

Olathe Gem and Mineral Society - January 11, 2022, Board Minutes

Location: Olathe Public Library - Room F - 16100 W 135<sup>th</sup> St., Olathe, KS

Time: 7 to 8 pm

Attendees: Norman Onnen, Leslie Hartman, Dan McDaniel, Ann Thompson, and Alison Betts

Barbara Crompton and Larry Wells joined the meeting by telephone.

Ann Thompson was there to discuss the club directory. She has agreed to work with Jeannie to maintain the club directory and see that all new members information is added to the directory. We discussed what was needed and Leslie Hartman brought a copy of the existing directory. It was decided the directory will appear on the website in the members only section. If any member would like to maintain a printed copy they will be able to print a copy off the website. Ann will work with Jeannie Feimster, Leslie Hartman, and Barbara Crompton to gather information. We currently have about half of the information on the members but will need to get pictures taken (or have member send picture) and gather the information on the new members interest and skills. After the discussion of the directory was concluded Ann elected to leave the meeting.

February meeting program: Several suggestions were made and Larry Wells was asked to contact Vince Martini and/or Steve Arnold to present the program and get back to Norm Onnen with their decision.

March meeting program: Main focus for the March meeting will be on getting ready for the March Show with the possibility of a show program.

April meeting program: Dr. Mandel is to give presentation on "Searching for Evidence of the First People in the Americas: Geo-archaeological Perspective"

May meeting program: We discussed the possibility of having a swap and shop for this meeting.

The question was asked if we needed to put the Treasurer Report on the website and it was decided to table that discussion until members question it being available for members to view.

Club VP vacancy: Barbara Crompton has spoken to Trevor Huston about taking on the position of Vice President. He told Barbara he would think on it. Norman Onnen was going to contact Trevor and have a more in-depth discussion with him and see if he is interested. He could be appointed to hold the position thru May and then in May be formally elected in the Officers election held in the May meeting.

Non-Profit status: We do have our Federal tax-exempt status and our Kansas non-profit status. More information will need to be done in regards to be tax exempt in the state of Kansas. We may not qualify for tax exempt in Kansas.

Field Trips: Norman Onnen requested we see about scheduling field trips as soon as possible so we can get them posted. Suggestions were Lone Elm and Louisburg quarries.

The Association will be doing memorials for several people during the March Gem and Mineral show. Details will be discussed in the upcoming Association meeting on January 13, 2022.

Larry Wells shared that Mike McClurg suggested the club have a casual get together other than meeting night where members could have a discussion time and share projects they were working on.

Norm passed along a request for volunteers to assist with the setup, tear down and in the Association booth.

As of our cub meeting on January 6, 2022 we had seven individuals sign up to display 10 cases. As we have had about 20 cases at past shows (and wish to have that many again) club members will be called to encourage participation. There will be some cases available to be borrowed from members not intending to display. Presently two such cases have been identified.

Website is being set up with a "Contact Us Page" which will send the information via emails sent to both Leslie Hartman and Norman Onnen along with a copy sent to Dan McDaniel as web master.

Leslie Hartman gave the Topeka Dino Days information to Norm.

Meeting was adjourned 7:59 pm.