

Minutes

Committee Meeting on 28th of September 2020

Meeting opened at time 7pm

Attendees: Chris, Lyn R, Lyn F, Sue, Doug, Jenny, Peter, Eddie, Melanie, John, Ben

Apologies: Tara, Sussan, Mickayla

Moved: by Doug. **Seconded** by Mary **Carried**

PREVIOUS MINUTES: Previous Minutes have been sent out via email .

Moved that the previous minutes be accepted:Sue **Seconded:** Mary **Carried**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES:

- Ben has been in conversation with council. Electrician to come out to look at lights. Didn't seem interested in hand dryers for toilets. Sue to send an email.
- Discussion re AGM from last meeting where it was discussed that the AGM could possibly be held on a Saturday. John noted that he had it published in the newsletter as being on Monday 19th of October at 8pm so therefore that is when it would be. Lyn R stated that general meetings had been changed to 7.30 some time ago and there was no need for a general meeting before hand. There will be no shared food after meeting as per covid regulations.

Lyn R moved that the meeting be held at 7.30pm seconded Peter carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

In

Flick account \$461

AGL account \$631.28

Victorian Gem club receipt for trophy

Reinvestment term deposit

City of Onkaparinga invoice -\$387.68

Pointer

Presidents Report:

The club member numbers have dropped considerably due to COVID 19 and having to restrict new members, this plus field trips we had planned have not occurred.

The Faceting classes seemed to be going well but numbers are down on lapidary, silver and wire wrapping.

On a positive note, the new web site looks great and both Darren and Doug have this well in hand.

Thanks to the Workshop managers who have completed the Covid Marshals course allowing us to keep the club open.

The club has the AGM coming up and we need to start working on nominations to positions.

REPORTS

- **GMCASA**, The GMCASA executive visited Yorke Peninsula Gem and Mineral Club, Flinders Geology and Gem and Mineral Club and the Ruverland Gem and Mineral Club over the past two weeks to ask fo volunteers for the next South Australian GEMBOREE in 2024. As a result, there has been interest from 2 of the Gem Clubs, who offered some volunteers.This visit was done at the personal expense of the individuals.
- **Membership**, No new members
- **Beading** , Kate still at her house
- **Carving**, Still going slowly
- **Faceting**, Thursday 8-10 people , Tuesday slower approx. 6 people.
- **Field trips**, None happening
- **Lapidary**, Numbers down on all days. If too many do turn up they use a rotation system.
- **Library/History** Lyn has continued to record the effects of Covid on club. John mentioned 2 books borrowed on Thursday.
- **Magazine**, John said that it had taken him 5 months to get enough articles ready for the last magazine. He said that he had not received any articles for the next one. Sue questioned him re 2 articles she had sent. He replied what 3 months ago? Sue said no the about a month ago the ones you asked me to resend because you had lost them. John replied that they had gone to his junk folder. He then replied that nobody wants to read about what you had for breakfast. Sue replied that that is not what they were on, that they were about flying during Covid and well received on Facebook and that not everyone was interested in all the articles he wrote, but fine she wouldn't write any more articles. John replied good.
- **Maintenance**, Some work done in Lap room
- **Silversmith**, 2 on Wednesday night and 2 on Saturday.
- **Wire wrapping**, Starting back Tuesday.
- **Skin Polishing** , To start back this Wednesday.
- **Cleaning**, Lyn R needs to check on when cleaning has happened and what bills have been paid.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. On Saturday a gentleman came in with a dental polisher as a donation. Johnathon will check it out. He asked where he was able to buy polishing compound. Jenny gave him some to try.
2. Lyn F spoke on Christmas lunch. John said the newsletter said that it wasn't happening at St Francis. Lyn said no decision had been made yet. Sue suggested a picnic in our grounds with bring your own food. Committee decided to leave till closer to time to see what restrictions are.
3. Sue said Doug and she had been working out the email for submissions form . There is an email for web page. Submissions are going to both. Pasword details for Website and email need to be placed in safe.
4. Sue asked if the card system for payment was ready to be started. Lyn said it is ready to go but with low numbers doubted it would be taken up. Decided not to start till next year.

5. Peter suggested we need an exit plan. We have a list of new people wishing to join but not ready for new members. Sue to send out an email inviting members to return to the club. Children can return as long as they have previous experience.
 6. Jenny asked if tea and coffee can be served again. Lyn R said this is only possible if one person does the serving. People can not just go into kitchen and help themselves or we risk a fine.
 7. Chris had a request from Doug Hughes to borrow some spare silver smith under tables for a silver class in the riverlands . moved by Sue seconded Melanie carried.
 8. John had downloaded the program for the microscope that he would pass onto Eddie after the meeting. Also on Saturday he had attended the Aust Facetters guild via zoom. A club can not join only individuals so John has joined to receive Facet talk which will be available to members.
 9. When John was cutting lawns a council truck was spraying weeds and he got them to spray our edges but there are some areas around our buildings that he wanted to poison. Moved John seconded Jenny with the caution that he must wear protective gear, carried.
 10. Melanie said the Young At Heart art comp is on again and we have people rostered on each day. Ben only needs to bring 2 tables this year.
 11. Lyn F said she has been experimenting with other rocks for carving as it is becoming difficult to get good quality talc. She has found some good quality stone near Coober Pedy. If anyone going up that way can they look for some.
 12. Eddie has purchased a table for \$55 to replace unstable table.
 13. Eddie said Mickayla thanked the club for the donation.
 14. Doug said he had tried to contact Richard about getting the website taken down but had had no luck. Lyn F said she would try.
 15. Doug asked if he could get a pdf copy of minutes to put up on website once completed.
 16. Lyn R asked if she could buy a new notebook computer for treasurer as hers was not working with the program. She had taken it into her computer expert who said the running system was not good enough to run the program. John said that was not true his computer is much older and still running well. Most others agreed that notebooks are not made to last long and systems change. Lyn moved that she buy an \$800 notebook, Eddie seconded carried.
 17. Lyn said we will send in entries for the GEMBOREE as a club. Entries need to be into Tasmania by Jan 19th so they will probably be sent off late December.
 18. Chris said that we need more people to train as judges for the GEMBORREE. He will check which courses are available if workshop managers can approach suitable people.
 19. Ben said he may have another faceting machine available to be reconditioned and sold.
- Sue said that she had looked into starting a sales page on Facebook for members to sell good as we are not having a gem fair. We have a large following on Facebook and lots of people looking to buy. John said that nothing had been written on Facebook for months. He was reminded that the private Facebook page was for members to chat on and was not the secretaries job to update and

that the public Facebook page had been recently updated with details. Chris said it would be fine to set up page as long as it wasn't breaching clubs sales rules. Moved Sue seconded Peter carried.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm
Next meeting will be AGM on 19th October.

Minute taker Sue Stewart
Minutes confirmed

President.