

CANON CITY GEOLOGY CLUB

Meeting February 10, 2014

Attendance: 32 for the meeting and 36 for the program

Meeting time: 6:00pm at the First United Methodist Church

The meeting was called to order by Erika Goodland at 6:05pm. New members were introduced to those members present.

Treasurer, Erika Goodland reported that two bills over \$100.00 had been paid. One for \$100.00 to get the corporation reinstated and another for approximately \$100.00 for the plaques given to Jim Meacham and Kit Kederich at the last meeting. Following are the balances for the club accounts:

Checking account: \$915.12

Savings Account : \$426.39

Jim Meacham talked about needing donations for the reclamation work to be done at the New Hope Mine. Estimated costs for this project including: sand (native as from Cottonwood Creek would be best as it would have no foreign seed in it), waddles (rolls of straw so stop erosion such as those used by the highway department), and heavy equipment for road work and reseeding, would be around \$10,000.00.

Donnie Franklin was introduced to the members and has experience in writing grants and will help all she can with this important project.

Gardner Fey was also introduced and will help with the not-profit status for the club. It was suggested that the Board meet with him to work on this. However, after the meeting it was decided that he and Jim Meacham will meet and if necessary then the entire board will meet with both of them.

Field trips that have been scheduled for the club include:

May 10, 2014 - Holcim plant at Portland. Steel-toed shoes are a must and there is a limit of 20 people for this trip. A sign up sheet was available at the meeting. This is a free trip for members.

May 15, 2014 - Cripple Creek & Victor Mine in Victor. There is a limit of 37 people for this trip and members can drive themselves and meet at the mine. The limit is because of bus size at the mine to haul the visitors. A sign up sheet was available at the meeting and this is also a free trip for members.

Members present were informed that Dr. Bob Carnein will again be in Canon City to give the class "Introduction to Mineral Identification". The class will be February 22, 2014 and will cost \$3.00 per person. Class time is 9:00 to 11:30am and limited in size to 32.

Cindy Smith announced that she, Dan Grenard and Jim were able to locate the Canon City High School rock collection that dates back to Kessler times. It was in a classroom at CCHS. Cindy brought 2 samples to the meeting for members to see. Several experts have been asked to come and help identify the specimens. Those that cannot be identified, Cindy will take to the School of Mines in Golden, CO.

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Cindy also asked members if they looked at the Rocky Mountain Federation News letter that is forwarded to each e-mail address monthly. She brought a copy for those present to look at and went over some of the very interesting things included in this newsletter.

Over 50 people have been to see the display of fluorescent minerals at the BLM office. This display, as well as 3 from RSVP will be moved to Lincoln School the end of February and Cindy wanted to thank all of the volunteers that helped with this display. The display with the dinosaur footprint will be moved to the old RSVP building.

The Pioneer Museum in Colorado Springs is having a "Stories in Stone Symposium" on February 22, 2014. For anyone who wants to attend, there will be several very interesting speakers including: Tom Nolan speaking on "Ordovician Fossils and Observations in Deep Time", Dr. Lou Taylor, speaking on "The Morrison Formation and its Dinosaurs", Amber Cain, speaking on "Dinosaur Tracks of the Dakota Sandstone", Malcolm Bedell, Jr., "Life in the Pierre Shale of Baculite Mesa", and Conni O'Connor, speaking on "Reconstructing Lake Florissant". Much of the information to be given has to do with our immediate area.

Upcoming meetings for March and April programs will be presented by Stephanie Carter who will talk about "Coal Mining: Geology and Minerals" in March and "Coal Mining: Mine Safety (repercussions from Ludlow) and Environmental Issues" in April. Stephanie is a Geologist with the BLM Royal Gorge Field Office.

The Historical Moment was presented by Lula Moody. She talked about her cousin, Elzie Ray who was a hard rock miner. He worked at several mines in the area and later became an Inspector of Mines for the State of Colorado.

The Educational Moment was given by Jim Meacham. He went thru explaining the difference between a nodule, an concretion, and a geode.

Kit Kederich showed the members present a coffee can he found in a tree on his property near the Royal Gorge. It had 2 letters in it that date back over 100 years and he was asking how to preserve it.

The program for the evening was presented by Steven Veatch and was entitled “An Update on the Mining Operations in Cripple Creek”. It included a very interesting slide show. He also talked about forming a Pebble Pups Club in Canon City. He as someone who would help the kids get started and this is something the Club members have wanted to do for some time.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy West,
Recording Secretary