

January 2024 Riverton Mineral and Gem Society Minutes

Logistics:

- 23 attendees, no visitors
- 7 door prizes
- Treasurer's report - position is transitioning to Molly, no official report given

Official Officer List:

President - Kimberly Putnam

Vice President - Maggie Gowen

Treasurer - Molly Fauth

Secretary - Aubrey Schmerge

Field Trip Coordinator - Steve Shaner

Makerspace Update (given by Bob Carlson):

- The makerspace still wants the club to have lapidary equipment there
- Forming committee tonight to head talking to the makerspace and working out details with them
 - Committee is Stan, Ted, Steve, Bob, Linda, and Maggie with Bob as the head contact person
- Need club members to be willing to train people using the makerspace to use the rock club equipment
 - Multiple members are open to doing so
- Would need money from the club to get some equipment for a makerspace lapidary shop
 - Need to consider how much club will invest in equipment
- Many club members are interested in using equipment once it is in the makerspace
- Will have more formal proposals and vote on things in March since February is the club auction
- Fees charged for using lapidary equipment need to cover equipment upkeep costs
- Likely will have a club fee for use as well as an hourly equipment use cost
- Need to keep in mind liability - makerspace members are already covered for liability as part of membership
- Will be a makerspace class on making rock and mineral display boxes on February 24th
- Will ask makerspace about meeting there in March and having a silversmithing demo for the program at that meeting

Other Business:

- Molly has updated the website
 - Good pictures from club members for website would be helpful
 - Consider adding info to website about field trips and information about the types of rocks we look for on the field trips
- Kimberly would like to use her camera and shadow box to get nice pictures of specimens members have for the website

- Could send good pictures in for the gem shop calendar or make our own calendars
- Memberships are due in February
 - \$10 individual, \$15 family
- Need to do a new list for sign-ups to provide refreshments at meetings (sign-up was passed around at meeting)
- February meeting (the 12th) is the annual silent auction
- Members should start thinking about field trips, let Steve know if you would like to lead a trip
- Need to work on lining up presentations at meetings for this year

NOTE – An amendment was made to these minutes on January 22nd reading the following: The notes have been amended to state that Stan Grove is no longer president and Kimberly Putnma is the active president. Al Zelenak is no longer treasurer and Molly Fauth is the active treasurer of the club. The club's bank account will be updated to show Kim and Molly as the active members on the account.