

September 2023 Riverton Mineral and Gem Society Minutes

Logistics:

- 26 attendees, with 2 being visitors from Saratoga
- 11 door prizes
- Treasurer's report - \$9,958.70 in club accounts

Old Business:

- Many field trips for the season this year were canceled due to rain, but many of those were later made up
- Belomites on copper mountain are getting harder to find
- Wiggins Fork trip should be earlier, the area gets well picked over later in the season
- Walkies talkies ended up with field trip coordinator, they were helpful to have on field trips
- One box of rocks has been traded with a South California club
- 2 more trade boxes are made with material for 2-3 more
- The jade exhibit in the pioneer museum has been revamped over the summer, there is also a small fossil exhibit there
- The fair had a good youth exhibit this year
- 3 cases were made for the fair by club members this year
- Lots of compliments were given on rocks on display at the fair

New Business:

- A mobile lapidary trailer for the club was suggested so members can try lapidary and see if they enjoy it before investing in expensive machinery/tools themselves, many members at the meeting liked the idea, it will be explored further. Some lapidary equipment is sitting around with club members that could go in the aforementioned trailer. Club would need to decide logistics of storing the trailer.
- Pertinent and concerning article from the Cowboy State Daily
 - Legislation is being considered to potentially change BLM land rules which would put high restrictions on use of some of the BLM public lands prohibiting many activities including rock hunting
 - A "conservation" category would be added to the categories of land which prohibits most activities including recreation and rock hunting on the lands so categorized
 - Greg from the Cody rock club will draft and circulate letters which would go to the BLM pushing back against this legislation which our club will see