

CBRGC General Meeting

January 7, 2016

Michele called the meeting to order at 1800 hours at the Merritt Island Library. Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of minutes for November 30, 2015 as published in the December newsletter was requested by Michele and approved by the general membership present. 31 members were present and 1 guest.

Treasurer's report for December 2015 was submitted by Eivor Brown and filed for audit. Proposed budget for 2016 was presented and approved by membership present.

Membership report was presented by Sara. Membership total is 113 members for 2015.

CBRGC Show 2016 is scheduled for February 6-7 at Kiwanis venue. Vendor contracts status, publicity, committee members meeting, electrical issues, speaker system issues, food trucks, silent auction donations, volunteers, and show security were discussed. A new, large sign has been delivered for the State Road 520 entrance to the Kiwanis Island venue. Smaller roadside signs are also being delivered for member placement prior to February show. More signage will be available at February meeting.

Workshop report: Wheels have been replaced on Pixies 1 and 2. Members are cautioned to take care if cutting opals on Pixies with new wheels. New refrigerator has been purchased and installed by Pete, Roz and Fred. Old refrigerator and VCR have been donated to the Humane Society. Shop committee met at January 4, 2016 at 6PM. Current shop hours remain: Sunday 1-4, Weds 9-12, 1-4, and 6-9, and Thurs 6-9.

Class Schedule: Roz will be collecting \$10.00 deposit for signing up for classes which covers fee for first shop session; members are requested to show their membership cards and receipts at first class. Craig or Bill are available for Faceting 9-12 Wed mornings or Saturday mornings. John and Lucy are offering Silversmithing on Tuesday evenings 6-9PM. Mario and Tom will teach cabbng on Monday evenings 6-9PM. PLEASE DO NOT WAIT FOR A CLASS TO LEARN CABBING, SILVERSMITHING, CHAIN MAKING, or FUSED GLASS. COME IN DURING OPEN SHOP TO FIND OUT WHAT MATERIALS ARE NECESSARY AND YOU CAN LEARN DURING OPEN SHOP AT \$5.00 A SESSION. Please write in book at shop if there are any classes that you would like to see offered.

New Business: Roz announced the recipient of the scholarship for 2016 which was presented to Craig Grindle. Budget Committee met on December 17, 2015 and proposed budget was reviewed and approved by General Membership present. 2016 Committee appointments are being done by Michele.

Old Business: Proposed Bylaws and Standing Rules changes were approved by General Membership present. Thanks to Lucy Caracoglia for arranging the Christmas dinner event which was well attended and very enjoyable. Website and Newsletter status by Mary MacLaughlin. Merritt Island in January 2016 is the only Library showcase Roz has been able to book and is currently setup. Fund Raising continues with Club mugs \$5.00, Club Tote Bags \$3.00, Patches \$1.00, Decals .50.

Pam Felski presented an overview of various venues for rockhounding and Mario Vento did the meeting door prizes. The meeting was adjourned at 1945.