good of the Order”; and (o) Adjournment.
- The presiding officer must remain impartial during debate; if he wishes to debate the merits of a motion, he must relinquish the chair. He can vote only to break a tie or if the vote is by ballot.
 - Before transacting business, the presiding officer must determine that a quorum is present and then introduce business in the proper order. His job is to recognize speakers, determine if a motion is in order, keep discussion germane to the pending motion, maintain order, put motions to a vote and announce results, and employ unanimous consent when appropriate.
 - Motions: A member must obtain the floor by being recognized by the chair. Member makes a motion and the motion is seconded by another member before it can be considered. Before the motion is restated by the chair, any member can rise, without waiting to be recognized, and suggest a modification of the wording to clarify the motion. The maker of the motion can choose to accept or reject the modified wording (does not require a second). If the motion is in order, the chair will restate the motion and open debate (if the motion is debatable). The maker of a motion has the right to speak first in debate. The debate is closed when the discussion has ended. The chair restates the motion, and if necessary, clarifies the consequences of affirmative and negative votes. The chair calls for a vote, then announces the result. Any member may challenge the chair’s count by demanding a “Division of the Assembly.”
 - The general rules of debate state that (a) no member may speak until recognized by the chair; (b) all discussion must be relevant to the immediately pending question; (c) no member may speak a second time until every member who wishes to speak has had the opportunity to do so; (d) no member can speak more than twice to each motion; (e) no member can speak more than ten minutes; (f) all remarks must be addressed to the chair – no cross debate is permitted; (g) it is not permissible to speak against one’s own motion (but one can vote

against one’s own motion); (h) debate must address issues – not personalities – and no one is permitted to make personal attacks or question the motives of other speakers; (i) the presiding officer must relinquish the chair in order to participate in debate and cannot reassume the chair until the pending main question is disposed of; (j) when possible, the chair should let the floor alternate between those speaking in support and those speaking in opposition to the motion; (k) when a large number of people wish to speak to a motion it may be advisable for the chair to make a speakers’ list; (l) members may not disrupt the assembly; and (m) rules of debate can be changed by a two-thirds vote.

There are more rules, but this should cover most of our needs for meeting.

Above all else when we gather for meetings or other events, we must show respect and courtesy for one another and the public. We want our club to be a place of fun and learning.

Silversmithing classes

Tuesday Evenings

7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

**The Jewelry Connection Ltd.
Indian Village Shopping Ctr.
13th & Arapahoe, Lincoln**

Tuition: \$120 plus \$30 supply deposit

Session 2: Mar 1 - Apr 19

Session 3: Apr 26 - Jun 14

Summer Break

Session 4: Aug 9 - Sep 27

Session 5: Oct 4 - Nov 22

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

General Meeting Minutes for February 18, 2016

Bethany Park Shelter House

James Marburger, Secretary

- ◆ Meeting was called to order by 1st Vice President Jayne Beer at 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ Attendance was taken at 20 adult members, 8 juniors, and 2 guests. The guests were Larry and LaRae Prentice.
- ◆ Minutes of last general meeting of January 23, 2016 as published in the Pick and Shovel. Motion to accept by Charles Wooldridge, second by Karen Messenger. Passed.
- ◆ Treasurer's Report was given by Vera Lyman. Motion to accept the reading by Sharon Marburger, second by Karen Messenger. Passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- ◆ Geology Day is March 13th at the Prairie Building at Pioneers Park. Setup at 12:30, open 1-4 p.m.
- ◆ Science Fair setup at 3:45 for those who have signed up.
- ◆ Rock Party will be the 21st at the Charles Wooldridge residence, with book give away from the club's library. Wooly is planning to serve Wild Boar Lasagna, and show some videos.
- ◆ Swap Report. We made around \$388 on the swap and had three new members sign up at the swap.
- ◆ Field trips discussed. Fairbury area was added to the list of potential trips.

- ◆ A short discussion on NAES; we will drop membership after annual meeting at LGMC's show in April
- ◆ Carolyn Ashmore presented awards to MINERAL MONKEYS Elayna and Ivy, who were not present at the awards ceremony in December.

NEW BUSINESS:

- ◆ The All American Club Yearbook for 2015 is complete and ready for submission.
- ◆ Our Club website has been updated and everyone should go and look at it. If there are items that need to be attended to please contact Webmaster Sharon Marburger.

SHOW REPORT:

- ◆ Most things are taking shape. Postcards are available and need to be distributed.
- ◆ Charles Wooldridge is going to the Nebraska Archeology Society meeting to see if they want to be included in our show.
- ◆ Motion to adjourn by Charles Wooldridge, second by Fred McVay. Passed.
- ◆ Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. to refreshments and program, *Agate Uber Alles*.

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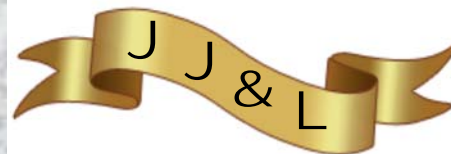
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SCIENCE FAIR 2016

by Carolyn Ashmore

I personally want to say a BIG, BIG thank you to all the adult volunteers and junior member volunteers for another successful Science Fair. As I've said many times before, we couldn't have done it without all of your help. This year ran like a well-oiled machine. Our junior and senior members were totally awesome working with the science fair participants, their parents, and the guests.

We arrived early and were set up on time. We got busy right away before the opening ceremonies. We had 13 adult members and 7 Junior members participate at our booth this year, and we stayed constantly busy the entire time. Many people stopped, watched our demonstrations, and asked us lots of questions about our hobby, our club, and our junior activities.

Everyone had a great time; we all had a chance to take a break, eat, and walk around the building and look at the other guest presenters' booths.

This yearly event helps us to get the word out in our community about our hobby and it is always a fun time for all who attend.

Thanks Again Rockhound Family!



The Gem Dig is always a popular activity.



Logan works on a cabochon (above) and Carolyn helps set up the Gem Dig (right).



MINERAL MONKEYS

by Carolyn Ashmore

Greetings Juniors!

I have a lot of information to share with you this month, before our show April 2 and 3. At the March meeting, we will be painting seashells with your senior members, then displaying them at the Junior's Booth at the show. I will be bringing everything needed to complete this project. You will be able to take them home on Sunday, April 3 after the show. We've never done this project before and I'm excited to see what designs you come up with.

Again this year, we will have a sign-up sheet for the days and times you can volunteer at the show. Please sign up because this helps me to coordinate the schedules of who will be there, and make sure that we have someone working in the booth at all times during the show. Remember to wear your club t-shirt and show off those badges you have earned in the Future Rockhounds of America program.

I will be handing out your earned Monkey Bucks at the show. Just like at the January Swap, these can be used to purchase items at the show.

I have signed up the juniors for a couple of display cases at the show. I would love for you to each bring two items (rocks, minerals, or fossils) from your collection. On a 3x5 index card, explain what your specimen is, where it's from or where you found it, and what makes it special to you. We will put everything into the cases, which will be locked, and you will get your items and cards back at the end of show.

Lastly, if you have your MWF Poster done by the March meeting, please bring it. I will be collecting them up through the end of the show. I will mail the packet of posters no later than the 5th of April. If you don't have your poster to me by then, you'll have to mail it yourself to meet the April 15th deadline.

March is a busy time for all of us with the Science Fair, Geology Day, and our show right around the corner. If you have any questions about anything, please come see me.

Whew! I hope I remembered everything.

Rock on, Juniors!



ALAA NEWS

Excerpted by Tom Noe
(From the Oct.-Dec., 2015, ALAA Newsletter)

WE SPOKE UP AND THEY LISTENED

By Ruth Hidalgo, ALAA Membership Chair

Living in Southern California and having collected at most of the areas still accessible in the old Gem Trails of Southern California Guide, I was aghast when I took a look at the maps posted for a massive plan (DRECP) to designate where to focus solar and wind in Southern California. They wanted to put a solar or wind farm directly on top of two longtime favorite and beloved collecting areas, Gem Hill and Brown Butte. I immediately went to work telling everyone we had to do something. Fortunately, ALAA invited me to attend a workshop on the DRECP, where I learned how to make a comment on the DRECP. It wasn't nearly as hard as I had anticipated. I showed my friends and fellow rockhounds it wasn't so hard and they, too, sent in comments. I am so very excited to find the focus areas on Brown Butte, aka Lonely Butte, and around Gem Hill have been removed, as we requested, in the final draft of the DRECP!

Now these were just two of the many collecting areas affected in many different ways under the DRECP. Again, ALAA went to the rescue with a complete analysis of the 12,000 page DRECP plan as it pertained to rockhounding, done by Randy Banis. Many rockhounds also made comments based on that analysis. As of this writing, I have not yet been able to check each of the other points made in those comments, but I am optimistic.

A very big "Thank You" to ALAA for recognizing the significant impact the DRECP has on recreational access in the Southern California deserts and for providing the resources and tools for rockhounds to have made an impact on the final draft.

—ALAA is the lobbying arm of the American Federation, working on behalf of rockhounds to keep public lands open and accessible to all, including the elderly and handicapped.



LGMC is a proud member of ALAA

MORE MINERAL MONKEYS

The Mineral Monkeys had a writing assignment following their January lesson on GOLD. Below are those articles submitted.

by Logan

They used gold for pills. They used gold for shoes. Gold foil can be shaved to put on chocolates and donuts. Gold can be used for grills and credit cards. Gold can be used for iPhones. Gold can be used for paint and leaf. Gold can be used for jewelry. Gold can be used for metals and coins. And gold can be used in computers.

by Elayna

Gold is a very interesting metal. Gold is also a precious metal. Gold miners really like gold deposits and work really hard to find them. The best place to find gold is in the water where the river slows down. A deposit of gold is a concentration. Gold is in the same area or in the same rock formation.

Facts About Gold

by Ian

- Gold, the 79th element on the Periodic Table of Elements
- Melting point 1,947.7 melting degrees F. (2,850 degrees C.)
- Earthquakes turn water into gold
- The world's oceans contain nearly 20,000,000 tons of gold
- Aurophobia is the fear of gold
- Boiling point: 5,162° F. (2,850° C.)
- Different types of gold mining are gold panning and pickaxe mining.

by Abby

January 24, 1848 was when gold was found by James W. Marshall at a mill in Coloma, California. When news spread, 300,000 gold seekers went to California. It was a violent time period for the new settlers of the west. They were able to dip their hands into water like a stream and get gold flakes and nuggets, or they panned for gold in rivers and streams.

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MORE MINERAL MONKEYS - CONT'D

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Gold

by Ellie

Today, there are many uses of gold. It is used in jewelry, dentistry, coins, and medals. There are even some components of electronics that use gold - like computers, phones, and iPads. It is used as etching baked on fine china and etched on glassware. The list is endless.

In early eighteenth to twentieth centuries, coins were gold and were used to purchase all types of goods and services that were needed. Until the 20th century, the United States and many other countries used a monetary system call The Gold Standard. This is a way to value a country's money by using the amount of gold the country has to determine how much worth their money has compared to other countries. Even though countries do not use this system anymore, most countries still have large quantities of gold.

Back in Biblical times, Aaron made a golden image of a sacrificial calf and it was worshipped by the Israelites (Exodus 32). Even thousands of years ago, gold was considered to be very beautiful and valuable. In the 21st century, gold is still very valuable, but the value goes up and down with the demand in the world market.

Sources:

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Reader's Digest Encyclopedia Dictionary, 2nd Print, 1989

REGIONAL SHOWS

Mar. 11-13, 2016

Greater Kansas City Ass'n of Earth Science Clubs

KCI Expo Center

11730 NW Ambassador Dr.

Kansas City, Missouri

Friday 10-8; Saturday 10-7; Sunday 10-5

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SHOW PREPARATION

by Sharon Marburger, Show Committee Member

- Please let Ed Ridge know of your need for display cases. If you plan to use your own case(s), let Ed know that, too. If you require open space for an oversized exhibit, he will arrange to make a space available to you.
- If you would like to have a display at the show, but you are unsure how to proceed, attend the March Rock Party at The Jewelry Connection on the 19th. There will be people there to help you make an outstanding display.
- Wooly has once again arranged for General Excavating and General Excavating Landscape Supply to dump a load of river rock outside the entrance to the show. Have your Nebraska "salt" materials at the Event Center no later than **noon** on Friday, April 1. We want to "salt" the pile as it is being dumped.
- Plan to be at the Event Center on Friday, April 1 for setup. I believe we can get in at 8:00 a.m. Tables will need to be covered and display cases set up. These jobs go quickly with the help of many hands.
- We will need volunteers to sit at the Club Booth throughout the show. If we have enough volunteers, each one would need to man the booth for only one or two hours. All that is required is to answer questions (if you don't know the answer, you can find someone who does) and provide membership applications to those who ask. The booth will have stacks of extra newsletters and flyers for other shows - you can encourage visitors to help themselves. I plan to have a couple of All American Club Yearbooks for people to look at.
- Let's have a show of support for Show Chairman Ed Dvorak. Any questions during show set-up should be directed to co-floor chairmen, Ed Dvorak and Charles Wooldridge. Let's have a fabulous show!!



A CLUB WORKING TOGETHER IS A HAPPY CLUB

by Jim Marburger, Secretary

Many things affect the running of a club meeting that is fun and effective in the sharing of ideas and information. For new and old members, the first thing to realize is that our club meetings are set up by the By-laws of the corporation, Lincoln Gem and Mineral Club, Inc. This means each and every member should read and have a copy of the Articles of Incorporation and By-laws. These are available on our website at <http://lincolngemmineralclub.org/images/bylaws.pdf>. If you do not have access to the website, please ask for a copy of these important documents.

Beyond the basic information contained in these documents, the meetings also follow the simplified "Robert's Rules of Meeting" for consistency of the meetings. Please see the article on the Roberts Rules found on pages 4 and 5.

Our club has a wonderful group of juniors, the Mineral Monkeys, and they have their meeting and lessons before the General meeting of the Club. This group is very active and is learning a lot of lessons in a short time. The adult leaders have called upon other members to help from time to time.

As a consideration to our youth group and its leaders during their lesson time, when you enter the facility, please move to the farthest side away from the group and try to keep the volume level of your conversations to a minimum, so not to interrupt the classes being given. Our Mineral Monkeys have been quite good and attentive in their meetings, and even our meetings when they attend to watch and participate in the programs presented. Not only is this respectful to the Mineral Monkeys, it is a real life lesson shown by our (adults) actions - one we hope the youth will mimic. Remember, our young people look to us for guidance and proper behavior. Let us teach them well.

The Board of Directors has purchased a new PA system that will be tried out at the next meeting. At this time, the unit will have a wired microphone which will be positioned in the middle of the room. It will be used by the audience members to address the group as a whole, and to give reports or ideas that are relevant to the club. At the same time, the wireless microphone will be used by the officers running the meeting. The PA system also has the ability to be connected to a computer, phone, or iPad to amplify the audio of electronically recorded programs. This system does not need to be plugged in since it has battery backup,

making it convenient to use at outdoor events, such as field trips or parties.

In the past, when an event came up with short notice, like a field trip, the club used the "calling committee" or "phone tree" to call all members with the necessary information. We have not used this system for quite a while, so it has become forgotten. Many opportunities for field trips are weather dependent and are hard to plan in advance. With almost all members receiving the Pick & Shovel via e-mail, Sharon maintains a complete list of e-mail addresses (at least those provided by you!). Therefore, last minute plans, short notices of trips, and other important information that club members may need or want to know, can now be sent via e-mail. The plan is to e-mail notifications as soon as possible prior to the events, and phone calls will be made to those who do not have e-mail.

If you decide to go on a field trip and there is no club meeting or other gathering planned before your intended trip, and you would like to invite others to attend your trip, please contact Sharon or me with the details or information. We will send notices out as soon as possible, provided we are not traveling to a MWF or AFMS function. This way, everyone who wishes to attend can share in the fun. We all know that field trips are more fun when shared with others.

Every member of the club is a valuable resource. We can all learn from one another. Respect and common courtesy are key to all relationships. Let's make our meetings and other functions a fun and safe learning environment for all members and visitors to our group.

Speaking of visitors, we need to focus on making our club a family friendly environment and make all visitors feel welcome. We should make the effort to speak to every new face. If it is difficult for you to approach a visitor, think of how difficult it is for them to approach us as a group! It may be difficult to make and keep friends, but rockhounding gives us common ground to visit. Let those new relationships blossom; you never know who might be the next Roger Pabian! We need every member to promote the club and hobby, so let's combine forces. No matter what is needed, the work can be fun and easy with many hands. We have a limited time on this earth to enjoy each other; let's make the most of it.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Audit	Ed Dvorak, Jayne Beer James Marburger
Christmas Party	Edward Ridge
Education / Librarian	Charles Wooldridge
Facebook	Andrew Tiedje
Field Trips	James Marburger
Geology Day Coordinator	Charles Wooldridge
Grinding Party Coordinator	Charles Wooldridge
Historian	Sharon Marburger
Legislative Liaison	Susy McMahan
Membership Record	Edward Ridge
MWF Liaison	Vera Lyman
Programs	Susy McMahan
Property	James Marburger
Recognition / Awards	Richard Peterson Charles Wooldridge, James Marburger
Refreshments / Door Prizes	Vera Lyman
Roadside Clean-up	James Marburger
Scholarship	Vera Lyman
Show—2016	Ed Dvorak
Swap—2016	Jayne Beer
Website	Jim & Sharon Marburger
Youth Activities	Carolyn Ashmore Susy McMahan

LONG RANGE PLANNING & BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Jim Marburger, Chairman

1 year:	Edward Ridge Robert Cropp
2 years:	Charles Wooldridge Sharon Marburger
3 years:	Vera Lyman Ed Dvorak

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- Adults (age 16 and over) - \$15 per year or \$25 per couple (within the same household)
- Juniors - \$2 per year (with a responsible adult)

All new memberships must be accompanied by a written application. Prospective members must gain Board approval and attend one regular meeting before being approved for membership.

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Dealers:	Charles Wooldridge
Demonstrators:	Vera Lyman
Displays:	Jayne Beer, Ed Ridge
Event Center Liaison	Vera Lyman
Finance & Ticket Sales:	Jim Atkins, Vera Lyman
Floor Chairman:	Ed Dvorak, Charles Wooldridge
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Nebraska Gem Dig:	Charles Wooldridge
Plants:	Ed Ridge
Printed Program:	Sharon Marburger
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Ribbons & Recognitions:	Sharon Marburger
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