

November 2023 Riverton Mineral and Gem Society Minutes

Logistics:

- 17 attendees, no visitors
- 14 door prizes
- Treasurer's report - \$9,438 in club accounts

Program: Lori present to talk about local makerspace (moved to front of meeting for sake of guest presenter):

- Makerspace was brought up in prior meetings as potential place to house lapidary equipment instead of a trailer and as potential new meeting place
- Has new location on Main street with Nov 21st open house
- Catalogs passed out to club listing current equipment in makerspace
- Info all online at makerspace307.org
- Makerspace has many classes and individuals can sign up for a 2 hour session to learn how to use equipment there
- Member are \$75 a year, households are \$150 a year
- Makerspace would do a RMGS club membership and would ask members of RMGS to teach classes on the lapidary equipment
- RMGS can donate or loan equipment to makerspace, they do not currently have lapidary equipment
- Generally individuals supply their own materials for projects
- RMGS could hold our monthly meetings at the makerspace

Old Business:

- No further word from Greg on BML rules change proposal
- Still planning for Molly to take over website
- Request was made to post Jade State news (which was offered in print version to interested members) on website
- Steve (field trip coordinator) has both radios and first aid kits

New Business:

- Christmas meeting will be potluck style, with a gift exchange
 - Generally bring desserts and horderves
 - Bring food at 5:30, dinner will be 6:00
- Makerspace offer is attractive, will need to be sure we can get back into the senior center for meetings if meeting there does not work out
 - Would slowly transition to makerspace
 - Members will drop by outside of meeting times to scout it out
 - Working with makerspace has potential to grow the club
 - Members think it is worth pursuing
- Club may want to consider additional income sources in years without state show
 - Second auction
 - Rock sale

Elections:

- Maggie will remain vice president, Aubrey will remain secretary, Steve will remain field trip coordinator

- No volunteers for president or treasurer positions being vacated
- Motion was made, seconded, and voted on to postpone elections until next meeting in December as turnout at this meeting was small