CCGC Board Meetiing Minutes 3:30pm
March 5, 2025
Location: The Hive

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

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

III) Approval of Minutes: Board and Member Meeting minutes for February, 2025 approved as amended. Chip made motion and Greg seconded. All approved.

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

V) Treasurer's Report: Ann Eulert presented the Treasurer's Report. Taxes have been completed. We have total assets over $19,000, $1,000 of which is committed to the scholarship fund for a delayed award. We made over $1,200 at the Rock Extravaganza which will be for the Scholarship Fund. We have a CD at ENT that is being renewed for three months at 3.8% for the Scholarship Fund as well. We have 180 members as of the end of February, 2025. 20% of membership dues for New Hope is transferred from one account to another.

We have 3 logo tee shirs in our Inventory, so we need to replenish our inventory. There is a budget of $200 to do so. It was decided that we will present the 2025 scholarship recipients with a token tee shirt at the awards ceremony, then have Tee-Public ship the correct-size tee shirt from the website to them. If one of the tee shirts we have in the Inventory fits, we will give them that shirt. We currently have 8 smalls, 3 larges, 1 XL, 7 XXL, and 1 XXXL. We will revisit the tee shirt inventory at the next meeting. Motion to approve the tee shirt plan was made by Chip, seconded by Greg, approved unanimously.
Chip made a motion and Greg seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. All approved.

VI) Reports of Officers and Committees:

A) President: TerriBeth reported she and Megan are monitoring the monthly CCGC email for rejected deliveries to make sure that all members who should be on the list are on the list, and on making sure all email addresses are correct. It was reported that we do have the correct email address for Jayson Fourtner.
Ann suggested TerriBeth ask Megan to purge the membership roster and the email list of those who have not renewed their membership for 2025. Those who have not renewed by the end of March will be dropped from both lists.

Ann sends two membership reminder emails a year, one in October and one in January. Both include an individualized pre-filled version of the membership form.
The one at the end of January is sent to those members who have not yet renewed and warns that their membership has now expired.
It was suggested that an additional notice of need to renew membership be sent with the regular February monthly CCGC email. There will be two sets of eyes on the roster to make sure inactive members have been purged and we have the correct email address for active members.

B) Publicity Committee: Harold requested 200 additional brochures be ordered at this time. Ann will order them from Peak Printing. There is a two- to three -week turnaround time. They will fold the brochures.
Brochures will be available at the Senior Mini-College.
Harold reported the Fossil Boot Camp preparations are proceeding smoothly.

C) Field Trip/Class Committee: Greg had two Cabin Fever field trips this month. He reported finding a very interesting large spherical opening – or "vug" - lined with quartz at the Royal Gorge Resort and will organize a field trip to that location to look when the weather is a little warmer. He plans to have all who attend draw lots to enter the pocket first, etc.
He has not heard back from Joe Dorris at Smoky Hawk, so he will contact his children who are the ones that actually do the scheduling.
He has had some interest in the Calumet and Sedalia mines. He has contacts at both places, but warned that they are difficult hikes. To get to Calumet it is a very steep climb, but the collecting there is close to world class. There are haul roads in to Sedalia.

D) Program Committee: TerriBeth reported she has set up the following schedule:

March 2025 Dan Grenard will present on finding the local stegosaurus specimen and how it came to be put on display at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science in the 1940s.

April 2025 Arnoud Slootman of the Colorado School of Mines will tentatively present on the hydrodynamic behavior of sediments and the sea floor sedimentary processes. He has not responded to the email giving him details about the presentation she sent two weeks ago.

May 2025 will be Mary Martorano speaking about the lithophones from the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Reserve.

June 2025 will be Dr. Shannon Dulin from Oklahoma University will speak about the Bartell Geology Camp.

September 2025 TerriBeth will ask the Monument Colorado Dinosaur Speakers Bureau if there is someone who can speak to CCGC.

October 2025 will be Bob Hickey, topic to be announced.

November 2025 TerriBeth asked Chip if he would contact Dan Pike regarding presenting. He will not be able to accept an honorarium because he is a BLM employee.

December 2025 will be the Christmas Potluck.

E) Scholarship Committee: Curtis Eulert reported all schools have applications available, but he has not received any applications yet. The Committee is responsible for making sure all three Fremont County School Districts, RE1, RE2, and RE3, as well as Custer County, C1, have received applications. Home schools need to contact the school district for applications. PCC students as well as previous winners may also apply. The deadline for applications is April 19.

F) New Hope Amethyst Claim: Chip sent messages to Kit regarding visiting the claim but has not received a response back yet. Chip brought up the question of leaving the pit open.

VII) Old Business -

A) TerriBeth brought up the new online membership form from Zeffy. Cee mentioned the single membership form allows you to enter three names, but the amount charged would still be for only one member. Therefor the electronic forms will need to be checked manually for accuracy, and the membership narrowed down to one name if it is a single membership, or the application changed to a family membership. TerriBeth clarified that members will be asked to check a box that they agree CCGC is not liable for any injuries rather than provide a signature.

The online forms will be used a s a database. They cannot be printed. Paper forms can still be used, then the information will be entered into Zeffy. It was suggested that the application could be sent via Zeffy. There was a question of whether an email response would be sent to Zeffy instead of CCGC. The program will have to be tested to ascertain whether that is in fact the case.

It was clarified that the membership roster could be used to track the club membership.

The suggestion was made that there be a way to contribute to the Scholarship Fund on the Zeffy membership form.

The suggestion was also made that the link to the Zeffy membership form be linked to the CCGC website.

Curtis suggested testing the program in mid-2025, and possibly rolling it out for membership next year. It was also suggested that the Board Members renewal be used as a test run, or that new members be used as a test.

The possibility of implementing a “plan,” or rolling membership, year vs the current calendar membership year was discussed and an informal vote was taken. 4 votes were for plan membership year, 2 for calendar year, with 2 abstentions. Ann E. proposed putting this choice up for a membership vote after all the kinks have been worked out.

It was announced that Zeffy does not charge credit card fees for the use of the program by non-profit groups, while the current credit card processor, Square, does.
It was clarified that paper membership forms would still be available for those who preferred paper or to those who paid by cash or check. Their information would have to be manually entered into the electronic form.
It was clarified that the Zeffy privacy policy, posted on the site, prevents any personal information from being shared with anyone else besides CCGC.
There is a question of whether replies sent to CCGC via Zeffy would go to the CCGC email address. Curtis thought that was the case but will check on it.
If members wish to renew or new members wish to sign up on a field trip, they would need Wi-Fi to access the Zeffy website.

VIII) New Business

A) None

IX) Adjournment: 4:30 TerriBeth made motion to adjourn and Ann E. seconded. None opposed.

Next board meeting date: April 9, 2025