

## **CANON CITY GEOLOGY CLUB**

### **Regular Monthly Meeting**

**April 10, 2017**

**United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, Canon City, CO**

The meeting was called to order by President Cathey Young at 6:19pm.

There were 50 people attending the meeting and 76 present for the program.

Members were welcomed to the meeting and informed that the silent auction table had been moved to the front of the hall. The silent auction is open and will close at 6:55pm.

New members welcomed to the club were: Doug and Tracy Beach, Ben and Polly Higley, Janice Smith, Jerry Sewoski, Donna Emsbach, Elna Burlingame, Carol Garrett, Dale Bowkoski, and Jeff Biemiller.

The Hospitality Committee again asked member to bring cookies whenever they would like to do so.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Mark Tursick reported balances of: Checking account \$2,930.66, Savings account \$2,075.48, New Hope account \$1,494.21 for a total in all accounts of \$6,500.35. Before tonight, there were 54 family memberships and 42 single memberships. Several more people have joined this evening

**Board Meeting Report:** Cathey reported that there is great progress has been getting the Scholarship program set up. She has been contacting some of the members to help get a committee set up to help with this project. Dan Cobler presented a draft of the program to the board members. This will be a great beginning place for the committee

Tshirts are available from Mary McCullough. More of the long sleeved Tshirts are on order as well as the patches. Hopefully they will be ready for the May meeting.

Upon going thru the Board Member Handbook, some changes need to be made to various parts. Various board members were assigned duties to update some of the wording on the committee descriptions which are outdated. Board meeting minutes are available on the web site now. The board member minutes are a month behind being posted on the website. This is due to the fact that they have to be approved at the board meeting the month following the date of the meeting the minutes apply to.

**Field Trip Committee:** Some changes need to be made to the field trip procedure. The board is asking that membership be paid at the meeting prior to a field trip or sent in by mail at least 30 days prior to a trip. Members will no longer be able to pay their dues the day of a field trip and no other than members will be allowed on the trips. This fact being a stipulation of our insurance. Also, starting in January, 2018, the newsletter that will be not be sent to members who have not paid their dues.

When responding to a field trip notice, please check who to send the notice that you want to attend. You cannot just reply to the website announcement. A member will be listed who is taking the reservations and how to get in touch with them.

A field trip schedule is available at the meeting to see what is planned for the year. There is also one more class. That call is the mineral ID class presented by Bob Carnein and will be held April 29<sup>th</sup> at the Bell Tower in Florence.

The New Hope field trip had to be postponed to April 22<sup>nd</sup> due to the snow and possible damage to the road going into the claim. There is still some room for this trip. The trips this year are mainly for members who have never been to the New Hope Claim.

**Program Committee:** John Rakowsik will be the speaker next month. The topic he will be speaking on is "Finding Great Rocks".

**Pebble Pups:** Phil Pugin reported that the club will have their last meeting of this school year this month. He asked for anyone who would like to come to a meeting and present a program and help his with something. They have been doing a lot of exploring behind Harrison school. Last month there were 20 kids and they found 160 fossils in about 45 minutes. This is for grades 3-7 from 3:00 to 4:00 pm.

**Door Prizes:** Winners of the door prizes were: Jim Lemermeier, Jerry Johnson, Ann Eulert, and Susan Levy.

**Old Business:** Concerning the overlapping board terms, new wording has to be put into the by-laws. Cathey read what she had written, "The term of office is 2 years commencing at the January meeting. Any officer may be re-elected an indefinite number of terms. The terms will alternate so that there are always 2 officers and 2 directors who overlap into the next year. That is 2 directors shall always be up for election but they will be the 2 that have not been elected the previous year. Likewise, two officers will be up for election only after serving two years." This will not be implemented until next year. By a show of hands, the change passed unanimously. All of the board members now were elected for 1 year. To implement this change at the next

election, the ballot will specify which board position will be for one year and which will be for 2 years. After the 2018 election, only 2 officers and 2 directors will be elected in the future.

**New Business:** Daniel Nichols announced the dates of upcoming Gem & Mineral shows. These dates will be posted on the website. Carol McNew also that she has books from the Fremont County Historical Society to sell. Please see her after the meeting if you are interested.

Jennifer Gerring reported that she attended the Rocky Mountain Federation Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico recently. She said this was a fantastic weekend. On some of the field trips, she had collected specimens that she showed the club. Next years' conventions will be held in Fairplay. Our club will be part of this and lead a field trip. Plan to attend. She also reported on her unplanned field trip and the resulting circumstances. Good thing she has a sense of humor.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy West, Secretary

After the meeting, Steven Veatch presented a very interesting on Cripple Creek and Victor.