

# Maplewood Rock and Gem Club

## General Meeting Minutes for June 17, 2024



### Call to Order at 7:04

Meeting conducted by Chris Huffines

Minutes taken by Nancy Samuels

Membership Quorum is 30 people (20% of membership which is 148). We have a quorum.

### Announcements

- Visitors: Crister, Chad, Ryan, Chris, Mike, Andrea, Jordan, Paul, Kim
- On July 20<sup>th</sup> the Washington State Mineral Council is leading a field trip to Sweetwater to look for travertine, which Marion described as "bacon of the woods" because it can resemble marbled bacon. Marion was on this field trip last July, and she said it was awesome.
- On August 24 the Washington State Mineral Council has a field trip to Lake Wenatchee to search for garnets.
- On Saturday, July 13, we are having a work party. We will be trimming trees and sorting through the container. 9 am. We need a large number of volunteers for this cleanup.
- On July 15<sup>th</sup> Juniors look for agates on an Edmonds beach.
- On August 3<sup>rd</sup> Juniors look for agates at Tower Hill in Monroe.
  - Our August Show is on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> with set up happening on the 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Our Web Editor installed a new online signup form for people to reserve time in the Lapidary Shop. Our Shop Stewards are working more hours to provide additional shop time: we went from 24 users a month to a potential of 48 users a month. Bruce encouraged people to try out the new online form, and if they have trouble, he invited them to send an email to [shop@maplewoodrockclub.com](mailto:shop@maplewoodrockclub.com).
- The Kitchen needs canisters that have airtight seals. If you have some to donate, please talk to Carla James.
- The August meeting will be a BBQ at 6 pm.
- August 10 and 11<sup>th</sup> is our August show.
- Arlan of Terrafirma Lapidary is on Instagram. He's having a sale next weekend.

## **Bylaws changes**

- Section 2.02 – Fixes a typo. Rich Osborne motioned and Michele McGraw 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion to approve the change. The motion passed.
- 5. b: regarding terms for Board members. The change is to say that Board members are elected for 2-year terms, and that they are elected as vacancies arise. Debbie Riehl motioned to approve the change, and Nancy Ross seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
- 6.01 d: Reduce the size of the members at large.
  - Discussion: A suggestion was made that we might further modify it to say we will have at least 4 Members at Large. Other comments were that what the club really needs is people to run the committees. Another comment was that to change it to be 4 or more might also affect other sections of the Bylaws and Standing Rules, and might have legal ramifications. Someone suggested that we keep it simple as the change is written for now, and we can propose further amendments at a later date.
  - Bruce Samuels moved to approve the changes as written in the review copy that was emailed to members, and Patti Koreyasu seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- 6.02: To allow more flexibility so we can elect the slate of candidates in either November or December.
  - Michele moved that we approve the change, and Bruce Samuels seconded the motion. The motion passed with three opposed and all other votes in favor.
- 6.03: To delete the passage saying when the Board meets. Craig Kosovitch motioned that we approve the changes, and Carla James seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- 8.03 d: To modify the job description for the Secretary. John Wolfe moved that we approve the changes, and Nathan O'Brien seconded the motion. The motion passed.

## **Juniors – Amaryah Daniels**

- She needs geodes for their September meeting and a speaker for the topic of geodes and thundereggs.
- Amaryah invited members to speak to the kids at the September or another upcoming meeting.
  - Kids are 6 to 9 in age with one 15 year old.
  - The speaker makes a 15 minute presentation.
  - Michele McGraw said it's easy to make a presentation and very fun because the kids are eager to learn.

## **Rock of the Month**

No presentation this month because he couldn't find a volunteer. Chris encouraged people to sign up to give a presentation on whatever their passion is. This presentation is only 15 to 20 minutes, and it can be on any rock or mineral related topic. Talk with Chris Huffines if you'd like to volunteer or learn more.

## **Drawings for a rock**

- One Junior and one adult won the raffle and got to choose a rock.

## **Show and Tell**

- Antha Huffines went on the field trip to Saddle Mountains and collected petrified wood. She offered to give some to anyone who would like some after the meeting. She had a lot of fun on the field trip.
- Maddox brought silicon. It's the most common mineral on earth. He likes it because it's shiny.
- Deb Riehl polishes rocks from the beach. She has pieces from all over, including Saddle Mountains and elsewhere in Washington, Texas (flint and petrified coral), Sulfur Springs in OR; a matrix of volcanic stone from Madras, Oregon; and more. She offered a shout out for the shop and all the tools they provide. She'd like them to get a flat lap.
- Carla James shared her petrified coral. She's looking forward to seeing how it cuts and polishes.
- Rich Osborne was at a lady's house because she wanted to talk about her collection, and she gave him a bluish rock. Every surface he polished was banded. It's a large agate.
- Paul Newby took a thunderegg and cut it to have a faceted face, and then he polished it.
- Linda Willemarck brought coral found at the Panama Canal in the early 1900's. It's a solid piece. She also had jade from Pilchuck and Bear Creek. The collecting site is beautiful and easy to get to. When you put a flashlight against the jade, you see a green halo. That means it will polish well and give good color. Jade has a white waxy rind on it when you find it. They use Washington jade in lapidary items.
- Bruce Samuels showed petrified wood and petrified bog material he found at Saddle Mountains last weekend. Some was opalized. Many of the pieces look like wood. One large piece of petrified wood was mostly black and dark brown that Linda Willemarck got from Saddle Mountains. Bruce also showed a large piece of red petrified wood from Utah. He sliced through it and spent about 4 hours polishing one face with a wet angle grinder. It has cracks that he filled with SuperGlue to strengthen the rock.

- Angela Vitense bought some rocks that she would like to have identified. She got them at Georgia's rock sale.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm**