

## **CBRGC General Meeting—September 4, 2014**

Michele called the meeting to order at 1805 hours at the Merritt Island Library, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. There were no visitors but there was 1 new member, Pam, who was welcomed to our club.

Minutes from the May 1, 2014 meeting, were approved as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer's report was presented by Cindy and filed for audit.

Membership report was presented by Sara who indicated that we have 103 members.

**Show 2015 Update:** The date for the next show will be Feb. 7-8, 2015. Kiwanis Island Rec. Center has been given half of the total fees as deposit. The County has enough 6' tables at \$5/table available so that we do not have to order them from an outside source. Vendors have been submitting deposits steadily. We also have a donation on loan for additional speaker system that will work with the Rec. Center's existing system in the gym and the annex. The Apps food truck confirmed his place with us outside the Rec. Center. We are looking for a 2<sup>nd</sup> food truck. We have decided not to have vendors in the annex but will move all club activities into the annex, including the membership table. We are requesting more volunteers for the next show and would like to have 1 person in charge of all these volunteers. As an incentive, if a club members volunteers 1 full day at the show, that person will be given a free session at the workshop. If a club member volunteers both full days, that person will be given a free workshop session plus any class of their choosing.

**Workshop report:** Craig Grindle has taken over workshop maintenance. At this time, the 6" saw is being refurbished and waiting for new parts. The Star machine has harder wheels and working well. All other equipment is in working order. Craig is nearly finished with the inventory. The safety guidelines have been finalized but not yet distributed.

**Purchases:** Other than the replacement 6" saw blade, there have been no major purchases.

**Class Schedule:** as published in the newsletter, Opal cutting with Michele will begin Monday eves at 6 PM starting Sept. 8. for 4 weeks. Casting in silver with John and Lucy will begin Sept. 16 Tuesday eves at 6 PM for 4 wks. John is available to teach metalsmithing projects or gem trees on Sunday afternoons. If interested in Kumihimo, Mary and Emily are available. Dean Catana is available to teach beadset cabochons on Thursday eves if you let her know in advance.

**New Business:** We received a donation of a Pixie, 2 tumblers and a huge supply of rocks and cutting material. These items were donated by the family of Steve DuGoff who passed away July 27. He was a member several years ago.

**2015 Picnic/Auction:** The board will be discussing possibility of changing the month of our annual picnic due to the extreme heat in June. We will ask Bill Dewey or any member who is able to make reservations at Karr's Park to see what dates are still available in March or April.

**Old Business:** Audit for 2013 has been delayed and is currently being worked on by Cindy and Roberta.

**Website status:** some emails have been bouncing back, all members asked to inform Sara if their email addresses have changed.

Library Showcase on hold until January 2015 in Cocoa Beach library. Roz will check with Merritt Island and Cocoa library to see if there is availability in Dec.

**Update on Fundraising:** Manatee fundraiser (July 12) was successful and approximately \$300 was made. Thank you Mary and Emily (and their families).

Club tote bags have been selling slowly for \$3 per bag and will be available at each general meeting and at the workshop.

We are still collecting aluminum cans at the workshop...thank you Roz and Pete

**Announcements:** SFMS Federation website is [afms.org/sfms](http://afms.org/sfms). Their newsletter is the Lodestar in which members can receive by signing up by email.

William Holland School of Lapidary Arts – [www.lapidaryschool.org](http://www.lapidaryschool.org) still has classes in Sept. and Oct.

Stamp program still exists but it has been slim pickins'.

Before the break, Craig spoke about his experience at the Faceter's Frolic held in Franklin, NC. In addition, he won the raffle sponsored by the US Faceter's Guild that entitles him to 1 week at William Holland.

After the break, John spoke about his casting class he attended at William Holland. This class was made available through our own scholarship program.

Mario conducted the door prize drawings and in addition he added some of his recent cut cabs.

Meeting adjourned at 1940 hours.