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Next Meeting

Our next meeting is on Thursday March 3rd in the New York State Museum. The meeting starts at 7:30pm. Please sign in at the security desk when you enter. The doors to the museum will be held open from 7:00-7:15pm (sometimes earlier, but never later).

March Program

The March speaker will be Jeff Fast, who has been a mineral dealer for over 20 years. He has travelled extensively to buy minerals overseas. At the Capital District Mineral meeting he will introduce us to fabulous gold crystals from Venezuela. While gold nuggets are fairly common, gold crystals are exceedingly rare. He will do a talk (with a video) on Venezuelan gold crystals and have some for sale. He will bring other less expensive mineral specimens to sell, too.

Volunteers for February Show

Thank you to all the people who volunteered their time at the gem and mineral show and helped to make it a success. Those people are: Bob Hartig, Pam Hartig, Bruce Murray, Rich Stein, Jim Palmer, Bill Cotrofeld, Gerry Pratt, Inge Eley, Johanna Horowitz, Alex Horowitz, Max Fischer, Richard Hartnett, Greg Shields, Mimi Shields, Jo-anna Michalek, Charlyn Murray, Art Collins, George Drobot, Jane Kaplan, Brian Harbour, Audrey Troy, Anne Woods, Robert Stitham, Catherine Jenzer, Bill Williams, and John Compton.

Distributing the News

And the heralds went forth and spread throughout the surrounding country carrying the news of a great and grand Gem, Mineral and Fossil Show in Albany, NY. Robert Ballard carried the news posters to the Scotia-Glenville area, Rich Stein carried the news to Ravena, Guilderland, Duanesberg, Stuyvesant Plaza and Western Ave area, Bruce and Charlyn Murray covered schools, colleges and hospitals in the Tri-city area.

Bob Stitham covered, apparently the eastern part of New York State, from the City of Hudson to Columbia-Greene Community College to Hunter/Tannersville area to Troy to Watervliet to Cohoes to Schodack to Cairo to Haines Falls to Red Hook etc., Richard Hartnett covered the Bethlehem/Delaware area, Bill Cotrofeld covered the city of Arlington, VT, East Arlington and Cambridge, NY, and Art and Dawn Collins gave out posters to schools and colleges in the Schenectady/Niskayuna area.

Other members took posters at the meetings and distributed them, we saw them tuck the pasteboards (old circus term) under their coats and make off with them. We do appreciate everybody's efforts.

-Bruce and Charlyn Murray

Capital District Mineral Club. Board Meeting Minutes February 19, 2011

Meeting was held at the Alplaus Firehouse. Attendance: Bob Hartig, Pam Hartig, Richard Stein, Jim Palmer, Barbara Gearhardt, Joe Almasi, Anne Woods, Gerry Boileau, Charlyn Murray, Bruce Murray. Discussion on quorum: There are 17 Board members. Quorum is 1/2 plus 1 or 10 Board members. 10 members present, therefore able to meet. Meeting called to order at 1:30pm Secretary report from 1/2010, Gerry Boileau made a motion to accept, Bruce Murray seconded, floor accepted. Notes from 8/2010 Jim Palmer made a motion to accept, Barbara Gearhardt seconded, floor accepted. Gerry stated that giving Curtis Breuer \$500 was not within the constitution. It was explained that it was a special scholarship from the proceeds of the auction of Lou Dushek's collection. Treasurer's Report: Annual treasurer's report presented but not accepted because of inaccuracies. Gerry Boileau made a motion not to accept the report, Barbara Gearhardt seconded, floor accepted. Jim Campbell fund remains the same. No audit committee therefore audit was not performed. Budget for 2011, increase program money to \$800 and scholarship fund to \$1000. Pam Hartig made a motion to accept, Barbara Gearhardt seconded, floor accepted as amended. Old Business: A) Anne Woods still working on compiling a list of past by-law changes/ Board resolutions B) Board needs to approve changes to By-laws and constitution. Committee members remain the same. C) Review of scholarship fund. Clarification of how given out was offered by Rich Stein. The scholarship is donated to a college then given to a student. At present time the colleges considered are SUNY Albany, RPI, Union and St. Rose. When contacting colleges request that a local student be considered. 7 yes 2 abstained. Discussion on whether to add OR to a student to the constitution. Proposed by-law change of recent applications and giving to an individual student was rejected by the board and committee members present in favor of the present system with minor changes. New Business: A) Agreement for By-Law changes 1. Change election of officers. Nominate in October, then elect in November, then take office in January. 2. Better define duties of officers and committees by creating "Operating Procedures". 3. Motion to change membership year to January 1st to December 31st. 4. Eliminate extended membership for joining at the show in February yes 8 Discussion on prorated membership. B) Motion made to change banks from Trust Co. to First Niagara. Pam Hartig made a motion to accept, Jim Palmer seconded, floor accepted. C) Motion made to move Jim Campbell Memorial Fund into checking account with an "Ear Mark" for the money. Jim Palmer made a motion to accept, Barbara Gearhardt seconded. yes 8 no 1 D) Explanation on the EIN number for an organization was presented. It is similar to a Social Security number. It is used to open bank accounts. Bill Cotrofeld applied for the club. It cost \$187. The reason Bill applied is Bob Stitham stated that the old EIN number was not usable. Motion made to reimburse Bill \$187 for application of EIN number. Gerry Boileau made a motion to accept, Anne Woods seconded, floor accepted as amended. Motion to re-election of class of 2008 to 2011. Joe Almasi made a motion to accept, Gerry Boileau seconded. yes 8 no 0 abstain 1 Motion to keep board member number at 17. Barbara Gearhardt made a motion to accept, Joe Almasi seconded, floor accepted as amended. Motion to elect Anne Woods as Board Chairperson. Joe Almasi made a motion to accept, Rich Stein seconded. yes 7 abstain 1 Motion made to adjourn by Pam Hartig made a motion to accept, Barbara Gearhardt seconded, floor accepted. *-Pamela Hartig*

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The purpose of our club is:

- To promote and encourage the study of mineralogy and other applied sciences.
- To cooperate with educational and scientific institutions in order to bring about a better and more general understanding of earth sciences.
- To provide a program with suitable speakers for scheduled meetings.
- To sponsor, direct, and assist in the planning of excursions to mineral localities and other places of geological interest.
- To cooperate with organizations whose purposes are similar to those stated in the foregoing items.

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