

**CANON CITY GEOLOGY CLUB
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

Revised

March 13, 2017

United Methodist Fellowship Hall, Canon City, CO

The meeting was called to order by President, Cathey Young at 6:10 pm.

New members introduced were: Walton Wells, Grant Eaton, Laura Halpin, Sheri & Daniel Atencio-Church, Jerry Anderson, Susan Freeman, Barry Reher, Doug & Tracy Beach, Janice Smith, and Christopher Lucero.

Members were reminded about the silent auction. This evening we have some gold pans with bags of sand with gold to pan out of it.

Members were reminded to bring cookies if possible

Treasurer's Report: Mark Tursick gave the treasurer's report as follows: Check account, \$3,087.00; Savings account, \$1,719.27; and the New Hope account, \$1,242.21, for a total of \$6,048.48 in all accounts. The scholarship fund has \$244.00 from the silent auctions which is included in the total amount in the savings account.

Memberships: There are 48 member families and 37 single memberships for a total of 85 paid memberships. This would total about 150 members including children.

Board of Directors Meeting Report: The minutes from the Board of Directors' meeting be on the website. The budget was presented to the Board, with the revisions that were made at the February Board meeting, and was approved. Cathey has a copy of the budget at this meeting if anyone would like to see it. New T-shirts are here. There are long sleeved shirts for \$18.00 and short sleeved shirts for \$16.00. Patches to sew on caps, vests, or jackets on order. Dan Cobler finished the Board Member Handbooks. These have information on all aspects of what the Board responsibilities are and what decisions have been made in the last two years. This will alleviate duplication of decisions by being able to see what previous board members have voted on. New decisions made by the board will be continually added to the book which will then be passed on as new officers and board members are elected. This is also available this evening for members to see.

Field Trip Committee Report: On March 18th is the Fossil Boot Camp; March 19th will be the trip to the Dino Experience; April 29th will be the

Mineral ID class; and there will be 2 trips to the New Hope Mine for members only.

New Hope Report: Jennifer Gerring presented a slide show on what was done at the New Hope Mine on March 11th. Several members went there and, by using a jack-hammer, were able take down the overhang that was dangerous. Some material was put in the mine shaft and the rest was left for members to go thru and get the amethyst out. Jennifer did pick up some samples for people to take this evening.

Program Committee Report: Steven Veatch will be presenting the April program; June is Bruce Shoemaker; July and August will be field trips; September there will be a big Show-&-Tell along with a big silent auction; and October will be Beth Simmons who is president of RMFMS. Donations are welcome for the September silent auction. Please get them to Ray Garber before the September meeting date.

The club has name tags for members to put on at meetings. They will be at the door with the sign in sheets.

Old Business: A vote was held on how to overlap terms. This is for continuity of the board so that an entire new board is not elected each year. Someone who has served previously would always be on the board. There were two suggestions on how this would be done. The option chosen was to elect officer and directors on 2 year terms, alternating positions. The vote was done by written ballot. This will require a change to the by-laws. Cathey will write up the change and present it to the membership at the April meeting. Then at the May meeting the proposal will be voted on.

Announcements: Carol McNew announced that she has packets of the books from the Fremont County Historical Society and the book "Trappers to Tourists" for sale.

Members were asked to send pictures from field trips or classes to ccgeologyclub@gmail.com so some can be put on the web-site. Do not send pictures of children.

Kit Kederich asked the questions for the door prizes with Carol McNew and Ann Eulert being the winners of vials containing gold. These were donated by our guest speaker, Ben Higley.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy West, Secretary

After the meeting, Ben Higley, from Gold Prospectors of Colorado, presented a very interesting program on gold panning, claims, responsibilities of members on claims, and many aspects of being a good collector.