

Olathe Gem & Mineral Society  
Board Meeting Notes  
February 21, 2017

**Call to order:** 7:06 p.m.

**Attendance:** Norm Onnen, President  
M. John Robinson, Membership Chair  
Barbara Crompton, Treasurer  
Spring Wittmeier, Secretary  
Tom Lorenz, Immediate Past President  
Deb Bryant, Member Guest  
Larry Wells, VP - absent

**President's report:**

- 1) Minutes from January Board meeting reviewed and approved with corrections.
- 2) Treasures of the Earth 2017 postcard passed out to Board
- 3) Club Projector Purchase (Barb Crompton is handling).

- a. 31 lbs.
- b. Mistubishi
- c. \$30 deposit to hold
- d. has updated HDTV and USB ports
- e. simple to use
- f. need to purchase small rolling bag for easy transport
- g. total cost = \$179.98 plus tax
- h. 90 day warranty

Norm Onnen motioned for Club to make the projector purchase, Tom Lorenz seconded and the motion was unanimously approved. Tom Lorenz made a motion to allow a total budget of \$250.00 (including the carry case) for the projector purchase, Norm Onnen seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

- 4) Discussion about March show:
  - a. M. John reported that as of the meeting date, we had 17 display cases that would be at the show
  - b. Tom Lorenz reported that we need more volunteers
  - c. Norm Onnen reported that he still had 2 club cases but that 1 may be spoken for.Norm Onnen motioned to let Deb Bryant borrow a club case for display as the March show, Barb Crompton seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

- 5) Discussion about RMFMS Convention:
  - a. Delegate sheet and other forms were finalized and signatures obtained at Board meeting.
  - b. Spring Wittmeier motioned that the Club would pay a maximum of \$500.00 reimbursement to our attending delegate (Norm Onnen) for travel, hotel and entrance fees, Barb Crompton seconded the motion and it was approved with Norm Onnen abstaining.
  - c. Discussion about the Club website progress. Chris Onnen has done a lot of work. There is an event calendar installed, a library list posted and some meeting minutes have been posted. There is an issue with the header because of the format previously chosen. No decision was made to change the current format. We do want to include some other gem club links but no final decision was made as to what those links would be. The code of ethics will be posted to the website in the near future.
- 6) Discussion about club Facebook page, set up by Deborah Bryant (member) and currently managed by her. Deb will continue to manage and update the Facebook page. It is currently private and we will leave it private for now. Deb will introduce the page to the general members at the March membership meeting. Ultimately, we will link the FB page to our website.

- 7) March general meeting – Norm Onnen will be absent from the meeting and Larry Wells will lead. Dick Frohardt will provide refreshments for the meeting.
- 8) Upcoming program ideas:
  - a. March – Gold panning (again because it was so fun!) and Facebook page introduction
  - b. April - Professor David Burnham – T.rex dig in MT (speaker fee \$60)
- 9) Field trip ideas:
  - a. Quarry in Southern Johnson County (Tom Lorenz is handling the scheduling)
  - b. Salts Plains N.W.R. near Jet, OK (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in April)
  - c. Mozarkite dig trip near Lincoln, MO (May is a tentative date, M. John Robinson is handling the scheduling)
  - d. Co-field trips with the Topeka G&M Society to the Hutchinson salt mines
  - e. Farmland along the Missouri River in Troy, KS (date TBD, Larry Wells is handling the scheduling)
  - f. Truman Lake, Clinton, MO (Deb Bryant is handling the scheduling)
- 10) Reviewed customized forms for release of liability, field trip indemnification and photo permission slip.
- 11) Tabled discussion on updating by-laws until our next Board meeting.
- 12) Upcoming shows to consider:
  - a. 3/10-3/13/2017. 56th Annual Association of Earth Science Clubs of Greater Kansas City Gem and Mineral Show
    - i. We can submit club cases
    - ii. Tom Lorenz is the show chairman and will run the PA system
    - iii. Association needs help with table set up
  - b. 3/17-3/19/2017. Rocky Mountain Federation of Mineralogical Societies, Inc. Annual Convention, Albuquerque, NM
    - i. Norman Onnen, President will attend as Club delegate (we will only send one delegate)
    - ii. RMFMS dues deadline was December.
    - iii. We submitted the Club insurance form in December.
    - iv. Jane McLaughlin was the RMFMS directory chair.

**Past President's Report:**

- 1) Annual summer picnic will be June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 3 p.m. – 9 p.m. at Lone Elm Park, Olathe, KS. Tom Lorenz confirmed the reservation. Cost of reservation was \$54.00.
  - a. Club provides meat, condiments, paperware and drinks.
  - b. Members bring a side dish.
  - c. There will be a silent auction.

**Membership report:** Tabled until next Board meeting.

**Treasurer's report:**

Available upon request.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:30 p.m.