

CANON CITY GEOLOGY CLUB

Meeting January 13, 2014

Attendance: 50 for the meeting and 90 for the program

Meeting time: 6:00pm at the First United Methodist Church

The meeting was called to order by President, Jim Meacham at 6:03pm. He then introduced the new members of the club.

Treasurer Erika Goodland reported the following balances of the club accounts

Checking account: \$542.86

Savings account : \$426.36

Cindy Smith presented Jim Meacham with the Rockhound of the Year award for 2013. The Rockhound award is for each club annually to nominate one of their members. This is the first time in many years that CCGC has awarded this to one of our members.

Mary Chamberlain presented Jim Meacham with the Professor Kessler award from the CCGC. This is the first year this award has been given and is in memory of Professor Kessler, who was a teacher at Canon City High School and also start this club in 1928. Mary also presented Kit Kederich with an award for having the longest continual club membership on record. According to Kit, when his family moved her in 1962 this was the first club that his mother joined.

Kit appealed to the membership for donations to pay for the use of the Church for our meetings. This will be done by passing the hat at each meeting.

Mary asked those present if anyone has property or knows someone that does who would let the club visit for a field trip. She also presented the idea of the summer Farmers Market as a way to get new members and let the public know what the Club is all about. This would be a shared project with other clubs and perhaps the Club would just need to be there one week a month and the other clubs would take the other weeks. It has been done before and the public really enjoyed the hands on experience they had with fossils and rock specimens that were on display.

Cindy discussed some of the legal issues facing CCGC. It was discovered that the Club was incorporated in 1964 but that it has not been kept up. Jennifer Gerring has gotten this reinstated as will. The Club then will be able work on getting the 501c3, which is a non-profit organization. This process will take a lot of effort and any members that have

experience with this process were asked to help if possible. Kit has offered to help finance the 501c3 fees.

There are 3 display cases at the RSVP building. The Indian Springs exhibit will soon be taken back to BLM. At RSVP, there will be a case with coal mining gear and featuring the dinosaur footprint from the Dorchester Mine that Ray Garber donated to the Club. There will also be a display of fluorescent

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minerals at BLM at the end of January and members were asked to help with the black light at this display.

On Feb 7, 2014, the Fremont County Historical Society will put a display of local brick in the window of the old Republican Party Building next to the Kitchen Pantry.

Kit explained to the members that life-time memberships would be available if anyone is interested. They would cost \$150.00 for a single member with 1 vote in club matters. Family membership would be \$200.00, this being husband & wife (children would be included in the family membership until they reach the age of 18) and also having just 1 vote.

Jim told members present that Dr Carl (Bob) Carnein is willing to come and give a class on mineral identification. Classes will run in size to about 20 people. This would be done on a donation basis as all he wants is to cover his costs of the trip for doing this.

Mike McNair, Director of Academics at Pueblo Community College Canon City Campus, spoke to the Club the cost of Anthropology Class. They would be about \$200.00 and Seniors would get a 50% discount. The college would also like to have some display cases at their location. He said the college would also like to start a Geology Club and will have Kit promote our Club to his students.

Show-and-Tell: Jack Woolsey brought a very interesting display of Topaz for the Topaz Mountain Mine that was near Lake George, CO.

Conrad North from the Rocky Mountain Fluorescent Mineral Society in Denver showed those present a collection of minerals that he had brought with him. We were able to see them under the short wave light. He also gave the Club a several specimens to start a collection of our own fluorescent minerals.

Bill Coyle announced that dues for 2014 are due. Renewal of membership is \$15.00 for a single membership and \$20.00 for a family membership.

The Educational moment and Historical moment presentations will be postponed until next meeting.

The program for the evening was “The 1992 Stegosaurus Airlift” presented by Dan Grenard with a little extra help from Bryan Small of Denver, who actually found the dinosaur. Dan was also presented with a life time membership for the work he had done and continues to do for the Club. He has tutored, financed, given suggestions, been patient with all of us and has primarily been instrumental in setting up our website. Thank you, Dan.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy West
Recording Secretary