

ROCKHOUND NEWS March 2006

MARCH 16th CML & MS meeting

K thru R bring refreshments

The March meeting of the Central Michigan Lapidary & Mineral Society will be devoted to the always popular SILENT AUCTION! Please bring anything related to rocks, minerals, and gems, this includes mineral specimens, jewelry, faceting rough, jewelry findings, books, magazines, and how-to publications, equipment & materials for working with minerals and jewels, and any good rocks that you have had in your custody for too long. If you have bidding slips or can make some copies of bidding slips, please bring them with you to the meeting. Please come prepared with a description of your contributed items and minimum bids that you believe are appropriate for each one; these will be written on the bidding slips to guide bidders. Don't go too high, since the fun of the Silent Auction is finding something you've always wanted, and getting it for a good, low price. REMEMBER, bring small bills and change (since lots of things go for under a dollar), and bring wrappings and a bag to carry your prizes home. The Silent Auction is fun for everyone, and no one goes home empty-handed. -- See you on March 16!

Happy bidding.

Elaine Beane, Vice President for Programs

REMEMBER DUES ARE PAST DUE.

Send your dues to

Ernie Aughenbaugh, P.O..Box67, St. Johns, MI.

48879-0067 or see Ernie at the March meeting.

Remember if your dues are not paid by the March meeting, you will not receive the *Rockhound News* and you will not be included in the 2006 directory. Speaking of the directory please be sure your information is up to date and is correct,

CLUB CALENDAR

March 16th Regular club meeting at 7:30 P.M.at North School. Use the east door off Loretta.

April 6th Board meeting at 7:P.M. at the Okemos Library.

April 20th Regular club meeting at 7:00

What's Happening Elsewhere

March 11-12 Kettle MORaine Geological Society 44th

Annual Show.Wisconsin Armory,W239 N5678 Maple Ave., Sussex Wisc, sat 10-5, sun 10-4.

March 17-19 Michigan Gem & Mineral Society "Ice

Ages: They Were Cool." Michigan Center Masonic Lodge, 355 Napoleon Rd. Michigan Center, MI
Fri.10-7,

Sat.10-7, Sun10-5.

March24-26 Treasures of the Earth Gem & Jewelry 8th Annual Spring Show. Indian State
Fairgrounds,

Northwest Pavilion, 1202 E. 38th St.Indianapolis, Indiana. Fri 10-6, Sat. 10-6, Sun 11-5

March 25th Midwest Mineral & Lapidary Soc. Metro Rock Swap, At Democratic Club of Taylor,
23400 Wick Rd., Taylor, Mi.

April 6-8 Indian Mounds Rock & Mineral Club Annual Show, Rogers Plaza Mall, 28th St, Grand
Rapids,

Michigan. Fri.9:30-9, Sat. 9:30-9, Sun.9:30-9.

April21-23 Mt. Clemens Gem & Lapidary Society 29thAnnual Show, Roseville Recreation Dept.
18185 Sycamore, Roseville, Michigan. Fri.9-7, Sat. 10-7, Sun, 11-5.

Equipment to be offered on Silent Auction

Star Diamond Industries Grinder/polisher

100 & 220 grit 8"x 1 ½ silicon carbide wheels

2 8" x 3" expandable drums

2 polish pads, water cooled

All set ready to use minimum bid \$175.00

Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society

Board Meeting

February 2, 2006

In the absence of President, Dan Sine, Vice President Elaine Beane called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm at the
Okemos Public Library.

Vice President: Elaine Beane - Will write a paragraph on February program for newsletter (email to Roger) and for
web page (email to Arie). Check on geo links related to program.

Board Members Present: Ernie Aughenbaugh, Alan Hukill, Gordon Lewis, Arie Koelewyn, Elaine Beane, Milt Gere,
Richard Miller, Roger Laylin, George Heaton, and Kris Wood. [Board members absent: Dan Sine, Sue Casler, Elaine
Angstman, Kara Miller and Jennifer Martin]

Recording Secretary: Elaine Beane for Sue Casler (Absent) - The January 5, 2006 Board Meeting Minutes were printed in the January 2006 newsletter.

Corresponding Secretary: Kris Wood - Sympathy cards were sent to the families of Dan Collins and Mary Crosby. Public notice of club meetings, email LSJ (Lansing State Journal).

Treasurer's Report: Alan Hukill - Reviewed receipts/disbursements for month of January 2006. Discussed using a different banking institution.

Milt Gere moved that Treasurer may move club's savings and checking account to a bank that is more convenient and offers better service; Gordon Lewis seconded this motion. Vote taken, motion approved.

Other discussion: 2005 Annual Report; Article on 501(c) (3) [info. For Non Profit Org.]; By-Laws, (last change was in May 2001), changes required-date of annual report, finance report in Feb., in dues section delete family, audit committee date needs changed, and also the Dec. date of the annual meeting.

Directors: George Heaton; Milt Gere; and Arie Koelewyn - No Report.

Roster Secretary: Ernie Aughenbaugh - No new members. Thirty-seven folks still need to pay 2006 dues. Ernie and Kris will send out reminder cards.

Liaison Officer: Alan Hukill - The Copper Country Mineral Retreat will be August 6-12. Information/registration can be found at Mich.Tech./Seaman Mineral Museum website.

Field Trip: Field trip files from Ed Drown returned. Discussed taking day trip to Chicago to visit the Lesadro (sp) Museum and Field Museum.

Publications: Book review of "New Madrid Fault" by Ed Benjamin, Editor of the Indian Mounds Club (Grand Rapids) Newsletter.

Finance: Gordon Lewis - Neil Snapp and Gordon Lewis (Audit Committee) audited treasurer records for year 2005 and report that books are in order. Proposed 2006 Budget was presented and discussed. Discussion of Budget and Show Budget tabled until March Meeting [So moved by Gordon Lewis/seconded by Alan Hukill]

Webmaster: Arie Koelewyn - Newsletter direct to website. Check on hit rate.

Show: Roger Laylin - Ernie A. to send out contracts to dealers.

Old Business: Roger Laylin - Mystery rock, arthropod trace fossils

New Business: Roger Laylin - Suggestion that club create endowed scholarship in Geology. MSU pays 5-7% on endowed scholarship; \$10,000 endowment equals \$500-700, add funds to make up the difference. Something to consider for the future. Another suggestion for consideration is investing resources in grade school level earth science programs.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Elaine Beane,

for Sue Casler, Recording Secretary

Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society

Membership Meeting

February 16, 2006

a. Call to Order. The February membership meeting was called to order by President Dan Sine

at 7:40 pm at the North Elementary School.

b. Welcome and Introduction of Guests/Visitors. No guests or visitors present tonight.

c. Minutes of Last Meeting. Sue Casler - The January membership meeting minutes were printed in the February newsletter, there were no additions/deletions or corrections noted.

d. Treasurer's Report. Alan Hukill - Not present.

e. Announcements.

*Reminder that next Saturday, Feb. 25 from 11-3pm is the Okemos Science of fun Day.

*Kris Wood, Corresponding Secretary reported that life member Jesse Leroy Williams passed away; and Lola Pearson had surgery and Sally Barber has some health concerns. Gail Hopkins also reported that her Mom (Wilma Hopkins) is in a nursing home presently.

*Door Prizes were won by Roger Laylin, Hudson Seelye, Jennifer Martin, Jerry Alvarado, Richard Miller, Kara Miller, Charles Hughes and Joyce Smith.

*Tonight's program will be presented by Elaine Beane on Flint (Tools) and Flint Ridge, Ohio.

f. Adjournment. Kara Miller moved to adjourn the meeting, supported by Jennifer Martin. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Casler, Recording Secretary

Central Michigan Lapidary and Mineral Society

Board Meeting

March 2, 2006

In the absence of President, Dan Sine, Vice President Elaine Beane called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm at the Okemos Public Library.

Vice President: Elaine Beane - Program for the March Membership Meeting will be the Silent Auction.

Board Members Present: Ernie Aughenbaugh, Alan Hukill, Gordon Lewis, Sue Casler, Elaine Beane, Milt Gere, Richard Miller, Roger Laylin, George Heaton, and Kris Wood. [Board members absent: Dan Sine, Arie Koelewyn, Elaine Angstman, Kara Miller and Jennifer Martin]

Recording Secretary: Sue Casler - Summarized the minutes from Feb. 2nd Board Meeting (not finalized yet). [A BIG thank you to Elaine Beane for taking the Feb. Board Meeting Minutes in my absence.]

Corresponding Secretary: Kris Wood - Sent get well cards to Lola Pearson and Sally Barber; sympathy card sent to the family of Jesse Williams; notice of membership meetings to be placed in Noise, LSJ (Lansing State Journal), Pulse and channel 10 news-community announcements.

Treasurer's Report: Alan Hukill - Reviewed receipts/disbursements for month of February 2006.

An amendment to last month's motion to allow the Treasurer to move the club's savings and checking account to a bank that is more convenient and offers better service was made as

follows: **Milt Gere moved and Richard Miller supported, that the certificate of deposit (when it matures) may also be moved to same banking institution as the savings and checking accounts. Motion carried.**

Liaison Officer: Alan Hukill - Looking for a club member to be a delegate for the Midwest Fed. Convention meeting to be held in Southgate, MI the weekend of May 19-21. Delegate would attend Sat. am meeting.

Education: Richard Miller reported for Kara Miller that a couple of schools have called interested in Petoskey Stone Polishing Demonstrations, although none have definitely been scheduled.

Finance: Gordon Lewis - 1) Annual Audit Report for 2005 completed. Copy provided to Recording Secretary. 2) The 2006 Budget [for the Central Michigan Lapidary & Mineral Society (CMLMS)] was reviewed last month and tabled in order to review the 2006 Show Budget which is a line item in the overall 2006 Budget. Majority of the meeting was spent reviewing the proposed 2006 Show Budget, line item by line item.

A request had been made by Elaine Angstman (via Sue Casler) to have a separate line item in the budget for the Wheel (for 25 cents spin the wheel - win the rock/mineral/fossil on the corresponding wheel color). Presently Elaine Angstman is in charge of the Silent Auction and the Wheel which are under a single line item, Silent Auction.

Roger Laylin moved and Kris Wood supported; to establish a separate show budget line item for the Wheel; motion was discussed; vote taken and motion passed.

Sue Casler moved and Roger Laylin supported; to propose a budget amount of \$100 for the Wheel line item; vote taken and motion passed.

Ernie Aughenbaugh moved and Richard Miller supported; to approve the 2006 Show Budget; vote taken and motion passed.

Gordon Lewis moved and Alan Hukill supported; to approve the CMLMS 2006 Budget as amended by the approved 2006 Show Budget amount; vote taken and motion passed.

Show: Roger Laylin - Alan Hukill signed contract with Ingham Co. Fairgrounds for the Oct. Show. One dealer will not be coming to the 2006 show, a replacement will be contacted.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Milt Gere moved to adjourn the meeting, supported by Alan Hukill. Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Casler, Recording Secretary

Note from the editors. If you missed last month meeting you missed an excellent program presented by Vice-President Elaine Beane. Thank you Elaine, we all enjoyed the program very much.

Don't miss this month's program

The Silent Auction

This is a great opportunity for new members and old members to add to their collections.

There will be equipment, specimens, books (the librarian has been weeding out the library

Plus there have been many duplicate books given to the library) , plus lots of other rock related items. We repeat **don't miss it.**