

9/9/2013 Canon City Geology Club Meeting

Meeting started around 6:05 pm

Mary –

Introduced new members and read the names of ones who were not present. Two new members joined just before the meeting.

Erika –

Reported on the geology club funds. We have \$426 in checking and \$287 in savings.

She also introduced the Chapbook made by Steven Veatch's students in the Pebble Pups. These books can be ordered through Erika for \$4.50 to support their club.

The Kid's Geology Club needs a teacher to lead and organize it. The group would meet every 3 weeks in Florence.

We need a field trip coordinator.

The Picketwire field trip is coming up on Saturday, Sept. 21st.

Bill -

www.canoncitygeologyclub.com is live. Dan Grenard helped create it, but Bill will be the administrator. He is looking for things to post. Email him directly with anything. He has already posted some officer profiles.

Jim –

Two former members have passed away: Mike Brooms and Donna Meek

Cindy with new business-

The regular meeting time will be 2nd Mondays of the month, 6:00 business meeting, and 7:00 speakers. Some concern on the lateness of the end of speaker talks and speakers driving home. No solution was agreed upon, but suggestions were to switch speaker and business, or move times up.

Bylaw changes were passed out.

On November 11th, Jim Copeland, a mining engineer in the Rosita and Silvercliffe areas, will be speaking.

On October 14th, Martin Lockley will be speaking about his research in fossil trackways, including work at Picketwire. He is a recipient of the Harrison Schmitt Award. Bring books for him to sign.

The Picketwire field trip is going to be great. Try to visit Bent's Fort on the same trip.

Beneath Our Feet has been running geology articles on Saturdays under Back in Time. Some articles include the geologic time scale and the Geology Club's history.

The Teepee Buttes field trip will be on Oct. 27th. There will be a Daily Record article on it.

Kit found a lot of interesting historical information about the Geology Club in his barn. Lula Moody also found many CCGC programs, newspaper articles, and other items of our history that belonged to her father Jesse Ray, and she kindly allowed Cindy to make copies of them. If other members find any information on CCGC's past, they are encouraged to share.

Lula Moody presented on her father Jesse Ray, who was a member of the geology club. He was born in 1902 in Arkansas/Missouri. He dove for freshwater pearls. In the 1920's, he moved to Pueblo, but then had to move back east. He was always an avid rock collector. He started a lapidary in the 1970's and worked on amethyst crystals from New Hope. He passed away in 1991 and Jim and Kit were pallbearers.

The Stones N Bones are a group working on display cases that will showcase Canon City residents fossil and mineral collections in order to re-enthuse the community on paleontology and geology. Cindy purchased 10 cases. Some locations where they would be placed include the library, BLM, city hall, and storefronts. They will contain fossils, rocks, and minerals from local and national collections. They need donations and display case designers.

Jim with upcoming events –

The Denver Gem and Mineral Show is this weekend.

The Picketwire field trip is coming up.

Teepee Buttes is going to be on 10/27 NOT 9/27

Jim is working on a Letter of Intent for the New Hope Mining Claim. He is working on getting a permit for 2 yrs with a 5 yr plan. Until the spring, there will only be mapping and cleanup taking place. At some point the club will post a bond – still undetermined amount. This will require donations.

Membership dues are increasing from \$10 individual to \$15, and \$15 family to \$20. This is the same as most other clubs except Colorado Springs which is more. The Board suggests this change, and it will be voted on at the next meeting.

There are some bylaw changes, and members should review those.

Elections will take place in October.

The field trip to Antero Reservoir was a success and agate and drusy quartz were found. This was the first trip to this location.

Erika suggested we leave donations for the church for letting us hold our meetings there.

Cindy – Check out the Fremont Stones N Bones website – www.fremontstonesnbones.com- for information on Earth Science Week activities.

Dan Grenard listed the Stones N Bones activities and tour flyers were handed out. Corrections to the flyers include moving the Downtown walking tour to Oct. 4th and changing the date of the Skyline Drive tour to Oct. 6th. Some tours are open only CCGC members and CCGC affiliates.

Mary created a flyer for Earth Science Week activities with the logos of contributors including the geology club.

There were signups for the Skyline Drive, Shelf Road, and Priest Canyon tours.

Questions on the tours:

Can you drive yourself to Skyline Drive? It will be less than 1 mile walk downhill, and a bus will be driving us up to the top.

How much walking on the Shelf Rd? Very little walking will be required.

How much walking on Priest Canyon? It will be a rough, 3 mile, downhill walk.

If anyone is interested in getting a loupe, Cindy is willing to buy them at the DGMS for you.

Jim –

The Oil Well Flats plaque was put up by CCGC to commemorate the NNL designation, was then stolen, and returned recently. There are other plaques CCGC put up in Garden Park.

- Sarah Doyle, 2013 Recording Secretary