

## March 2024 Riverton Mineral and Gem Society Minutes

### Logistics:

- 36 attendees
- Treasurer is gone - president reports no substantial change of funds in club accounts
- Two bills presented for makerspace equipment refurbishment, these do not need approval as up to \$5000 was approved for makerspace last meeting
  - \$597.47 bill from Steve
  - \$135.05 bill from Stan
- State show is in Powell at end of May
  - Business meeting and setup Wed 29th, show Thurs-Sat
  - Club needs to assign delegates to be there
  - Theme is minerals of Wyoming
  - Club needs to decide if we will have a display case at the state show
    - No decision made this meeting, will revisit in April meeting
- Sign-up passed around for first lapidary class being done for the club members at makerspace
- \$1,235 collected from silent auction last meeting (a few donations and sponsorships for insurance were given on top of this)

### Makerspace Report (given by Steve):

- Equipment is set up at makerspace
  - 10in and 6in trim saw, 8in and 6in cab machine, buffing wheel, horizontal flat lap, pull out work table
- Setup just needs power wired over to the equipment before it can start being used
- A few members donated equipment for makerspace
  - Richard Rogers, George Gardner, Kathy Klein
- Ted and Steve mainly set up and refurbished makerspace equipment
- Committee still needs to decide the usage fee for equipment
- ~\$650 has been spent on makerspace setup so far
- Insurance is still being worked on
- Linda suggests we have containers for each person with their name on it to hold PPE items such as earplugs which stays at makerspace
- Users of the equipment will need to use earplugs and masks for hearing and rock dust protection
- Some rocks, namely high copper content rocks, cannot safely be cut/polished without a full respirator and would not be allowed to be worked with in the makerspace setup
- Members experienced in lapidary will plan to be at the makerspace to supervise/teach new users of the equipment 2 days a week
- You must be a paid club member to be in the lapidary class for which the sign-up sheet was passed out this meeting