

Rockhound News

NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 18TH

PROGRAM: RHODOCROSITE VIDEO

REFRESHMENTS. A THROUGH J Please bring goodies

CLUB CALENDAR

January 18 th	Regular club meeting at North School 7:30
January 21 st	January Field Trip (Pot Luck at Alaiedon Township Hall)
February 1 st	Board Meeting-7:00 at the Okemos Library
February 3 rd	Okemos Science Fun Day-11-3 at Chippewa Middle School
February 15 th	Regular club meeting at North School 7:30

Program. The program for our January 18th meeting, will be a video on Rhodocrosite. If you have any specimens of Rhodocrosite please bring them to the meeting.

January Field Trip: Again we will take to the field with knife, fork, and spoon in hand and meet at Alaiedon Township Hall , at 1:P.M.to enjoy a potluck dinner and the company of our fellow rock hounds.

Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service. Coffee, tea, milk and punch will be provided.

Alaiedon Township Hall is located at 2021 West Holt Road, about ½ mile east of Okemos Road. Holt Road is 3 miles south of I-96.

We hope that all members old and new can come on this field trip, it's a good way to get acquainted. The whole family is invited not just the CML&MS member.

Long time member Bessie Rogers is going to bring several photo albums. There will be a new game to play and prizes from the club.

DUES ARE NOW DUE Please get your dues to Ernie. To be included in the yearly directory dues need to be paid this month.

Okemos Science Fun Day. If you are able to help with this please talk to Mary Gowens to see what needs to be done and to set up times to help.

Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society

Board Meeting

December 7, 2006

President: Dan Sine called the meeting to order at 7:14 pm at the Okemos Public Library.

Vice President: Elaine Beane - Program for the December Meeting (12/21) will be the "Holiday" gathering; we will need to vote on next year's officers as this was omitted at the November meeting and then swear in the new officers. Following this we will have a gift exchange and partake in treats. Everyone is encouraged to bring a wrapped "rock-mineral-fossil" related gift for the exchange.

Board Members Present: Dan Sine, Elaine Beane, Roger Laylin, Alan Hukill, Sue Casler, Elaine Angstman,

Richard Miller, Milt Gere, Ernie Aughenbaugh, Gordon Lewis, Arie Koelewyn, George Heaton,

Kris Wood. Members present: Bob Mosher [Board members absent: Kara Miller]

Recording Secretary: Sue Casler - Briefly summarized the November 1, 2006 board meeting minutes that were printed in the November newsletter. Minutes accepted as summarized.

Corresponding Secretary: Kris Wood - Sympathy cards were sent to the families of John Takis and Percy Gibbs.

Treasurer's Report: Alan Hukill - Reviewed receipts/disbursements for the month of November 2006.

Directors: George Heaton (NR); Milt Gere (NR); Arie Koelewyn reported that he put the By-Laws on the website and brought up a couple of items he found in reviewing them; it was discovered that he did not have the most recent version; Roger Laylin provided a copy to Arie of the latest version.

Membership: Elaine Angstman - Presented to the Board an application for membership (family) for Sharon Patton, and grandchildren Ottis and Cheyenne.

A motion was made by Alan Hukill, seconded by Richard Miller to accept application for membership into the Society.

Vote taken. Motion passed.

Finance: Gordon Lewis - Presented the Proposed Budget for 2007; prior to any action of the 2007 budget, the 2007 Show Budget needed to be approved as it is a line item in the overall budget. **Gordon Lewis moved to approve the 2007 Show Budget, Alan Hukill seconded the motion. Vote taken and motion passed.** Board discussed and reviewed line items in 2007 Society Budget.

Gordon Lewis moved to approve the 2007 Society Budget, Alan Hukill seconded the motion. Vote taken and motion passed.

There was discussion on the protocol for an approval mechanism if a budgeted line item amount will be exceeded. Is there a policy?

Do we need a policy? This was one item brought out from past Audit Committee recommendations. Other points recommended from

the Audit Committee are the timely submittal of expenses by mid-December so the Annual Report completed by the Treasurer can be

as accurate as possible; and when requesting payment from the club note which budget line item the cost should be accounted to.

Gordon Lewis and Bob Mosher will conduct the Audit of the club's finances for 2006.

Show: Roger Laylin - Provided copies of minutes he prepared from the Nov. 15th Show Board Meeting. An additional item that came up that was not addressed at the Show Board meeting was a request by Elaine Angstman to have her line item budget amount for the Silent Auction up front since she will be in New Mexico/Tucson/and Peru with opportunity to purchase specimens. **Roger Laylin moved to provide Elaine Angstman the budgeted amount for Silent Auction up front, Gordon Lewis seconded the motion. Vote taken and motion passed.**

Old Business: None

New Business: Reminder of the January Potluck on Sunday, Jan. 21st at the Alaeidon Township Hall. (this is the Sunday following the

Membership meeting on January 18th)

Elaine Beane moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Elaine Angstman. Meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Casler, Recording Secretary

Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society

Membership Meeting **December 21, 2006**

- a. Call to Order.** The December membership meeting was called to order by President Dan Sine at 7:50 pm at the North Elementary School.
- b. Welcome and Introduction of Guests/Visitors.** None; but it was announced that it was Jennifer Martin's birthday - Happy Birthday Jennifer!
- c. Minutes of Last Meeting.** The November membership meeting minutes were published in the December newsletter.
- d. Treasurer's Report.** Alan Hukill - Reviewed the receipts/expenses for the month of November.
- e. Announcements.**

*Roger Laylin - Nominations for 2007 Club Officers - were printed in the December Newsletter and are as follows: President - Elaine Beane; Vice President - Kristin Wood; Recording Secretary - Sue Casler; Corresponding Secretary - Mary Ann Smith; Treasurer - Alan Hukill; and 3-year Director - George Heaton.

***Motion was made by Richard Miller to accept nominations as read; supported by Mary Gowans. Vote of membership taken, motion accepted.**

*The Honorable Neil Snepp presided over the oath and swearing in "ceremony" of the newly elected 2007 Club Officers.

*Connie Snepp announced the "80th" birthday party of the Honorable Neil Snepp on December 26, at 1 pm at the Fire Mountain restaurant.

*Nate Krupp - Informed the club of a practice at Ele's Place (bereavement for children who have lost a love one), when kids have completed the program, they are given three polished stones that represent Love, Hope and Friendship and that maybe our club would be able to help out in providing polished stones for this cause. It was suggested that we invite a person from Ele's Place to come and speak to the club and at that time we could provide a donation of polished stones to them.

*Kris Wood - speaking as the new Vice President in charge of monthly meeting programs if there is anything club members are particularly interested in please let Kris know.

*Richard Lassen announced that if anyone was up in the Menominee County, they can stop by the massive sulfide deposit quarry; check out website Aquilaresources.com for further information.

*Lee Laylin - Library has some brand new beautiful books for folks to check out.

The Program following the meeting is singing "rockhound" carols and eating, eating and eating. There will also be a gift exchange for those that brought a gift.

- f. Adjournment.** Kara Miller moved to adjourn the meeting, supported by Alan Hukill. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Casler, Recording Secretary

Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society

Board Meeting

January 4, 2007

President: Elaine Beane called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm at the Okemos Public Library.

Vice President: Kris Wood - Presented tentative agenda for monthly Programs for the 2007 year. This will be the club's 50th year in existence and it was suggested that the June Banquet have a 50th Celebration theme.

Board Members Present: Elaine Beane, Kris Wood, Sue Casler, Alan Hukill, Mary Ann Smith, Milt Gere, George Heaton, Roger Laylin, Elaine Angstman, Ernie Aughenbaugh, and Gordon Lewis.

Members present: Bob Mosher [Board members absent: Dan Sine, Arie Koelewyn, Kara Miller]

Recording Secretary: Sue Casler - Briefly summarized the December 7, 2006 board meeting minutes; highlighting the various motions that were made. Minutes accepted as summarized.

Corresponding Secretary: Mary Ann Smith - Learned of the passing of club member, Cleora Purtill, 100 yrs old; sympathy card will be sent to the family.

Treasurer's Report: Alan Hukill - Reviewed receipts/disbursements for the month of December 2006; and reviewed the Annual Treasurer's Report for the year of 2006.

Directors: George Heaton (NR); Milt Gere (NR); Arie Koelewyn (absent) - reminder to ask Arie about club business cards.

Roster Secretary: Ernie Aughenbaugh - About 40 members have paid 2007 Dues, reminder to everyone who hasn't yet paid their dues to get them into Ernie.

Liaison Officer: Alan Hukill - Discussion regarding membership count relative to Federation dues and insurance costs.

It was reported that Fed. Dues and insurance cost will be paid based on membership count as of December 31.

Display: Dan Sine (absent) - Midwest Faceters Show, April 14/15, 2007 in Marshall, MI

Finance: Gordon Lewis - Distributed copies of the Final 2007 Club Budget.

Web Master/Site: Arie Koelewyn (absent) - Reminder to folks that if they have suggestions for website/or items for sale, let Arie know.

Show: Roger Laylin - There has not been a decision made on a replacement dealer for the dealer that is retiring.

Old Business: Reminder of the January Potluck on Sunday, Jan. 21st at the Alaeidon Township Hall. (this is the Sunday following the

Membership meeting on January 18th)

New Business: With regard to the Midwest Fed. Dues/insurance, we may need to define or redefine the membership structure;

for example, we may need to modify the membership forms to know how many folks are in a "family" membership and ages so it can fit with the what the Midwest Fed. Structure is for dues/insurance fees. Revisit this issue at a later meeting.

Alan Hukill moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Roger Laylin. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Casler, Recording Secretary

Note from the librarian. Remember that books go out for one month. Please try and return them the meeting after you take them out. Thanks

Note from the editors. Is there any one out there who would like to take on the job of editor, if so please talk to Lee or Roger.

A Rockhound's New Year's Resolutions

- (1) To not buy any more slabs that you just gotta have until all the 'just gotta have' slabs in the hobby room are utilized in a 'true' lapidary manner. A true lapidary manner does not include as an in-the-rough paper weight or coaster, a shim for a wobbly desk, a filler for an empty shoe box, a weapon for a would be mugger in one's pocket or as a toy to keep a toddler occupied while shopping.
- (2) To remove all rock samples from your car. This includes clearing out the glove box and all cup holders. Make sure to check under the seats as well. Contrary to popular rockhound belief, rocks do not enjoy riding in a car, they are just as happy at home.
- (3) To make a good attempt at actually seeing the scenery while on vacation with ones spouse or friend. While a rockhound's favorite scenery may only require looking down at the ground near one's feet this is not truly scenery to most.
- (4) As an addendum to (3), when returning from vacation, to make a great attempt to tell co-workers/friends/family about scenery and events that do not include rocks. Try at least to name one other event/sight from the vacation. Write it on one's hand if you must in order to remember.
- (5) Finish all projects of one type of lapidary related discipline before taking on a new lapidary discipline. While many rockhounds have many titles to their names such as faceter, silversmith, coldworker, etc. the titles don't mean much if you don't have any finished product i.e. polished or faceted stones. Rings. Bevels, etc...Of course it does mean that you will have a good collection of some really cool tools....oops I digress.
- (6) To try to use utmost restraint when having non-rockhound guests (gasp) over to the house to not drag them all around the house and backyard to see all your prized beauties.

Author unknown, via Flint Rock & Gem 1/07

WHATS HAPPENING ELSEWHERE

March 2-4	34 th Annual Show Eastern Indiana Gem & Geological Society Wayne County Fairgrounds, N. Salisbury Rd., Richmond, Indiana Hours:9-6, 10-6, 11-4.
March 3-4	35 th Annual Special Auction Roamin Club of Lovonia Schoolcraft College, Visatech Building 18600 Haggerty Rd., Livonia 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. & Sunday Noon -6 p.m.

Join us on the January Field Trip

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Membership Meeting

January 18, 2007

- a. **Call to Order.** The January membership meeting was called to order by President Elaine Beane at 7:45 pm at the North Elementary School.
- b. **Welcome and Introduction of Guests/Visitors.** No Guests or Visitors - even with the notice in the Lansing State Journal of our meeting tonight!
- c. **Minutes of Last Meeting.** The December membership meeting minutes were published in the January newsletter.
- d. **Treasurer's Report.** Alan Hukill - Only expense for the month of January to date was payment in the amount of \$510.50 for club fees and insurance to the Midwest Federation.
- e. **Announcements.**

*Roger Laylin - Regarding SHOW - club is looking for a replacement dealer for retiring dealer.

*Reminder that membership dues for 2007 are due.

*Reminder that February 3, from 11am-3pm, is the Okemos Science is Fun Day, location is Chippewa Middle School on Kinawa Dr. (east off of Okemos Road, between Jolly and Mt. Hope) Need some displays (since Dan Sine is out of town) and some volunteers! So far, Mary Gowans and Karen Kanine will be there.

*Flyers available for the MGAGS seminar in June.

The Program following the meeting will be a DVD on Rhodocrosite - Sweet Home Mine, Alma District, Colorado.

f. Adjournment. Alan Hukill moved to adjourn the meeting, supported by Mary Gowans. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Casler, Recording Secretary