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THE CHUGACH GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY MEETINGS ARE HELD AT
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
725 WEST 9TH 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 spoon) to serve 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

October 2005

Greetings,

It is hard to say where 2005 went. Phew! So our year is drawing to a close here pretty quick. Our last major event for the year is the Rock and Mineral Show on November 4th and 5th at the Sheraton Hotel in Anchorage. I encourage everyone to try to participate on some level.

It is actually a whole lot of fun all packed into a quick day and a half show. We have everything from displays, exhibits, vendors and a clown to treasure hunts for the kids (of all ages). The club is cosponsor of the event with the Alaska Miners Association. The club basically runs the show so there is a whole lot of preparation to do to make things flow. Andres is handling all of the prep, set-up and take down activities and he can always use help, not to mention manning the CGMS table during the show. We get lots of action at the table and have the opportunity to give away rocks and sign up new members. This year we will also sell tee shirts (thanks to Sheila and Jane) and Alaska rockhound guidebooks (thanks to Joe). Another way to participate is to do a demonstration or a display cabinet. The club provides the cabinet. You only need to provide the display inside. We have People's Choice awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place displays thanks to Andres and Joe. They are very nice mineral samples and should inspire some creativity.

Our business meeting in November, the 10th to be exact, will be the official annual meeting. We will have a slide show compiled by Rick of our year's activities. We will also have to vote on new officers and the by-law revisions. The by-laws are available for review by contacting me or one of the Board members; copies were passed out at the October business meeting, too. The business meeting will be our only meeting in November.

December brings our Christmas potluck and gift exchange, so mark it on your calendar: December 8th at 6:30 pm. The club will provide a ham or turkey, so bring all the extra goodies to share for our Christmas feast. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange please bring a wrapped gift up to \$15 value. At present Andres has volunteered to organize the event and he could use a little help, so step up to the plate and give him a hand.

Get the rocks out!
Anita

**Chugach Gem & Mineral Society
September Business Meeting Minutes**

President Anita Williams called the September 8th, 2005 meeting of the Chugach Gem & Mineral Society to order at 7:40 PM.

The evening's guest was Rachael, Candace's friend.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recording Secretary – Bea Allen read the minutes of the August business meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer - Linda Ewers reported no changes in account balances except for having written one check for \$7.00.

Membership - Jean Kane reported 186 paid members.

Corresponding Secretary - Nancy Danford said the club had received only two pieces of mail.

Northwest Federation Liaison - Tom Cooper was absent.

Sunshine - Dorothy Arnold was absent but a get-well card had been sent to Sally Van Horn.

Newsletter – Sue Hilton said that the Pebble Patter would be ready shortly.

Website - Adeline Geldenhuys said the site goes down occasionally because the server fights viruses and worms and does updates. It is usually back up in about two hours.

Fundraising – Andres Macias had nothing to report.

Programs - Greg Durocher said there was no program tonight, but we would have a social hour and get caught up on everyone's summer activities. There would be a silent auction in October and he welcomed any ideas from members.

Fieldtrips - Bonnie Hepburn said there were two upcoming trips. Andres was leading one up the Little Nelchina, leaving Friday September 17th and returning September 19th. Melvin C. Bennett would lead a trip up Wishbone Hill, possibly September 17th or October 1st; he was flexible.

OLD BUSINESS

Scholarships – The committee had not met yet. Steve Jensen sent the information to each committee person.

Alaska Miners Show - Andres was coordinating the show and would need volunteers. He proposed making a work schedule. Betty Motes suggested we hand out free rock candy to the children in addition to rocks. Several members said they would try to source the candy.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Anita said the Independence Mine underground tour for the cleanup crew might be on Sunday, October 25th. She would check with Pat Murphy.

FIELD TRIP REPORTS

Bonnie, as a volunteer at Independence Mine, was given a free 2 1/2 hour underground tour. It was very interesting and well worth the standard fee of \$125 per person if anyone is considering taking it. Knee boots, rain gear, a headlamp and a hardhat are necessary gear.

Andres, Sheila, and Phillip went up the Little Nelchina and found agates and some marine fossils. Due to the rain, they had to wait until the third day to search and only had about six hours before having to start back out.

Joe and Neil went up Alfred Creek; the water was still about five feet deep and they needed Max (the ATV) to carry them in.

Greg went on the gold prospecting tour to Steve Herschbach's claim out near McGrath via PenAir. A bush plane took the group to Gaines Creek, then Steve's dad ferried them in his small plane to the claim. The tailings yielded some impressive nuggets for some lucky prospectors; unfortunately, Greg wasn't one of them. Greg said the trip was a great experience and he had no regrets.

Norval gave an update on the Russians' latest efforts in the space program.

Door prizes were given followed by a social hour for members to mingle, catch up on news, and look at each other's mineral and fossil finds.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 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 13th, 2005 meeting of the Chugach Gem & Mineral Society to order at 7:30 PM.

The evening's guest was Barb Whalen, a friend of Toni and Candace.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recording Secretary – Bea Allen had a sore throat, and the September business meeting minutes were read by Greg. They were approved as read.

Treasurer - Linda Ewers reported a grand total of all accounts as \$44,860.24.

Membership - Jean Kane said our approximate total was 188 paid members.

Corresponding Secretary - Nancy Danford had no new mail.

Northwest Federation Liaison - Tom Cooper had nothing new to report but reminded us that the Federation was still collecting stamps; and he had received a letter from the American Lands Access Association, which was available for us to read that night.

Sunshine - Dorothy Arnold reported sending a card to longtime member Lucille Powell.

Newsletter – Sue Hilton needed articles from members for the following edition. Fieldtrip reports should be e-mailed to her as soon as possible.

Website - Adeline Geldenhuys said there was nothing new.

Programs - Greg Durocher requested names of folks who wanted to do a slide show for future

meetings. Several members volunteered their services.

Fieldtrips - Anita reminded us that the last event of 2005 would be the annual rock and mineral show at the Sheraton the weekend of November 4th and 5th. Vendors were needed; also members who would sign up to do a display case. Prizes would be awarded.

Fundraising – Andres Macias said putting together small field kits for kids was the original plan, but an Internet search showed that ready-made kits were available for purchase. The committee had raised \$57 and could purchase about ten kits to sell at the November show. If any members were going to the next show in Arizona, they probably could buy more at a lower cost.

Scholarships - Steve Jensen was absent.

OLD BUSINESS

The committee for recruiting candidates for the 2006 election of new officers had not reported yet.

Hurricane donation - At the previous meeting Norval had suggested we consider a modest donation from the Club. Candace said she knew of a minister in the hurricane area and she would contact him to learn what was needed. Andres suggested a set amount of money be allocated for the purchase of items which would then be shipped, with verification that a responsible party had received them for distribution. Individual members could also donate clothing and useful items at the October potluck and Candace would collect them. Rick reminded us that Norval's original suggestion, using a known agency, should be honored. After much deliberation by all parties, Rick moved that we donate \$100 to the Red Cross. The motion was seconded by Joe and passed. Rick then moved and Neil seconded that we allocate \$200 for shipping charges of donated items going to Candace's minister. The motion passed. Andres kicked off the effort by donating \$17 to go to the minister for purchasing new items.

By-laws - Anita passed out copies of the revised by-laws presented by the special committee. Members were asked to read them and to be prepared to vote on them at the November 10th business meeting.

Club banner - Linda was still trying to get some price quotes.

NEW BUSINESS

The December Christmas party would be on the 8th. Greg moved that we allocate \$150 for supplies; Bobbie seconded the motion and it passed. We would need to have a turkey or ham cooked. Dorothy would not be able to roast the turkey this year as she would be having surgery.

FIELD TRIP REPORTS

Greg and Mel went fossil hunting. Greg left Mel at Wishbone Hill while he went to check out a gravel bar along the Matanuska River where he found some marine fossils. Meanwhile Mel found interesting plant fossils but it started to rain. Greg came to his rescue and they got off Wishbone Hill without getting stuck. Greg predicted the mine road would be impassable next year to all but four-wheel drive vehicles or ATVs.

The Independence Mine tour taken by several members was very interesting, and everyone enjoyed it even though it was cold and wet.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The election of officers for 2006 and approval of the by-law revisions will be on the agenda for the November 10th business meeting. Members were reminded that there would be no November potluck meeting.

Joe Turnbow had the Rockhound Guidebook reprinted and the Club would purchase fifty copies, which could be sold to anyone. Thank you, Joe, for your time and effort on this project.

After a short break, the program was shown and door prizes were awarded.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted
Bea Allen, Recording Secretary

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HURRICANE RELIEF

Many club members at the October business meeting expressed a desire to help the victims of hurricanes Rita and Katrina, and plans were discussed and voted on.

The club will donate \$100 to the Red Cross. Individuals are encouraged to bring used clothing that is clean and in good repair to the October Potluck meeting. People may also choose to purchase new clothing items to donate. Other items that are needed are kitchen utensils and cookware, either new or used and in good condition. School supplies are also needed.

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OCTOBER POTLUCK MEETING

Although not required apparel, there will be a costume contest at our potluck, with two door prizes for the winner and a door prize each for the two runners-up. If any of you has a special door prize for the occasion, by all means bring it! After the winners choose theirs, we will have the usual drawing (costume winners will still be eligible!). After the costume judging there will be a silent auction. Members will get a half-table on which to place their auction items.

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PHOTOS WANTED

Rick Parkhurst is looking for photos of the past year's activities. He plans to make them into a slide show that will run continuously on a small screen during the November business meeting. Rick can accept actual photos that he will scan and return, photo CDs, or photos e-mailed in .jpeg format. Get in touch with Rick at the October potluck meeting, or e-mail photos to rwparkhurst@alaska.net.

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