

Minutes from Nov, 16, 2017 of the Magic Valley Gem Club meeting at Mandarin House.

26 members and 2 guests present. Meeting opened by Jon Cromer at 7:40pm.

Next month's club meeting will be back at the normal place and will include a gift exchange (rock related and \$8 - \$14). Member need to bring a gift to participate. Sandy will tell a Christmas story with the gifts moving back and forth. Please bring some good finger food to enjoy beforehand. The regular meeting will start at 7 pm with the gift exchange afterwards. Rocky stated that the next years rock club dues must be paid by the December meeting to be include in the list sent to NWMS and AFMS. Sandy Hansen spoke about the BLM sage grouse public comment period has been extended till Dec. 7, 2017. The comment forms are on the BLM website under sage grouse tab. The really important BLM meetings to attend are the travel management planning workshops that include areas that anybody rock hunts in. Kris Funk stated that Terry and Julie Folks will be doing cabbing demonstrations at the show this year. Wilma Sellers will have the show case display forms for everyone. There are approximately 30 + display cases to fill this year. Tony and Kris Funk will be back 2 – 3 weeks before 2018 annual show. Small show flyers were printed up for some dealers to take to other rock shows before our annual show. The club decided that \$2 is what to charge on the painted/self-decorated rocks at the annual show. Members need to see if any other rock show are doing this and how much they charge. Devon Bates has 50 rocks painted already. A privately owned pizza truck will be at our show this year, outside by the entrance. The pizza truck operation will be totally separate from our show and has the okay of the fair people to operate there. Tony Funk stated that a smaller, free standing, and easy set up/tear down canopy style with black sides will be used for the black light display this year, therefore saving a lot of time setting up and tearing down. Jon C. made a motion to approve last month's meeting minutes as published in the bulletin. Drew H. approved the motion and Julie F seconded. Drew Humphries is having a gem carving class at his house on Nov. 29, 2017 at 6:30 pm. His address is 1609 4<sup>th</sup> Ave E in Twin Falls. Rocky Metts stated to use club expense forms for any club purchases and to notate the correct accounting code for the purchase. Any purchase over \$25 for the club or annual show has to have prior approval from the President, Show Chairperson or Show Assistant. Julie Folks will be doing Publicity for the club and annual show. The publicity costs for the show last year was \$450 for the KMVT commercials and \$80 for the Times-News ad. Shirley Meets has the contact information for KMVT. Dick Morris stated that he will have 500 lbs. of tumbled rocks ready for the show. He needs 500 bags made up as soon as possible. The grab bag design specs are on the rock club web and Facebook page, please help out on this if possible. Terry Folks said no more field trips this year and mentioned that the Wendover area is a good area to get to next year, with red and green plume/moss agate available. Carol brought the monthly prize and Drew Humphries won it. Meeting adjourned at 8:20.