

Livingstones

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Livingston Gem and Mineral Society

April 2015

President's Message

Well, March is going out like a lion, but that's all right, it just means that April is finally here. Speaking of April, you should start looking for some returning snowbirds around the shop.

I want to thank everyone for their input at the March meeting. We just have 3 more proposed changes to the Constitution to get voted on. You will find them in this issue of the newsletter. A big thank you to everyone who brought food for the meeting, and to Ed Oller for his presentation about collecting petrified wood in Arizona.

We still need a volunteer to host the July picnic. Please let me know if you would like to do it.

Lastly, thank you for keeping the shop clean and please keep it up!

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.

LGMS GENERAL MEETING 03-17-15

President Bryant called the meeting to order 6:05 p.m. 26 members present. New members were welcomed.

Treasurers Report: Peggy gave her report regarding monies coming in and expenses going out. It was noted that the rental agreement for our shop has increased significantly. The general consensus is that we are still fortunate to have the space that we currently have. Lorelei made a motion to accept the report as given and this was seconded by Vi.

Shop Report: Ed, co-shop chairman with Gayland, reported that the shop equipment was recently inspected and is in good order after a couple of repairs were made. Gayland cleaned the drain tubes for the grinders and has them working well. Several members stated that they have noticed the shop is looking better and that 2 members in particular (Janel and Sue) are responsible for the floor scrubbing.

No old business.

New Business: We still need a host for the July picnic/pot luck/meeting. If anyone is interested, please see Bryant. June and August have been confirmed.

We need a person to run the prize drawing for this year's show. Anna and George volunteered. Please give some thought for the door prize for the show. Speak to Bryant if you have any suggestions. Everyone should be thinking about their donations to the show prize drawing and silent auction.

Peggy, Karen, and Isla have volunteered to provide refreshments for the next meeting in April. Simple snacks would suffice.

Thank you to the ladies who have provided our delicious St. Patrick's Day meal for tonight's enjoyment.

The Taylor, MI, show is on for the weekend of the 28th. It apparently was an on again-off again proposition, but it is definitely going to be held. Information is on the bulletin board.

The Board, and most notably Paul, have been working very hard on some proposed changes to the LGMS Constitution and By-laws. Bryant read the changes and votes were taken. Please keep in mind that these changes were posted in last month's newsletter and we have also handed out some copies of the proposed changes just before this meeting.

Article 1: Name and address to be changed to correct changes since the move to new facility years ago. Bryant made the motion to accept and this was seconded by Dan Goodwin. All in Favor.

Article III Membership section 1. No new life members though the current life members may retain their status and privileges. Discussion regarding this particular change and questions were resolved. Motion to accept these changes made by Bryant and seconded by Paul. 25 were in favor.

By Laws. SECTION 111 MEMBERSHIP: To insure that the wording in the Constitution and By-Laws is consistent, the term "Life Members" will be eliminated wherever it is mentioned. Again, discussion was held to clear up questions. This was resolved. Bryant made a motion to accept and seconded by Vi. 25 in favor.

Section 111 d) Voting to eliminate this item, with a revision of the alphabet designation for subsequent items. Bryant moved to accept this change and was seconded by Paul. All in favor.

Section 111 e) Description of family membership and ages of children with new details added in Section 111 4). Bryant made a motion to accept this and was seconded by Venus. All in Favor.

Section 111 e) 4) Applicants.... Discussion followed with many questions. This change was tabled for further revision.

Section 111 7) Guests accompanied by member of club... This also is tabled for changes and further discussion.

Section 111 8) In Order to sustain... discussions about the wording brought up possible complications. It was decided that this would also be tabled and further revisions would be made.

Section IV OFFICERS... Officers of the Society must be active regular members. Voting was made to remove wording "or life". Bryant made the motion and it was seconded by Venus. All in favor.

SECTION VII Committees: 2) Annual show... spelling to be corrected to "Gem" as opposed to "Gam". Motion made by Bryant and seconded by Margaret. All in Favor.

SECTION VIII Amendment and or Revision ... A) 1) By any regular member in good standing. Motion to accept by Bryant and seconded by Venus. Unanimous.

Motion made by Margaret to close meeting and seconded by Diane. All in Favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m. Bryant reminded everyone that Ed has a presentation after the meeting.

Respectfully submitted
Sheila York, LGMS Secretary

Addendum

On March 31, 2015 the LGMS Board met and unanimously approved the proposed changes to the LGMS Constitution as on page 5 of this newsletter.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila York, LGMS Secretary

2015 Officers and Chairpersons

President: Bryant Hiiter, 248-889-3974
 Vice President: Gayland Allen, 810-275-3444
 Secretary: Sheila York, 810-695-0509
 Treasurer: Peggy Petito, 248-887-8847
 Second year Directors: Margaret Edmundson,
 248-634-5046
 Paul McEwen, 810-735-5832
 Third year Directors: Ed Oller, 810-241-8801
 John Petito, 248-887-8847
 Hospitality: Venus Sage, 810-458-4290
 Sunshine: Isla Mitchell, 248-685-7804
 Shop Chairpersons: Gayland Allen, 810-275-3444
 Ed Oller, 810-241-8801
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 Isla Mitchell, 248-685-7804
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 Historian: Chuck Amberger, 248-787-6586
 Library: Bryant Hiiter, 248-889-3974
 Webmaster: Emily Saling
 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.)

Our Mission

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

Upcoming Events

April 9-11, 2015

39th Annual Show, Indian Mounds Rock and Mineral Club

Rogers Plaza Town Center, 972 28th St, Wyoming, MI

Information 616-243-5851 or kreigh@gmail.com

May 1-3, 2015

Kalamazoo Rock Club's Rock, Gem, Fossil and Mineral Show

Kalamazoo County Expo Center, 2900 Lake St, Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Info: KalamazooRockClub.org

May 2 and 3, 2015

Gem, Mineral, Fossil and Jewelry Show of Greater Cincinnati

Sharonville Convention Center, 11355 Chester Rd, Sharonville, OH 4524

Info: 513-574-7142 or tehuizing@fuse.net or www.geofair.com

May 15-17, 2015

Gem and Mineral Show hosted by Midwest Mineralogical and Lapidary Society

Southgate Arena, 14700 Reaume Parkway, Southgate, MI

information: www.mmmls.us or 505-803-4888 or wbarr@umich.edu



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Items for review and action in relation to the Constitution of the LGMS

BY-LAWS

SECTION III MEMBERSHIP

e)

4) Members ages 9 through their 17th year must be supervised by a parent, guardian, or someone older than 21, (any exception must be approved by a vote of the board), designated by the parent or guardian, that is familiar with the use and function of the pieces of equipment. The supervising person mentioned above must be able to come to the immediate aid of the youth being supervised and stay beside that youth at a distance that permits uninterrupted, unaided, visual and verbal contact. Supervisor must turn on and turn off machines for children ages 9 through their 12th year. Youth ages 13 through their 17th year may have a board member or experienced, long-term member observe their competencies on the various machines. Once they are deemed competent a card will be issued, stating: name of youth has demonstrated competency on the grinders, cutting saws, etc. This card will be signed by the President and the supervising person, which will allow youth ages 13 through their 17th year, to operate independent of their supervisor. In each case in the above paragraph, "through ____ year" is intended to mean that year must be completed.

7) All guests must be accompanied by a member of the club. Guests may visit a maximum of two (2) times per calendar year and sign the waiver and pay \$1.00 per visit. For their first visit, they must be supervised by the sponsoring member or another experienced member of the club, in the manner described in section III, e), 4) above. If they desire to use the facilities more times than the two visits per year, they must apply for membership or, if in a family membership, they must pay the annual shop fee.

8) In order to sustain the club, all LGMS members are expected to volunteer their services. Examples may include helping with the show, cleaning machines, cleaning the shop, helping with the newsletter, planning and leading field trips, or other services as necessary.

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General Meeting
at the shop at 6 p.m.
on Tuesday, April 21, 2015