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President's Message

September - November 2004

Unfortunately there is no current message from the president.

Editor

Chugach Gem & Mineral Society
September Business Meeting Minutes

First Vice President Heather Jordan called the September 9, 2004 business meeting of the Chugach Gem and Mineral Society to order at 7:30 PM.

A guest, Toni Carlos, introduced herself and expressed her interest in rocks and indicated that she wished to become a club member.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer - Greg was absent but Second Vice President Bobbie Turnbow said she had met with him to take care of the funds we had moved. The bank needed the signatures of the officers: Anita, Greg, Heather, Bobbie, Jean, and Bea. They could stop by Nature's Jewels to sign the form and make a copy of their Alaska driver's licenses to avoid going to the bank, and the forms and proofs of ID would be sent to the bank.

Recording Secretary - The minutes of the August business meeting were read. A motion to accept them as read was made by Joe and was seconded by Bonnie. The motion passed.

Corresponding Secretary - there was no new mail.

Membership - Jean Kane was absent.

Federation - Tom Cooper was absent.

Newsletter - Sue said the next Pebble Patter edition was scheduled to go out in a few days and it would appear on the website also.

Sunshine - Dorothy was absent due to illness. Bobbie had visited her and some members had called and spoken with her, however not this week. She had been in the hospital last month. Bonnie said she would call and stop by this weekend.

Special Committee Reports:

Scholarships - Steve reported that the funds had been delivered to UAA to be given to the two recipients as well as a letter inviting them to attend a club meeting. The third applicant was given a letter stating the decision of the committee and thanking her for her participation.

Rock Exchange - Andres had sent a box off to the club in LeGrand, Oregon but had to fill it in with many of his own specimens because club participation was poor. He was ready to start on the exchange with the Australian club but wanted more interest from our members and asked if he was a committee of one. He wanted to have some guidance, ideas and help. Joe moved that we help set some guidelines for future exchanges and Rick seconded. The motion passed. Heather suggested they get with Andres during the break.

Club Logo T-Shirts - Jane was absent but her husband Rick said she had gotten some better price quotes and hoped to have something to present to the club soon. He didn't have the details.

Website - Adeline said there were no new developments.

Business Cards - Sheila was absent.

Old Business - none.

Announcements:

There was a reminder that the Alaska Miners Association's annual rock show would be at the Sheraton Hotel in Anchorage beginning November fifth, and club members would be needed to help and to display their collections

New Business:

Andres talked about our ongoing interest in Wishbone Hill and our concern over its preservation. He had done some research on the land and located an attorney from the area who was also concerned and who suggested we talk with Sutton citizens.

Andres asked for a special committee, Bea volunteered, and she and Andres would meet soon.

Upcoming Fieldtrips:

The trip to Lynn Henderson's for an opal-polishing demo was cancelled. Lynn had indicated a summer day would be better in his garage for a group but his health would dictate if and when this could be scheduled. This had not been done.

Joe reminded everyone that a trip in November to the home of Rudy Fisher to see his large collection of rocks and minerals was planned. Bea would prepare a folder with a signup sheet for the next potluck meeting and Joe would provide details.

Fieldtrip reports:

Bea reported that the last 2 trips were successfully completed.

Joe said that everyone who had signed up for the trip to Nabesna had cancelled so he called Harvey Bowers of Wasilla who had been interested and said he (Joe) wasn't going. Harvey and his wife Sandy opted to go anyway and they met the mine owner. They found some interesting rocks and said the road was drivable all the way. They couldn't locate the lost sapphire deposit that had been in that area.

Yukon Island, Red Mountain - Bobbie said all who went thoroughly enjoyed the trip and the accommodations at Gretchen's, who served very delicious meals, too. The Island was geologically and archeologically interesting. Gretchen had arranged travel by van up to Red Mountain instead of a long hike. The weather was good and they did get some chromite.

Joe reminded members that we had discussed an international trip at the last meeting. A trip in March to Paraguay was tentatively planned. More information would be given at a later meeting.

Door prizes were awarded, followed by a break.

The evening's program was a slide presentation by Bonnie Hepburn of her trip to Dutch Harbor, a very historical and scenic area.

First Vice President Heather Jordan adjourned the meeting at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Bea Allen, Recording Secretary

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Chugach Gem & Mineral Society
October Business Meeting Minutes

President Anita Williams called the October 14, 2004 business meeting of the Chugach Gem and Mineral Society to order at 7:30 PM.

There were no guests present.

Committee Reports:

Recording Secretary - Bea read the minutes from the September meeting. A motion to approve the minutes as read was made by Jane Parkhurst and was seconded by Betty Motes. The motion passed.

Treasurer - Greg Durocher reported a balance in the checking account as approximately \$4,000. He said that lifetime membership funds of \$3,180 were transferred from the checking account into a savings account.

Corresponding Secretary - Nancy gave the current mail to the President.

Membership - Jean Kane reported a total of 167 paid members.

Federation - Tom Cooper was absent.

Newsletter - Sue said the newsletter was delayed due to technical and mechanical problems but would be out soon.

Sunshine - Dorothy was absent due to illness, but was doing better. Jean said Dorothy had asked that the club hold a Halloween costume party this year.

Scholarship - A thank you note was sent by Laura Cedarstrom.

T-shirts - Jane Parkhurst reported that Rayville Sports had the lowest price. Sample shirts were shown. Fifty shirts were the minimum amount we could order with our logo included. Cost quoted was approx. \$450. After discussion, Anita called for a show of hands. All present agreed on a small logo on the front and a large one on the back for an additional \$100 cost.

Business Cards - Sheila ordered cards from the company that offered the Club the lowest quote.

Rock Exchange - Andres had not spoken with the Oregon club to ask if they were satisfied with what he had sent them. He asked that our club members help with the exchange with the Australian club and for some guidelines.

Wishbone Hill - Andres and Mel took photos and spoke with several residents of Sutton in the Jonesville Cafe. The consensus was for Anchorage folks to leave the issue alone. Andres will continue with his efforts and suggested the club do the next annual cleanup there in the spring.

New Business:

Greg announced that longtime member Joe Blazek had died and many of his rocks had been donated to the club so they would be given as door prizes at our meetings, and some would be placed in our next silent auction. If the Halloween dress-up is held at the potluck meeting this month, some of the donated rocks could be awarded as prizes.

Anita asked that we distribute the flyers for the November 5th & 6th show at the Sheraton. She also asked for members to sign up to do displays.

Andres reported that he and Sheila had been to the Alaska Natural History Museum on Bragaw Street and they needed volunteers. He asked if he could use 1 or 2 club display cabinets to display some of their specimens for a short time at the museum. Anita approved. Andres suggested that perhaps the club could hold some type of fundraiser to make a contribution to the museum.

Anita reminded us that in November there would be a business meeting only, taking place on November 11. For December, the annual Christmas potluck and gift exchange would be on December 9. No business meeting will be held.

Craig announced that Mount St. Helen was threatening to erupt and that there was a website with a camcorder monitoring it.

Officer Elections - We were reminded that it would soon be election time and a nominating committee was needed. Bonnie and Linda volunteered so we could have our elections at the November 11th meeting.

Upcoming Fieldtrips:

Bea said we still had the trip to Rudy Fisher's in November and Joe would give details. She also said she would like someone else to serve as fieldtrip chairperson for next year.

Fieldtrip Reports:

Andres said he led a small group of club members up Boulder creek but the snow curtailed the trip.

Dwight and Nancy Smith returned from Kazakhstan and Moscow where they adopted a baby boy and bought some rocks and minerals for themselves and club members. After a costly delay with customs, they were able to depart with all of their treasures intact. They visited 2 mines and Nancy made the best find of all. They also brought back extra minerals and after those who had prepaid had chosen their selections, members present could purchase the remainder.

Door prizes were awarded followed by a break. The evening's program was a slide show by Mary Smith of a trip to Fossil Point in 1977, and other places in Alaska.

President Anita Williams adjourned the meeting at 10:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Bea Allen, Recording Secretary

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Chugach Gem & Mineral Society November Business Meeting Minutes

First Vice President Heather Jordan called the November 11, 2004 business meeting of the Chugach Gem and Mineral Society to order at 7:40 PM.

Four guests were present and introduced themselves: David Doornbos, Dan Bates, and Aaron Gerrard, all of whom are UAA students; and Frank Wendling.

Committee Reports:

Membership - Jean Kane reported a total of 170 members.

Treasurer - Greg would present a report next month.

Recording Secretary - Bea asked if the members wanted the October minutes read or if they preferred to wait until they appeared in the Pebble Patter. Due to the silent auction this meeting, all present agreed to wait for the newsletter.

Corresponding Secretary - Nancy said that there was no mail.

Sunshine - Dorothy knew of no members who were ill or in need.

Fieldtrip - Joe reported that the trip to visit the private collection of member Rudy Fisher was set for Wednesday evening November 17th, and introduced Rudy as a lifetime member with an extensive collection of minerals and rocks.

Joe also reminded everyone about the international trip to Paraguay in March. Planning was in the preliminary stages.

Newsletter - Editor Sue Hilton said her computer problems seemed to be resolved and we could expect a Pebble Patter to be out soon.

Old Business:

Norval said he was the CGMS representative to the Alaska Miners Association and had collected many publications at the convention. These were placed on a table at our meeting for members to peruse and take home.

Heather expressed pleasure that our rock and mineral show had gone very well at the Miners Association Convention; everyone who participated had outstanding displays. Bobbie said some of Nature's Jewels' customers asked why they didn't get to vote on their favorite display case. It was agreed to remember to do that at next year's show.

Business cards - Sheila and others passed out about 400 cards at the show and she said we needed to order more. Greg mentioned that the Club phone number should be on them.

Guidelines for the rock exchanges were presented and reviewed. Joe moved that we accept them as written and Bobbie seconded. The motion passed.

Connex - Heather said that the storage unit needed attention. The roof was leaking and mildew and mold were forming. Others said they too had noticed the problems. The club owns the container and leases the land. Andres and Kurt said that they would try to fix the problem.

T-shirts - Sheila reported that there was a \$35 art fee in addition to the amount previously quoted for set-up. There were many colors available in long and short sleeves.

New Business:

Shop-nights - Joe announced he was thinking of discontinuing shop nights for members at Nature's Jewels due to limited participation. He said that sometimes no members showed up to use the equipment, which he had cleaned and prepared for use. He wanted to continue shop night by appointment only.

Christmas Party meeting - December 9th was the planned date for a potluck and would be our only meeting in December. We would have our usual exchange of gifts worth approximately \$10. Dorothy volunteered to cook the turkey if the Club would pay for it. Someone else would need to bring the dressing and gravy. Potluck as usual!

Fundraising - Heather suggested we form a committee to discuss ways to raise funds to donate to special projects. The AK Museum of Natural History was mentioned. Someone suggested we check with rock clubs in the lower 48 to see how and if they held fundraisers. Dwight moved to form a committee, and Dorothy seconded. The motion passed. Heather and Andres would serve on it and others were invited to help.

Fur Rondy - Joe tried to contact that organization, which seemed to have moved. The employee with whom he spoke was new and didn't know anything about our arrangement for floor space and he hadn't gotten any response from anyone.

Publicity - The attendance at the Miners Association show was down and various ways to publicize it next year were suggested. We needed to reach the children.

Club Field Guidebooks - Greg said we were nearly out of the publication, and that several were sold at the Miners Association show. We needed to correct the errors in the last edition before a reprint. It was acknowledged that Joe had expended much time and personal resources in the current edition. Joe would be forming a new

committee to work on corrections before reprinting.

Election of Officers - The nominating committee presented the following as candidates:

President - Anita Williams

1st Vice-president - Heather Jordan

2nd Vice-president - Andres Macias

Treasurer - Linda Ewers

Recording Secretary - Bea Allen

Corresponding Secretary - Nancy Danford

Membership - Jean Kane

Newsletter editor - Sue Hilton

No nominees declined. There were no additional nominations from the floor. A motion was made and seconded that the slate of candidates be accepted by unanimous consent. The motion passed.

Announcements:

Bea said she didn't want to be fieldtrip chair for 2005 and asked that she be replaced. Bonnie Hepburn volunteered to chair the committee. Bea reminded members that we would need to have the fieldtrip list ready before Fur Rondy. The committee would be meeting soon.

Joe and Bobby reported on a trip to Temple, Texas where they had attended a very good rock show.

Greg announced that rocks from the collection of the late Joe Blazek would be distributed to everyone present in lieu of door prizes. There were loose rocks on the table for anyone who wanted them.

Heather said we received e-mail from someone in Arizona asking that rocks be donated and sent to some children who were forming a club.

Greg passed out bags containing rocks from the Blazek collection to everyone. The meeting broke for coffee and the silent auction.

Vice-president Heather Jordan adjourned the meeting at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Bea Allen, Recording Secretary

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Two Chugach Gem & Mineral Society members have been very ill. In August just as Dorothy Arnold was to lead a trip to the Golden Zone Mine, she underwent brain surgery. She had fallen in June and severely bumped her head, causing a blood clot to form.

In September Jean Bengel ended up with a sinus infection and complications, which put her in the hospital.

Both of these members have recovered.

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DON'T FORGET!

Our Christmas Potluck will be held on the ninth of December; please bring a dish to share. Also you may bring a gift with a value of up to ten dollars to exchange.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
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Occupation Spouse's Occupation

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E-mail address

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