CCGC Board Meeting Minutes 3:30pm
January 8, 2024
Location: The Hive

I) Call to order by President, TerriBeth Rohr 3:30 pm

II) Roll Call: TerriBeth Rohr, president; Chip Cumm, vice-president; Ann Eulert, treasurer; Ann Seig, secretary; Steve Bohannan, director; Curtis Eulert, director; Greg Sharp, director; Harold Taylor, director
Visitor, Cee Sullivan

III) Approval of Minutes: Board and member meeting minutes for December 2024 were discussed. The member meeting minutes will be written to include members receiving Certified Rockhound and Rockhound of the Year certificates. Approval pending completion of the minutes.
The board meeting minutes will be amended to reflect corrections made by Treasurer Ann Eulert that $3,500 was budgeted for membership income. Motion to approve the December board meeting minutes as amended was made by Steve and seconded by Curtis. All approved.

IV) Ratification of Actions Since May board meeting
A) None

V) Treasurer's Report: Ann Eulert reported we have $17,597 total net assets and 261 members. Expenses for 2024 are significantly under our total budgeted amount despite some increased expenses and reduced member income.
Discussed the inventory. New hospitality items that Ann will need to be added to the inventory. We will need more certificate stock for Rockhound of the Year, a three-ring binder, etc. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Chip and seconded by Steve. All approved.

VI) Reports of Officers and Committees:

A) President: TerriBeth Nothing to report.
B) Publicity Committee: Harold announced KRLN is now closed. He will advertise meetings and events in the Bulletin of The Daily Record as well as an article, and in the Shopper for no charge. Carrie Canterbury with the Record is very open to articles about CCGC.
Harold suggested getting photos of rocks prior to the February Rock Extravaganza that could be used for publicity in the Daily Record article. We will need more rocks for the Rock Extravaganza so TerriBeth Suggested getting rocks from the Royal Gorge Museum in addition to rocks from Pat that Chip has. Greg suggested Cee or Rob take photos and TerriBeth suggested Rob because she had seen his work previously. Steve suggested they be sent to him to post on InstaGram, and Curtis requested they be sent to him to post on the web page.

C) Field Trip/Class Committee: Greg stated he talked to Colorado Quarries and they are not allowing any field trips probably because of a corporate change in policy. He has hopes there will be a sunny weekend to go to Sand Gulch. He suggested another trip to the Western Museum of Mining and Industry when they will demonstrate the big equipment. Cee said they have special programs in June, July, and August and have a great fluorescent room. Greg agreed but may not pursue any other museum field trips due to lack of interest. He will offer another mineral identification class. Steve mentioned that every week he posts a new rock on Instagram with description of characteristics and uses. Harold mentioned the possibility of doing a fossil boot camp in February. Cindy Smith has specimens and a slide program. We need to reserve the meeting room for that as well as filling out paperwork with Marilyn in the office for reserving it for 2025 member meetings.

D) Program Committee: TerriBeth reported the following program schedule:
January is Amber Pike talking about everything to do with mining a claim on BLM land.
February is our Annual Rock Extravaganza, the proceeds of which will go to the Scholarship Fund.
March is Dan Grenard talking about the local discovery of the stegosaurus fossil by Frederic Kessler, founder of our club. He will tell us how he and his students prepared it and on put on display at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science in 1940.
April we will have Arnoud Slootman from the Colorado School of Mines tell us about the hydrodynamic behavior of sediments and the sea floor sedimentary processes.
May is Marilyn Martorano and the lithophones from the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Reserve.
June will hopefully be Dr. Shannon Dulin from the Bartell Geology Camp associated with Oklahoma University.
September is open.
October will be Bob Hickey with a subject not determined yet.
November is open.

E) Scholarship Committee: Curtis reported on the process of how the scholarship committee reviews the document that goes out to Fremont schools including high schools, accredited home school or online program. Curtis is the official liaison from the board to the scholarship committee. He is recommending using up to $5,000 for scholarships this year to be awarded equally to two or three applicants chosen by the committee.
Curtis made a motion to approve the scholarship description document as it is written with no changes, seconded by Ann E. and all approved. Chip mentioned that $5,000 is quite a lot of money and suggested we use this for publicity to promote CCGC to potential scholarship applicants, and to attract new members, especially families with children. Steve Wolfe is the liaison between the schools and the club. He is also the liaison with the Boys and Girls Club. If a student is in particular financial need the COSI (Colorado Opportunity Scholarship Initiative) will match our scholarship. The scholarship

is posted on the website and in mid-April perhaps we can add that to the article in the Daily Record

F) New Hope Amethyst Claim: Chip proposed at least 3 field trips with a possible overnight. Amber Pike is a geologist with the BLM and is very supportive of our claim. Our current status is Notice of Intent. Moving to a Plan of Operation would cost more money and would open up the possibility that specimens could then be sold, which is not consistent with our casual collecting only. The sign-up sheets say “casual collection only.”

VII) Old Business -

A) Adding a ninth Board Member. Greg proposed adding Cee Sullivan to the board at the December 20204 board meeting due to her helping Curtis with the website. TerriBeth noted that the number of board members is set at 8 – 4 officers (president, vice president, treasurer and secretary) and 4 at-large directors. Club members can be on committees such as hospitality and keeping up the club roster who aren’t on the board, and there can be board members who are on committees such as publicity and field trips.

VIII) New Business

A) Budget. The 2025 budget was discussed in detail. We will vote on the revised budget at the next Board Meeting.

B) T-shirt sales. Ann relayed that t-shirt sales at the general meeting are non-existent due to their availability online at Teepublic. Harold suggested discussing having a fire sale on t-shirts at the next board meeting.

C) Reimbursement for delegates to the RMFMS Conference. Discussed options for reimbursing lodging expenses for the RMFMS delegate and backup delegate for two nights while they attend the conference. A motion was made by Steve to budget $100 per person for two people for two nights, for a total of $400. Greg seconded. All approved.

D) Cee proposed adding a Google calendar to the website to help members keep track of field trips, member meetings, and other events.

Curtis said he will discuss this further with Cee in the near future.

E) Indian Springs. Sending a letter of support for the proposed building to shelter the fossils was discussed. Harold suggested having a letter of support for any member to sign at the February members meeting. Harold will make an announcement about this at the January members meeting. A separate board letter of support will also be written. Harold will meet with Cindy Smith from Indian Springs to draft the letters of support.

Harold offered to donate $5,000 from his IRA to the club and the club donated it to this project. A tax attorney will need to be contacted to discuss the legal implications of a non-profit organization (CCGC) accepting tax-deductible donations and transfer them to a for-profit organization, Indian Springs.

IX) Adjournment: 5:10 pm. Steve made motion and Greg seconded. All approved.

Next board meeting date: February 5, 2025