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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hi Everybody. Welcome to our winter friends, glad to see so many of you. We are starting a New Year and it's going to be a good one. Our 51st year of Roundup is also starting and remember that many hands make light work so please step up to the plate and help wherever you can. Our first board meeting is over and all the officers were present. Please check the dates in the bulletin for activities for the month. Jan 23rd will be our general meeting and hope to see many of you there. The refreshments will be furnished by the officers. A sheet will be out by the membership table for sign-ups for future months. Lets all pitch in and make this a banner year. See you at the shop or club house, stop and say hi. If you are a new member please introduce yourself.

Sincerely, Marilyn

DGMS BOARD MEETING

Minutes - January 6, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m.

President Marilyn Page then led the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present were: Marilyn Page, Dave Hogatt (VP), Carolyn Abbey (Secretary), Carol Duncan (Roundup Chair), Joe Morone (Shop Chair), John Edwards (Director), Scott Ehlers (Bulletin), Ben Staff (Treasurer), Ed Edwards (Director), and Barbara Staff (Past Pres.). Club members present were: Linda Edwards, Daryl & Donna Johnson, Pat Smail, Mike Tindall, Cary Voss, and Ken Sholar.

The minutes were accepted as published in the Chips Bulletin.

Marilyn asked that anyone having club house or gate keys please return them to the Scott Ehlers, the Club's new Property Manager. He will be in charge of recording, issuing, and receiving returned keys. We will purchase 15 keys (unable to be duplicated) to be distributed to those who need one to conduct business.

Treasurer's report was given by Ben and approved. It was approved to fill the Propane tank.

V.P. Dave suggested the Club set up a traveling trailer, carrying lapidary equipment, for demos at schools, fairs, etc.

There were several questions, so Dave will research and bring more information to the next Board meeting. Dave also informed us that there will be a program at the Sat., January 23rd (2 pm. General Meeting on Micro mounts. He will be presenting the program.

Marilyn asked that any club members who have an issue or problem to please bring it up to the Board.

Marilyn also stated that the General meetings will be changed to the fourth Wednesdays, at 2 pm. beginning with the February meeting.

The Club is in need of someone to be our Claims Chairperson. Soon we will need to re-seed the Big Diggins claim area.

Joe will contact a back hoe person and reserve dates to dig for two days for the Rockhound Roundup.

There are no field trips scheduled yet.

Barbra Staff will be the Club's Membership chairperson for the 2016 year.

SUNSHINE: It was noted that club member Norm Martin is doing better.

ROUNDUP: Carol stated that the T-shirt graphics have been redone. There will be a get together on Jan 13th to fill grab bags and egg cartons etc. at the shop. Next Roundup meeting will be on Thursday, January 21st at 1 p.m. Carol has lined up various people to do several jobs. She will still need lots of help to fill more spots. Cindy Jordan has agreed to be the Assistant Roundup Chair, upon approval at the General meeting.

Discussion on ordering saw blades or not. Joe will check prices. Tabled until February meeting.

Scott displayed several possible logos for a new club logo that can also be used on T-shirts etc. They can be voted on at the General meeting on the 23rd.

Ben and John will check with the City about the property taxes we have paid to them.

Marilyn discussed items for sale. The Club can't make a profit on items sold here. If you want to make a donation to the Club, that's OK, but we can not charge a percentage. So, if you have an item to sell, you can post a picture, with information, on a cork board, which will be installed at the club house. Scott can put the item on a Facebook Page. It was voted and approved to purchase the cork board.

Discussion on items in our Safe deposit box. We will ask Black Hat to appraise the items for us.

NEW BUSINESS:

Scott showed a beautiful picture of a slab from Big Diggins, that he will be using on our new Club Brochure (card) that he is working on for displays.

Names on checking accounts to be changed asap.

Joe will be replacing items, in the shop, that were dismantled during his absence. A yearly budget for the shop has been set at \$3,500. Any expenditure item costing over \$300, will need Board approval.

There were more shop discussions.

Sylvia Golden and Linda Edwards will be the Club's new Librarians. The library will be open during general meetings and until after the silent auction closes.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Carolyn Abbey, Secretary

DGMS Annual Meeting

12/19/2015

Meeting was called to order at 2 pm by President, Barbara Staff who lead the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 45 members present.

Motion was made by Marilyn Page to approve the November minutes as printed in chips, seconded – Approved.

Ben gave the financial report. Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Ken Sholar, seconded – Approved

Slate of elected positions were introduced.

Announcements: 50th Open House will be Sat., Feb, 6 from 10 am - 2 pm.

Need volunteers to help. Tues. Dec. 22, 10:00 am will do inventory of clubhouse, any one who wants to help.

Roundup - Shirt designs has been submitted. Work day to do grab bags and egg cartons will be Wed., Jan. 13, 10:00 am til whenever. Next meeting will be Thurs. Jan. 21 at 1:00 pm.

Shop - The week between Christmas and New Years work will be done in the shop along with an inventory. The workbench is going to be made handicap accessible and some other things. We will be working every day, so come by and help.

Field Trips - Weather permitting, Russell Scoggin will lead a field trip, Wed., Dec.30 to the Three Sisters for Blue Marble. You do not need 4-wheel drive, but will need tools to dig. Leave clubhouse at 9 am.

Everyone enjoyed a potluck dinner.
50/50 drawing was won by Daryl Johnson

Election results were announced.

President - Marilyn Page

Vice-President - Dave Hoggatt

Secretary - Carolyn Abbey

Treasurer - Benjamin Staff

Bulletin Editor - Scott Ehlers

Roundup Chair - Carol Duncan

Shop Chair - Joe Morone

1 yr. Director - John Edwards

2 yr. Director - Ed Edwards

Assistant Roundup Chair – None

Before everyone left, they were given a Brazilian Agate.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.

Submitted from recorded meeting by Barbara Staff,
President



New Board Member Ceremony

L-R, Benjamin Staff, Ed Edwards, Dave Hoggatt, Joe Morone, Marilyn Page, Scott Ehlers, Carol Duncan
Front, Giving Oath of office Barbara Staff
(sorry for the poor quality picture,...Editor)

Table of Events

- January, 21st Rock-Hound Round Up 1:00 pm.
- January, 23rd General Meeting 2:00 pm.
Presentation on Micro-Mounts to follow,
by Dave Hoggatt
- February 3rd Board Meeting 2:00 pm.
- February 6th Open House has been postponed
till April, Date as yet to be set.

New Shop Hours

Monday 9:00am. - 12:00 pm.

Tuesday 6:00 pm. - 9:00 pm.

Wednesday 12:00pm. - 3:00 pm.

Friday 9:00 am. - 12:00 pm.

Saturday 9:00 am. - 12:00 pm.

December Sunshine: A get well card was sent to Carol Duncan. If you know someone who needs a little sunshine call Barbara at 575-494-6238

Looking at the picture in this months chips, is there any interest in a basic photography class? Learn how to photograph your cabs, jewelry, or specimens? We can discuss this at the general meeting on the 23rd of January....Editor

That also reminds me of our forgotten silversmiths class! This really needs to be postponed till after Round-Up but there will be a sign-up sheet at the general meeting next to the photography sign up!
...Editor



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Preview of the Gem and Mineral Society Logo to be voted on.

We have several other new designs that will be GREAT for club T-Shirts that can be viewed at the next meeting!...Editor

If you have stuff to sell (Gem and Mineral related) e-mail the editor and we can get them posted on the new Face-Book page. Remember we can not sell it for you, but we can get out the information! ...Editor