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Ed Aitken spoke of the Herkimer Diamond Diggins at Middleville, N.Y., having changed hands. Chet Vedder told of the new Schenectady Museum suggesting perhaps we could place an exhibit in this museum when it is completed. It was also mentioned that there would be a small auditorium available for meetings in the new Museum and also in the new Schenectady Library now being built.

The Nominating Committee was appointed as follows:-
Ara Dildilian, Chairman, Fred Steinke and George Riseorf.

Bob asked our guests to stand and introduce themselves and one guest stated that she thought it would be wonderful for us to have a youth group.

Next came a Gem Puzzle Game which was a lot of fun. Many of us learned how little we knew.

Our Program Chairman announced that the next meeting would deal with "Copper" and asked us to bring any copper specimens we thought might be of interest.

President Robert Swigert adjourned the meeting at 25 of 10 and members and guests went to the room where the minerals were displayed for trade and sale. These minerals were varied and beautiful and some brisk bartering took place.

Many people stayed till around 10;30 in spite of the inclement weather. All were reluctant to end such a pleasant party.

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President Swigert called his last meeting to order at 20 of 8. The guests were introduced and Mary Dushek read the minutes of the last meeting. Helen Geiser reported \$653.11 in the treasury.

Bob said he expected the new owner of Schrader's Middleburg Herkimer Diamond Diggins to speak to us but he had not arrived.

We were told of the tragic death of George and Ruth Schmidt's son in Viet Naam and a motion was made and seconded that the Club send flowers.

One of the last acts of the President was to conduct the election of officers and he thanked all who helped him through his presidency.

Fred Steinke of the Nominating Committee read the new slate as follows:-

President - Louis Dushek
 Vice-President - Edward Kincaid
 Secretary - Mary Dushek
 Treasurer - Helen Geiser

Elmer Rowley moved that the nominations be closed and Jerry Lapham seconded. The slate was elected unanimously by the Club.

Bob thanked the Program Chairman, Norm Snively, who will be Chairman until September.

Lou Dushek took the chair but asked Bob to continue to conduct the meeting which he did, next turning it over to Norm Snively.

Norm announced that our speaker of the evening, Curator of Geology of the New York State Museum, Ray Byce, was in the Hospital and that Dr. Boughton, Geologist of the State of New York had offered to take his place and speak to us on copper and porphyry coppers.

After his introduction Dr. Boughton talked to us about Ray Byce and then the grand new plans for the new State Museum being built in the South Mall to be completed in 1972. Dr. Boughton's talk on copper was very enlightening and after a movie on native Michigan copper, he read a description of slides from the Maryland Club. These slides were very beautiful blown up Micromounts of different copper Xls.

At the conclusion of Dr. Boughton's program he was thanked by both Norm and Bob and our meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Copy of the Minutes of the Board of Trustees
Meeting January 20, 1968

On Saturday, January 20, 1968 the Board of Trustees met at the Van Dyck Restaurant in Schenectady. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Arnold Pohl at 8:35 p.m.

The following members were present:

Elmer Rowley	Ralph Geiser
Arnold Pohl	Helen Geiser
Robert Swigert	Fred Steinke
Louis Dushek	Dorothy Wheatley
Mary Dushek	Chester Hunziker
Erv Potthoff	Julie Hunziker
Gladys Swigert	Dorothy Potthoff
	Edward Kincaid

Dr. Pohl thanked the Past President for a successful year and congratulated Louis Dushek and Edward Kincaid on their election as President and Vice President.

Since our meeting last year we have lost three members who were charter members and incorporators of the club. Arnold had us stand for a moment in respect and memory of those three members--Ken and Jean Carr and Jerry Lapham.

The minutes of the January 1967 meeting were read by the secretary and accepted as read. It was recommended that the secretary send the minutes of this meeting to all Board members both old and new.

In the discussion concerning organizing for the 1969 Gem and Mineral Show in Rochester, it was pointed out that regular local exhibiting might stimulate interest in members and improve our exhibits for a larger show. Ed Kincaid asked if it was possible for members who really know minerals to see members collections so as to find out who has what that might be exhibited. He felt some of the lack of interest might be due to members being asked too many times. Some discussion was held as to methods of pre-selecting minerals. It is felt that perhaps people don't volunteer minerals for exhibit because they may not know whether or not they have specimens that are good enough. It was suggested that fifteen minutes be set aside for four meetings for people to bring in best specimens in certain classes of minerals for club discussion. Elmer suggested that crystals be brought in to show what represents a fine crystal as a guide line as to what is desired as fine material, emphasizing size, quality, etc. Since we must be organized about three months before a show, it is felt that inter-club exhibiting is necessary first to find out what materials we have for larger exhibiting.

Helen Geiser noted that cases at the National Show are all rented rather than anyone having to bring any to a show, thus eliminating storage and transportation.

Erv Potthoff suggested that we not rule out the possibility of a lady taking charge of exhibits with help from the

men. Arnold felt it is difficult to commit ourselves to the 1969 Rochester Show. He feels a successful club show is necessary first. An exhibit might consist of crystals, jewelry, minerals, etc. Bob Swigert made the motion we have an exhibit at the June meeting at the Niskayuna Church, with ribbons awarded as prizes and that someone be appointed to watch over the exhibit to prevent loss of minerals. Ralph Geiser seconded the motion and it was passed.

Dr Pohl suggested that at the February 3 meeting after the speaker, this matter be brought before the club. Chet was asked to indicate the difficulties in getting such an exhibit ready for a federation show and give pointers for exhibiting at the June meeting.

Helen Geiser suggested that those who make jewelry get together and make a special piece for each woman who works on our suppers at the Niskayuna Church. Arnold felt that if this were done and that findings cost too much that no problem would result as far as the club is concerned in financing these.

Arnold feels that new copies of the Constitution and By-Laws should be made available to members and should be given when new members join and be distributed at the meetings.

In discussing programs, Arnold noted that perhaps we haven't made as much use of RPI and Union College as we should and suggested that we might renew our relations with both of them. Ralph Geiser noted that Dr. Breed of the RPI Physics Dept. has volunteered to show pictures on optics. It was suggested that this man be approached and that he be brought to the attention of the program chairman.

Elmer recommended that the secretary send announcements of our meetings to Union and RPI Geology Departments and request that they be posted.

The matter of a larger meeting room was discussed. However, the concensus of opinion was that we should stay in the room we are now in and if necessary, move to Chancellors Hall. The motion was made to have the secretary send notices of meetings to RPI and Union College. Ralph Geiser seconded the motion and it was carried.

It was suggested that the next program chairman be asked to have one big name speaker each year.

Since the terms of several board members expire this year, it is necessary to fill the vacancies thus created. The following

people were nominated and elected to the board of Trustees. Their terms will expire January 1971.

	<u>Nominated By</u>	<u>Seconded By</u>
Chet Hunziker	Dorothy Wheatley	Elmer Rowley
Ara Dildilian	Julie Hunziker	Chet Hunziker
Elmer Rowley	Chet Hunziker	Erv Potthoff
Norm Snively	Erv Potthoff	Chet Hunziker
Roy Fales	Robert Swigert	Dorothy Wheatley
Erv Potthoff	Gladys Swigert	Robert Swigert
Ralph Geiser	Fred Steinke	Elmer Rowley
George Schmidt	Mary Dushek	Dorothy Wheatley
George Risedorf	Chet Hunziker	Elmer Rowley
Dorothy Wheatley	Helen Geiser	Dorothy Potthoff
Olga Pohl	Robert Swigert	Julie Hunziker

Elmer moved nominations close, seconded by Dorothy Wheatley and passed. Helen Geiser nominated Robert Swigert as Chairman of the Board for the year 1968-1969, seconded by Elmer and passed.

Ed Kincaid reported that he had asked students in his school if they would be interested in forming a Junior Mineral Club. Six were interested. He also asked our opinion concerning trial clubs in the Glens Falls, Catskill and Albany areas. He felt that further steps could be worked out with the schools after age groups had been decided, then contact parents and have a meeting for those interested, with a speaker from the Capital District Club. Bob Swigert offered to help Ed organize a branch in the Glens Falls area.

Robert Swigert noted that when Dr. Montgomery was our guest speaker one of his fine specimens was stolen. He wanted it pointed out that he holds no feeling against the Club. It is felt that it is necessary to announce that minerals are to be looked at but not touched. This should go into our next bulletin. Elmer will bring a small display case for the protection of our speakers' specimens.

Elmer said a vote of thanks is due our chairman, Dr. Pohl, and that a rising vote of thanks is in order.

Elmer made a motion that the secretary be paid \$25.00. Dorothy Wheatley seconded it and it was passed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

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President Dushek called the very large meeting of February 1st., to order at 20 of 8. Many of our men members had to comb the building for extra chairs and even at that the S.R.O. sign was out.

The guests were introduced by Hospitality Chairman, George Risedorf, and they were made welcome by the Club.

The Secretary's minutes and Treasurer's report were read. Treasurer Helen Geiser reported a balance to date of \$625.21.

Lou said forms would be passed out to us and we were to fill them in stating our particular interests in the Club and also stating if we would be willing to serve on any particular Committee.

The President then spoke of our Club Exhibit to take place in June and mentioned that Mrs. Osbonlighter is Chairman of the Exhibit Committee and spoke of the fine mineral exhibits she and her husband have displayed at several libraries in Albany.

Norm Snively, Chairman of the Program Committee, was introduced and after the projector and screen were set up, he in turn introduced Dave Wheeler, Geologist and teacher. Mr. Wheeler's general topic was "Water and what happens when it works on the ground."

Mr. Wheeler was an entertaining speaker and an excellent teacher. His topic was of great interest to all of us.

Both Mr. Snively and President Dushek thanked the speaker in behalf of the Club.

The meeting was closed at 9:20 P.M.

Copied from the Minutes of the Meeting of March 6, 1968

The March 6th meeting of the Capital District Mineral Club, Inc. was called to order by the president at 7:35 P.M. Guests and three new members were introduced and welcomed by Ruth Steinke. The secretary's report was read by Helen Geiser and Fred Steinke moved that it be accepted as read. The treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$590.02. George Schmidt moved this report be accepted.

Marie Osbonlighter, chairman of the exhibit committee, announced that we will have a mineral exhibit at our June meeting. This will be an open competition following the federation rules. Each person is asked to bring his best specimens to the April meeting. The committee will choose the best ones for the show from those brought in at that time. Marie will have her own exhibit in the library on Delaware Ave. in Albany beginning the week of March 11.

General Services Administration in Washington, D.C. has a surplus supply of quartz crystals for sale to the highest bidders. Information concerning this is available from the secretary of president of this club.

Pictures of the First Ladies Brooch are now available from the Eastern Federation. Since some of our members contributed to this brooch Helen Geiser moved that we purchase a colored picture of it and the key identifying the minerals used in it. Marie Osbonlighter seconded the motion and it was passed. It was recommended that we have the picture framed and keep it with our books.

Because many specimens brought to the meetings by our speakers are fragile and easily cracked or broken, the president requested that people look at, but not handle these specimens.

Entry blanks are available from Marie Osbonlighter for anyone wishing to enter the Rochester show as an individual exhibitor this summer.

When Dr. Montgomery was our speaker one of his fine mineral specimens was stolen. Elmer pointed out that while Dr. Montgomery has no hard feelings against us this is still a disgrace to our club. Ara suggested that if anyone has information concerning Dr. Montgomery's mineral that it could be returned to Dr. Montgomery or to one of the club officers and no questions would be asked.

The meeting was turned over to the program chairman, Norm Snively who introduced our speaker, Dr. James F. Davis. Dr. Davis spoke on the "Mineral Resources of New York State."

About 65 members and guests were in attendance.
Meeting adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

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Copied from the Minutes of the Meeting of April 4, 1968

The April 4, meeting of the Capital District Mineral Club, Inc. was called to order by the president at 7:40 P.M. New members and guests were introduced and welcomed by Ed Aitken.

George Schmidt moved the minutes of the March meeting be accepted as read by the secretary. Seconded by Fred Steinke.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Walker, Representatives of District 3 of the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical and Lapidary Societies, Inc., asking for a member from our club to be district representative for Eastern New York State, the purpose being to act as liaison between the clubs of this area and the federation. It was recommended that the secretary write the Walkers for more information.

The treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$627.42. George Schmidt moved the treasurers report be accepted.

The secretary read the minutes of the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees held January 20, 1968. Elmer moved the minutes be accepted as read.

Fred Steinke is having four cases made and announced he will lend them to the club so we may show jewelry and specimens safely.

In discussion concerning the June mineral exhibit Elmer pointed out that while it is not possible to insure minerals neither the exhibition committee nor the club can be held liable for minerals lent for the exhibit.

Program chairman, Norm Snively introduced Dr. Donald Fisher, State Paleontologist in the New York State Geological Survey, who spoke to us on the "World of Fossils."

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

On May 2nd., 1968, President Dushek called the meeting to order at 20 of 8 and asked Mrs. Steinke to introduce the guests. She asked each guest to stand and identify himself. This was done and the guests welcomed.

The President then called for the Secretary's report which Secretary Mary Dushek read. She also read correspondence from Mr. and Mrs. Walker regarding volunteer representatives from our club to visit different clubs for the Eastern Federation Meetings. This was discussed and it was moved by Elmer Rowley that this matter be delayed until next meeting to give people time to think it over.

The Secretary read notices of several rock swaps and a letter from Roy and Donna Fales was read. Attached to this letter was a clipping regarding the Clearwater, Florida, Chamber of Commerce, making a map of the United States using cut stones from each different State. It was suggested that the clipping be sent to Gov. Rockefeller. Each Governor is asked to send a colored stone representing his State.

President Dushek asked Helen Geiser for her treasurer's report. She reported \$654.82 in the treasury.

A report from the Exhibition Comm. Chairman, Mrs. Osbonlighter, was then called for. She said we would not have a case of specimens and jewelry at our June meeting as there was no place to keep a case and she would not be responsible for the minerals and specimens loaned by Club members so she thought the project should be dropped.

Fred Steinke offered cases which could be locked up to contain small specimens for exhibit. These could also be used to exhibit jewelry. He has four cases, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " high.

Elmer Rowley was called upon to express his opinion and he said he agreed with Mrs. Osbonlighter that the project be dropped for the June meeting and the minerals already brought in be returned to their owners.

The Franklin, N.J., trip for fluorescent minerals, Sunday May 5th., was announced and also a trip to Juds Bridge, Conn., for Kyanite of May 26th.

Marion Rowley gave a report on the June Club Dinner Meeting and asked for early reservations.

President Dushek turned the meeting over to Norm Snively who introduced our speaker, Dr. Henry L. Erlich, Professor of Biology at RPI, who spoke on the subject " Microbes as Geologic Agents."

At 10 after 9 Norm Snively thanked Dr. Erlich and asked if anyone had questions. Several questions were asked which proved how much the talk had interested many members.

Elmer Rowley suggested that the Club send cards to Ray Byce,

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and Donna Fales who were both all in Albany Medical Center and to Roy Buell who is in the Veterans Memorial Hospital in Albany. The Secretary was directed to do this.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 P.M.