

Western Dakota Gem and Mineral Society

Meeting Date: November 12, 2015

Meeting Location: Minneluzahan Senior Center
Rapid City, SD

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Truman Goddard, presiding officer.

The membership was asked if they had read the minutes from the last meeting and if there were any corrections. With no corrections being voiced, members were asked to accept the minutes. Dave Ramburg moved to have the minutes approved as stated and the motion was seconded by Judith. The motion carried.

The membership was asked if there was any new business. Tabitha Wood asked if the club would like to have a Facebook page set up and stated she would be willing to set one up and oversee it for the club. She was informed that a Facebook page would be discussed at the next board meeting to be held in January, 2016

Annette Rathert announced to the club that her son had a microphone for sale and stated that its value was approximately \$50. He would be willing to sell it to the club for \$20. Ellen Tilley made a motion to purchase the microphone for \$20. The motion was seconded by Sonny and the motion carried.

Kelli Wold, Treasurer, announced the balance in the club's financial account and announced the individual and family membership totals. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report, it was seconded, and it carried.

Ellen Tilley gave a report on the last Multi-Use Coalition meeting at which a discussion was held concerning stock grazing on the National Grasslands. There are have been issues concerning non-branded stock in the grasslands that have several brand compliant ranchers concerned. According to the National Grasslands' regulations, all grazing stock must be branded and action will be taken with the non-abiding individuals.

Another discussion at the Multi-Use Coalition meeting concerned the management of the Rail Road Buttes Recreational Area. It seems there are dirt bikes that are not staying on established trails and are tearing up areas where they are not allowed. There are also individuals shooting firearms outside the designated shooting area. It's suggested that those witness to any infractions get as much information as possible on the incident and report it to the BLM Office in Chadron, NE.

It was announced that previous club member Bob Hamm is moving and has donated some books to the club for our library. He's also invited any club members to his property to go thru any of his rocks/specimens prior to the auction this weekend.

Sonny reported that we have not yet been notified who received the scholarships issued by the Rocky Mountain Federation.

Guests were asked to stand and introduce themselves.

Tom Loomis, President of the Darton Geological Society, suggested a rock swap amongst our clubs be held this spring or summer in the parking lot of the Journey Museum. There was much interest from the members and it was decided that details could be worked out in the coming months.

There is no field trip planned for this month.

The December meeting will be a potluck gathering with a gift exchange. Bring a wrapped gift with a value of up to \$15 and receive a wrapped gift in return. Truman Goddard, President, will confirm availability of Minneluzahan on our regularly scheduled meeting night for the December meeting.

The planned speaker for the evening was Pete Larson who was unavailable.

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Lori Green
Secretary

Special Note:

The next board meeting will be held at 6:00 PM on January 14, 2016, with the regular club meeting following at 7:00 PM.