

Livingstones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

May 2013

Vice President's Message

Well, it looks like spring might finally be here. We have finished teaching the 4-H children for the year. A big THANK YOU to all of you that volunteered to teach them.

We sure enjoy our bright workshop. Several snowbirds have noticed right away how much brighter it is with the new paint job, ceiling, and lights. Just a reminder for those of you who close up the shop, the lights go off by themselves, so you don't need to flip the switch.

The Gem and Mineral Show season is in full swing so check the bulletin board and the newsletter for shows near us.

I would like to thank those who brought snacks for the April meeting, a very good selection was enjoyed by all. Finally, when you are at the shop, try to think of ways you can help make the club better.

See you at the shop!

Bryant

Workshop Hours

Monday: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Tuesday: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Wednesday: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Friday: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



**Important General Meeting
Tuesday, May 21, 2013, 6 p.m.**

At the shop

**Agenda includes a vote on an
addition to our Constitution**

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LGMS GENERAL MEETING
APRIL 04, 2013|

*President Ken Blake called meeting to order @ 12:30 pm. 20 members present. This meeting replaced the meeting canceled on March 18th, due to shop renovations.

* Motion was made by member Al Zielinski and seconded by Danielle Blanchard to accept minutes of previous meeting as written.

* Treasurers report: Treasurer Peggy Petito gave report of the overall financial situation of the club with expenditures to date. No financial issues at this time. Club is in good standing financially. Motion made by member Carol Richards and seconded by Al Zielinski to accept report as given. All in favor.

* NEW Business: Shop president states that assistance is needed for some work on our drain system. If anyone can help, please see Ken. He also asks that if we use something to please return it to where it belongs.

* This is the last month for the 4H kids (April 22nd and 29th) Volunteers are needed for those days to help with the kids.

* Member Sharon Krauthaim asked about the availability of the shop for another 4H group interested in lapidary. This is to be decided on at a later date.

* The new brooms and mops have been purchased by the club and are hanging and ready for use. Shop president Ken stated, "feel free to use on occasion!" A big "Thank You" to Gayland Allen for the installation of those hangers and the new light system for the #3000 belt.

*Potluck meetings for this summer:

June-Venus Sage.

July-Paul and Sue Mc Ewen (to be confirmed)

August- AVAILABLE!

* Members Gayland Allen and Al Zielinski are going to rebuild the big saw. It needs bearings, bushings and pulleys. Cost was discussed, whether it would be just as economical to replace the motor. Cost mentioned was approx: \$200.00. Motion made by Margaret Edmundson and seconded by Venus Sage. All in Favor.

* Continuing new business: Kingsley North has credited the club account for the poor quality dop wax that was sent back. They are shipping a pound of their top of the line wax for the club to use.

* A motion was brought to the floor for the club to purchase a new Inland Grinder for use in the shop. The approximate cost will be \$175.00 and that includes the bits. Motion was made by Carol Richards and seconded by Danielle Blanchard. All in favor.

* Ken would like to remind members that there is plastic recycling in room 12.

* Due to some problems encountered with the soda and bottled water funds, a new procedure has been implemented. The cash will be collected weekly and then turned over to the club treasury. Venus will be given a check for the monies spent replenishing the kitchen items. The idea for using a lock box in the kitchen area for money collection was put on hold at this time.

* Volunteers were asked to donate nibbles for the April 16th meeting at 6:00 PM. Sheila York and Isla Mitchell have volunteered. Please come and participate.

* A group from Mecosta, Michigan will be touring our lapidary shop with board member John Petito. This group would like some ideas for setting up their own shop.

* Lastly, president Ken led a general discussion on procedures for opening the shop for the day. When the shop is open there must be two members present in the shop at all times. Several times in the last year, it has been noted that there have been members in the shop working alone. This cannot continue due to safety issues as well as liability. The second point discussed was who can open the shop. This will be limited to current board members, and those who already have a key. Other club members will be prohibited from going to the business administration office to have them open the door or the Senior Center to ask for the key to open the shop. This will be discussed with the personnel in the Senior Center and the administrative office. A motion was made to accept these changes by Carol Richards and seconded by Margaret Edmundson. All voted to affirm this change.

* Motion made by Ed Oller and seconded by Al Zielinski to close the meeting @ 1:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Sheila York,
Secretary LGMS.



2013 Officers and Chairpersons

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 General Membership Meetings are held monthly
 on the 3rd Tuesday at 6 p.m. (Except in January
 and February when board meetings are held in
 the shop at 1 p.m.)

~~~ Upcoming Events ~~~

May 31-June 2, 2013 Stateline Gem and Mineral Society

Rock, Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show
 Fulton County Fairgrounds, Wauseon, OH

June 8 and 9, 2013 M.G.A.G.S. Rockhound Seminar

Western Michigan University, Rood Hall
 near West Michigan Ave and Rankin Ave, Kalamazoo, Michigan
 Information: info@mgags.org or Don 734-421-8159

Our Mission

The Livingston Gem and Mineral Society is a nonprofit organization and member of the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies and the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

Our purpose is to promote, through educational means, public interest and increased knowledge in the fields of mineralogy, archaeology, paleontology, and the lapidary arts.

LGMS BOARD MEETING 4-09-13

President Ken Blake called meeting to order @ 12:30 p.m. 7 board members present. Several motions were brought to this meeting as follows:

1) Preliminary draft of a change in the clubs constitution. This draft would include a guideline for disciplinary action to be followed when a club member's conduct or action is considered detrimental to the welfare of the club. This was discussed in length and all board members present worked out a final draft to be presented to the club members for approval at a future meeting. The motion was made by Vi Porritt and seconded by Lorelei Hosler. Unanimous approval was given by all members present.

2) An emergency procedure to be posted in the club to be followed by all members. A change was made to the original draft to add "call 911". Motion made by Peggy Petito and seconded by John Petito. All were in favor.

3) Some changes in the distribution of club finances. The suggestion was to divide the cash amount into 3 different funds. A) Capital Equipment Fund, B) Building Fund, C) General Fund. Any questions can be brought to the general meeting for discussion.

4) Board member Ed Oller discussed buying a set of flat laps for the shop. These would replace the current ones. Cost not to exceed \$200.00. Motion made by Ken Blake and seconded by Lorelei Hosler, all in favor.

Motion was made by Lorelei Hosler and seconded by Ed Oller to close the meeting. All were in favor. Time 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Sheila York, Secretary

LGMS General Meeting 04-16-13

Meeting called to order by vice president Bryant Hiiter. 6:00 pm. 27 members present. Bryant opened the meeting welcoming new members present: Jim and Shannon Trittschler and children Alex and Emma.

TRESURER'S REPORT: Club continues to be in good standing, financially. Motion made to accept report by Gayland Allen and seconded by Sharon Krautheim. All were in favor.

HISTORY: No report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS: Sharon Krautheim reports that the faucet that is to be turned off when closing down the shop is very difficult to turn. Also, the water in the kitchen sink continually drips. Noted that this has been brought to the attention of the janitorial staff in the past, and needs to be addressed. Gayland Allen stated that the shut off valve under the sink might need to be changed. Reminder: to turn off the dop pots and the coffee pots when the last person leaves.

*The big saw is getting refurbished. This includes motor, blades and belts at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: to clean and change the drain pot. The sock on the pump is helping. Member Gayland Allen states he will check with the building administration to check on who is responsible for this.

The shop chairman needs help to keep things running and in good repair. Mechanically minded people needed to step up and help out. Lengthy discussion regarding days, times and assistance with the member/members being taught what to do and what is required for the various machines. Thursday and Friday afternoon is preferable for working, though this is not written in stone. There are a lot of little things that need to be done. Please see Ken Blake or Bryant Hiiter for any questions.

ANNUAL SHOW: The flyers have been printed and are being sent out. One vendor has paid his reservation at this time. Bryant Hiiter asks that members take some flyers with them when they go to craft shows, shops and auction sales. Putting them up where others can see them. The more people know about our show, the better it will be. **SIGNAGE:** Discussion on clarifying current signs to direct people to the show. Many people are not familiar with the area and might need better directions. Putting a physical address on the signs can help. Many people have GPS in their vehicles or can "Google" a map.

Continuing with NEW BUSINESS: It was brought to the clubs attention that whoever helped to pack up Bob Krautheim's books and catalogs (on jewelry making), please let someone know where they are. If they have been borrowed, please bring them back.

LIVELY DISCUSSION proceeded with most of the members present regarding the proposed amendment to the constitution to be voted on at the next general meeting. Member Kevin Smith has presented a revision and copies were handed out to the members present. The Board will take this under advisement and to be discussed. Kevin Smith also proposed to change the current bylaws and has volunteered to work on this. At this time there is no motion to change the complete bylaws.

Vice President Bryant Hiiter asked for volunteers to bring some snacks to the next meeting. Members Tammy Kort and Maddie Navarro have accepted. Please feel free to bring a snack. Motion was made to close the meeting by Lorelei Hosler and seconded by Gayland Allen. 6:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Sheila York, Secretary

Background:

About two years ago a rough draft of disciplinary guidelines was written and never implemented. This statement is to help to answer any questions about the reason we require an addition to our Constitution. The Board of Directors has to follow the Constitution. We can't make it up as we go along. The Constitution makes the Board of Directors responsible for all activities, equipment, club member safety, accounting and use of funds. The current Constitution does not provide for any disciplinary action to protect the Board of Directors' club responsibilities. The Board has received numerous complaints and we do not now have the authority to act on these complaints. In an effort to give all club members a way to voice their complaints to the Board of Directors and the Board to have the authority to resolve issues, we are proposing this new addition.

We ask for your "yes" vote on the addition to the By-Laws at the General Meeting on May 21, 2013 at 6:00 pm.

Approved by the Board of Directors
Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

Proposed change to the Constitution:

By-Laws

Section III Membership

J. Discipline

Because most club activity takes place in the shop, safety and general conduct rules are necessary. Toward that end, when a member's conduct or action is considered detrimental to the welfare of the club, a majority vote of a quorum of the President and Board may administer discipline. When a complaint is presented to the Board of Directors by any club member, the Board of Directors can act on the complaint, first by trying to resolve the issue and then, if necessary, by taking the following steps:

- 1- First incident: the offending member will be given a verbal warning identifying the issue and requesting change. This will be done by two board members; and an incident report will be given to the President or Vice President.
- 2- Second incident: written warning approved by a majority vote of a quorum of the Board identifying the issue and spelling out changes required to continue club membership will be given to the offending member. This warning will be signed and dated by the Board of Directors and the President and the offending club member with copies going to each party.
- 3- Third incident: a majority vote of a quorum of the Board will make a decision to remove the offending member from the membership rolls and permanently ban the member from the shop. A written notice signed by the Board will be given to the offending member in person, or, if failure to appear, mailed by certified mail to the member's home.
- 4- The LGMS Secretary will maintain all incident reports.
- 5- In all cases the offending member can ask for a Board of Directors' review of the action.

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