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THE CHUGACH GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY MEETINGS ARE HELD AT  
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
725 WEST 9<sup>TH</sup> AVE., ANCHORAGE, AK  
(Enter the church from the rear parking lot.)

BUSINESS MEETING – 7:30 PM — 2nd Thursday of each month.

POTLUCK MEETING – 6:30 PM — 4th Thursday of each month.

Bring a hot dish, salad, or dessert (plus serving utensil) to serve at least 5 people.

Also bring your own plate, silverware and drink. But most importantly, bring a rock to show!

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## President's Message

Greetings, Rockhounds!

I'm back in the saddle again. It's been more than a decade since the last time I was president, which has allowed me to forget the hassles of the position! Seriously, though, I appreciate the vote of confidence and will strive to maintain the standards of excellence that Anita has established over the past three years.

The Field Trip Committee has again come up with choice goodies for this year (with room for additional trips should anyone wish to lead them). The big event - the Utah trip - promises to be the highlight. The best part of these trips for many of us is the camaraderie. It's hard to beat Andre's BBQ ribs around a campfire, or swapping stories while watching the sun set across Cook Inlet. Sign-up lists should be available at each meeting.

Winter is a time to unpack last season's specimens and prepare for the next. It is also a time for "Mini-trips". We've got a few things moving to the fore, including home-collection tours. We're looking for a few folks who'd like to present their collections, followed by coffee, cookies and conversation. Numbers will be limited, and the time slots will be respected. That way if you need to run an errand and can fit 8 folks there 9 a.m. 'till noon, that's fine. Flexibility will be key. Contact me for more information ([gfdurocher@usgs.gov](mailto:gfdurocher@usgs.gov)).

I'm looking forward to seeing your smiling faces at the next meeting. Until then, Rock On!

Greg Durocher

## **Chugach Gem & Mineral Society**

### **January Business Meeting Minutes**

President Greg Durocher called the January 11, 2007 business meeting of the Chugach Gem & Mineral Society to order at 7:30 PM.

22 members were in attendance, and there were no guests.

#### **OFFICER and COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Recording Secretary – Chris Teutsch said that the minutes of the previous business meeting were not available to be read.

Treasurer – Linda Ewers was absent; the only figure available was a year-end balance of \$48,314.72.

Membership – Bea Allen was absent and former membership chair, Jean Kane, was collecting and processing applications and annual dues.

Corresponding Secretary -- Nancy Danford read a thank-you letter dated December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006, from Rachel E. Westbrook, last year's recipient of the club's Scholarship Award. Rachel was very appreciative of the award, and planned to use it for this year's school expenses.

Fieldtrips – Bonnie Hepburn distributed a draft of upcoming field trips and other events.

A new activity being planned involved interested club members visiting one another's mineral and fossil collections. (This would be a great way not only to show off your prize collection, but also to get good tips on how to organize and display your home exhibit.)

Anita Williams mentioned her March 17<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> Juneau trip and suggested the possibility of visiting the mineral museum, mines and other interesting sights.

The question was raised whether the Kodiak Island trip could be regarded as "kid friendly". Trip leaders Andre and Sheila Macias saw no problem with this. It was also stated that trip dates could be shifted around a bit to get the best airfares.

The cost for the Golden Zone trip was to be \$120, and the money would need to be collected two to three weeks prior to the trip. Dorothy Arnold was the person to see for trip details.

Andre said that his schedule had changed and would permit him to lead the Boulder Creek trip.

The location for the annual picnic potluck was discussed, but no definite conclusions were reached.

The Wishbone Hill trip was planned for August 25<sup>th</sup>, but potential problems with access to the area would require remaining flexible about the date.

Greg gave a reason why the club was only planning one official trip Outside. Since these sorts of trips would be lengthy and expensive, planning several of them would fragment participation to the point that the minimum number of participants would not likely be met.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Andre discussed the upcoming Anchorage School District Science Fair open to grades K - 12. There would be three prizes. We would need the names of the participants. We would also need a team of judges, but this could be figured out in detail at the February business meeting.

Fur Rondy: The club would not officially participate this year. However, Mary Wester had participated in this event in the past with her business, and planned to participate this year.

Greg brought out a couple of bags of older, donated Rondy pins and buttons. They were dated from 1978 to 1998. It was suggested that they could be sold or auctioned off, first to club members and then to the general public, with proceeds going to the club or to the Alaska Museum of Natural History in Mountain View. (No motion was required, since the items for auction were originally donated and no expense was involved.)

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Member Katch Bacheller, director of the Alaska Museum of Natural History, suggested that the







