

The Golden Frog



Calaveras Gem and Mineral Society

February 2022



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Happy Valentine's Day

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MEMBER OF: California Federation Mineralogical Society and American Federation Mineralogical Society.

REGULAR MEETING: The meeting is the 3rd Sunday of each month at the clubhouse unless otherwise noted.

TIME: 11:00 a.m. – Welcome – time to visit with new and old club members before the meeting.

12:00 p.m. - Potluck followed by a regular meeting and program. Visitors Welcome.

PURPOSE - To share the knowledge and information we have on rocks and minerals with our members and the general public.

BULLETIN - Published monthly Information deadline for the bulletin is the 25th of each month. Bulletin material may be reprinted, and recognition is appreciated.

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MEMBERSHIP DUES

Single - \$15.00

Couple 25.00

Family 35.00

Due January 1, yearly



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

A big thanks to everyone who helped set up and clean up for the last meeting. Great job!

Thanks to Rich Lundin for his presentation.

It was announced that there will be NO SHOW at the fairgrounds this year, but we will try to secure our March dates for 2023.

There will be a signup sheet for the TO DO LIST projects at the next meeting.

February's presentation will be the Stories and Stones video. A must see event!

Hope to see everyone there.

Brad Becker
President

Minutes of the January Meeting

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General Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2022

Call to Order at 1pm by President Brad Becker

Pledge of Allegiance

Member present: 24 Guests: 2

Minutes from December 19, 2021

Kat Duncan made a motion to accept the minutes as presented without correction. Bob Young seconded the motion. Motion passed by club majority.

Lunch at NOON! MEETING STARTS at 1:00! SUNDAY, February 20, 2022. MEET AND GREET 11:00AM POTLUCK AT 12:00PM

GENERAL MEETING 1:00PM

Club Correspondence: Brad Becker

Thank you note received from Murphys Mini Golf, thanking CGMS for the rock donation for their miniature golf course.

Club members thanked Joan and Dino Saiz for their generous donation of bunches of rocks to CGMS.

Thank you note to be sent to Reannah and Gabriel for their generous rock donation.

Treasurer's Report: Claire Mathison

Complete Treasurer's Report given, balances and expenditures. Report can be viewed at the clubhouse. Update on CD that matured the amount was rolled into the Savings Account at El Dorado Savings. Claire informed the membership that the Board has approved the savings account at Umpqua Bank be moved into the checking account. Pat Gulyas motioned to accept the treasurer's report. Lynn Becker seconded the motion. Motion was passed by a majority.

Field Trip: Kat Duncan

Kat reported on the January 1, 2022, club field trip to Chinese Camp. 12 club members attended a good time had by all. Kat has added a flag that will be present on her car during field trips as a landmark and a place to gather. February 12, 2022, a field trip is scheduled to the Kennedy Mine in Jackson if 12 people sign up. The mine has offered a private tour of the mine, the price is \$12.00 per person the length of the tour is 1.5 hours. Kat will pass a sign-up list during the meeting today. A notice regarding the trip will be emailed to club members regarding the details of the trip.

Harold Connery is a docent at the mine. He reported that the Kennedy mine was one of the largest mines and the deepest in North America.

Bob Young and Kat will check out some hunting spots of iolite.

Historian/ Sunshine

Phyllis Kyle is scheduled for spine repair surgery 1/27. She will be home recuperating after her surgery.

Newsletter editor/website/face book: Anna Christiansen

Anna reports she is hoping to receive more pictures of club member's activities. Tammi DeJarnett submitted pictures of the January 1, 2022, field trip to Chinese Camp. There needs to be some back up to the website password. Kat will check with Andrew Brown to assess the possibility of adding more administrators to have access to the website.

Shop: Brad Becker

The attendance has been low. Currently all the equipment is working, Saturdays are a great day to come to shop and work on projects. Shop is open every Saturday 10:00 – 2:00.

February 19 – a Silver Smithing class is being proposed by Roger Ozbirn. The class will focus on how to make items needed to build upon for projects. The class size is limited to 10. There is a fee of to offset the cost of the premade kits. The \$2.00 shop fee also applies to classes. A sign- up sheet will be available for interested members.

OLD BUSINESS

2022 Show Update: Brad Becker

The Board decided that CGMS will not sponsor a gem and mineral show at the Calaveras Fair Grounds for 2022, due to scheduling conflict and the ongoing pandemic. The plan is to secure the traditional March date for 2023. Claire Mathison volunteered to contact the fairgrounds to secure the March date. The plan is to have tailgates during the year at the clubhouse. There was a discussion to schedule a tailgate in March.

Banking: Claire Mathison

Due to change in officers, new signature cards need to be submitted to Umpqua bank. Claire will make arrangements with Bank and club officers to finalize the required signatures.

NEW BUSINESS

New Member introductions

Lia McVicker and Ruby Mason introduced themselves to the club and their interest in joining the club. Kat Duncan made a motion to accept Lia McVicker and Ruby Mason as members. Rich Lundin seconded the motion. Lia and Ruby were voted in as members by a majority of votes.

Welcome and thank you for joining

February Display Case Volunteer

Roger Ozbirn volunteered to set up the display case with his collection. Thank you.

Building and Maintenance: Brad Becker

Brad presented the need for more storage options for the rock collections, building maintenance and repair and grounds upkeep. The buildings all need a sprucing up and there is a need to increase storage. Come to the February meeting to be assigned a project. There is a big list and big projects. The club is calling all handymen, contractors and those interested in being part of this important project.

Program Announcement: Kat Duncan

Kat is connected with the owners of Stories and Stones. She has offered to give Russ Shoemaker's presentation via CD on "Earth in a Nutshell", at the February 20, 2022, meeting.

Today's presentation by Rich Lundin will be on "Arizona Copper".

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The meeting was adjourned at 1:23 by President Brad Becker.

Next Scheduled Meeting: February 20, 2022.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Debby Brooks, Secretary

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Board of Directors Meeting

January 16, 2022

President Brad Becker called meeting to order at 10:15

Board of Directors Absent:

Bill Bruce – 3 yr. Director

Phyllis Kyle – 2 yr. Director

Old Business

Annual Show status Brad Becker President

CGMS will not sponsor a Gem and Mineral Show at the Calaveras County Fairgrounds for 2022. A 2023 date will be reserved. Claire Mathison will facilitate the 2023 reservation date at the fairgrounds.

President Brad presented ideas to generate funds and is open to fundraising ideas: for example, tailgates at the club house. There is the possibility of having a tailgate in March. Club members are encouraged to make suggestions for fundraising activities.

CD Status Claire Mathison Treasurer

The CD at El Dorado Savings matured and was rolled into the savings account. A suggestion on how to best use the CD monies is to pay for needed maintenance and repair of the vintage buildings and grounds upkeep. A decision will be made by March to decide the use of the CD funds and how to meet the needs of the club.

Claire suggested moving the savings account at Umpqua Bank into the checking account. Anna made a

motion to move the savings account at Umpqua Bank into the checking account. Jim Vicars seconded the motion. The motion passed by a majority.

Audit

Financial Review

Lynn Becker, Kat Duncan, Pat Gulyas, Patti Summers and Claire Mathison volunteered to meet and perform a Financial Review of club finances. Claire will contact committee members to set up a date to meet. Target date is sometime in February.

Bylaws

Bylaws continue to be being updated and completed. Claire Mathison will talk to Anna Christiansen and Lynn Becker to set up an ongoing committee to complete the task.

Property Line Update Lynn Becker

Lynn provided a post survey follow up. A Club member is attempting to contact the property owner to hopefully begin the process of correcting the current property line realignment.

New Business

2023 Priorities Brad Becker

- 1) Maintenance and repairs of buildings and grounds.
- 2) Storage Solutions
 - a) Old shop is a possibility for a future storage solution
- 3) Create a list of priority projects:
 - a) There is list of projects located on the board, some projects have been completed other projects are either pending or not started.
- 4) February is designated as the month to begin maintenance projects that have been prioritized. Any handy men with tools willing to donate some time to begin the process, a date will be announced to meet at the club and review what maintenance items have been prioritized.
- 5) When Club members see something that needs attention, please tell Brad and that concern will be addressed.
- 6) Official signs should be posted on CGMS property, Private Property and No Trespassing.

By-Laws

Lynn Becker

Board of Directors members are requesting copies of the By-Laws. Copies will be given to Board Members at the next Board meeting in February.

CGMS E-mail

Lynn Becker

CGMS has an email that can be used for club activities or announcements, field trips, class scheduled. All emails will now come from this account. The email is not for personal use.

Calaverasgemandmineralsociety@gmail.com

Reimbursement

Brad Becker

The club By-Laws currently do not address mileage reimbursement for club members travelling on club business. The By-Law committee will assess the amount club can reimburse following Federal Government guidelines for nonprofits in order to reimburse club members. Also, to be evaluated will be reimbursement to club members for acquisition of machinery, rocks or other related items sold to the club for club use.

Program

Kat Duncan Field Trip Coordinator

Rich Lundin is presenting the program today after the club meeting. There are technical issues and will not be able to present program via power point.

Kat has connections at Stories and Stones. Kat offered to speak with Stories and Stones to offer Russ Shoemaker's lecture, "Earth in a Nutshell" at a club meeting. There is a rental fee of \$10.00. Claire Mathison made a motion to approve the \$10.00 rental fee for the "Earth in a Nutshell" program. Anna Christiansen seconded the motion. Motion passed. Kat will follow-up with Stories and Stones.

Name Tags, Shirts, Hats and Hoodies, oh my

Need to find a new vendor for club name tags. Debby Brooks will check with Gateway Press in Murphys to assess if they will do name tags. Anna Christiansen's daughter did the club shirts and hats. She will check availability of another order.

Field Trip

Kat Duncan

Kat had a special flag made for her car that will fly during field trips; the flag will make it easy to find her car.

Board of Director Leave of Absence

Phyllis Kyle, 2nd year Director, will be having surgery and will be out of commission for a while; time to be determined. Cookie Hirn volunteered to substitute for Phyllis during her recovery. Phyllis will send the board a letter stating her Leave of Absence and Cookie substituting for her. Board Action will be taken upon receipt of Phyllis's letter.

Kat Duncan made a motion to adjourn the Board of Directors meeting. Brad Becker seconded the motion.

All business discussed and noted

Meeting adjourned at 10:58

Minutes Respectfully Submitted,

Debby Brooks, Secretary

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Metalsmithing Class

Attention all Metal Smithers

We are meeting at the clubhouse February 12th @ 10:00am

Roger will be sharing his knowledge on creating findings for your pieces. These are items like jump rings, clasps, hooks, hoops and etc. This class will save you money, since findings can be very expensive. Roger will have kits available for purchase of \$8.00 and shop fee of \$2.00 to support our club. Please bring whatever equipment and questions you may have. **The class will be limited to the first ten to sign up. Please email Roger as soon as possible if you intend to go.**

Roger's email is rozbirn69@gmail.com

Thank You

Kat Duncan

Field Trip and Tour Kennedy Mine

On February 12, 2022, club members will be meeting at the clubhouse at 8:45am and leaving at 9:00 for a field trip to get some Serpentinite. It is nice and easy to collect along a creek and there is no need for high clearance vehicles.

We will be leaving the collecting spot at 12:15 to arrive at the Kennedy Mine no later than 1:00 pm. It is about 27 minutes from the collecting spot to the Kennedy Mine just outside of Jackson. I have arranged for the Calaveras Gem and Mineral Club to have a tour and they are willing to open the mine for us, as long as we can have at least 10 on our tour. The tour cost \$12.00 each and you must sign up so they will know how many to be expecting. We currently have 12 committed to attending. Please call or email me so I can let them know how many to expect or if for some reason you can't make

it after signing up, please let me know. The Kennedy Mine is in our backyard and its history is fascinating. I am looking forward to learning more, see you there!

Kat Duncan

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ARGONAUT AND KENNEDY MINES

Historical Landmark

Description:

Argonaut Mine, discovered 1850, and Kennedy Mine, discovered 1856, played dramatic roles in the economic development of California, producing \$105,268,760 in gold. Kennedy Mine has a vertical shaft of 5,912 feet, the deepest in the United States. The Argonaut was the scene of the Mother Lode's most tragic mine disaster - on August 27, 1922, 48 miners were trapped in a fire at the 3,500-foot level - few survived. Both mines closed in 1942.

Registration Date: 9/18/1963

Location:

City: Jackson

County: Amador



1/1/2022

One of our youngest members.



February 2022						
◀ January						March ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5 Shop Day 10 - 2
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Shop Day 10 - 2 Silver Class Kennedy Mine trip
13 Super Bowl	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18	19 Shop Day 10 - 2
20 Club Meeting	21 Presidents Day	22	23	24	25	26 Shop Day 10 - 2
27	28					