

Minutes for the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Southern Rockhounds Inc.

NOTE: The General Meeting formed part of the Annual General meeting.

19th October 2020- the meeting opened at: 7:30pm

Attendance 19

Apologies: Doug and Leonie Hughes, Bert and Marie Eerden, Raelene and Geoff Lewis, Ruth Currie, Helen Schofield, Trevor and Coral Kenny.

Moved Sue

Seconded Mary

Carried

Presidents Report:

The year started with another successful Gem Fair except for a brown snake which had to be removed from inside the club Lapidary room. Sincere thanks to all those who helped in any way. This is our major fundraiser each year and needs the support of the whole club to make it successful.

The club tried a new venue for the Christmas party at St Francis Winery supplying us with a lovely lunch meal. The event hall was full, and everyone had a great time socialising with each other.

The committee meet in January and planned a calendar with upcoming events for the year filling it with guest speakers and field trips.

February's general meeting was a "meet and greet" with wine and cheese enjoyed by all.

In March we had St John come in to run a First Aid course attended by 18 members of SRH and 2 members of Enfield GMC. For our March meeting we had a great guest speaker in Michael Ross who explained the role he had in setting up the online information for fossicking in our state.

We had a joint club field trip to the Riverland club on the March Long weekend where we visited Santos Quarry to collect coloured sands and two different locations to collect fossils. This was great to spend time with another club and enjoy sharing each other's knowledge.

Then the difficult year started due to the Covid19 Pandemic which shut the club down on the 23rd of March until early June, thus limiting the club activities.

Due to the Government restrictions around the pandemic our year's planned events, including club meetings, Guest speakers and Field trips could not happen. Unfortunately, this also meant the cancellation of our annual Gem Fair. Very disappointing for all.

This has resulted in a drop in membership as under the current social distancing rules we are unable to accept new members who have no experience in Lapidary.

In June the committee set up a Covid19 plan and implemented some changes to the entrance ledger and employed a new cleaner on a more regular time frame. The club also had members complete the Covid19 Marshall's training allowing us to remain open for workshops.

Thanks again to Melanie and the group of volunteers who supported the club stall at the Young at Heart Exhibition at Noarlunga Downs Primary School in October. Congratulations to those members who entered the competitions and were successful with their entries

Thanks need to go to Darren and Doug Bowers who have set up our new Club web site and I urge all members who have not seen it yet to view it. This has certainly been a move forward this year.

I would especially like to thank Sue Stewart for the emails and face book work to the members keeping them in touch with the club.

Improvements to the club

The club purchased a Square Point of Sale which will allow members to pay by credit card for club's services. Unfortunately, this has yet to be implemented due to the pandemic but can be started anytime now.

The club purchased another 4 Facet machines. One has been allocated as a club machine for the Victor Harbour workshop, 2 have already been purchased by members, one to be sold soon.

Thanks to the Onkaparinga City Council for their support through the year, including Covid19 rebates on our water rates and security; the installation of new lighting over the silver benches (thanks Sue and Ben for arranging this); installation of new windows to the lapidary room, and other improvements to the building.

I would personally like to thank all the Committee and Workshop Managers who have organised and run the club activities under these difficult circumstances.

I wish the incoming committee success for the coming year.

Yours Sincerely

Chris Rowe

President 2020

Treasurers Report:

Moved Lyn R **Seconded** by Lyn F

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

Inward: In previous minutes

Outward:

- Nil

Nominations were accepted from the floor at the meeting for:

President: John nominated Jenny , Melanie seconded. No other nominations Jenny voted in as president.

Vice President: John nominated Ben, Sue seconded. No other nominations Ben voted in as vice president.

Secretary & Public Officer: Jenny nominated Sue S, Sue declined, Lyn R nominated Mary Dunstan Lyn F seconded no other nominations Mary voted in..

Assistant Secretary: Ben nominated John, Eddie Seconded, no other nominations John voted in.

Treasurer: Lyn R nominated Tara Anderson Sue seconded no other nominations Tara voted in

Assistant Treasurer: Tara nominated Susann, Lyn R seconded no other nominations Susann voted in

Committee Members – Lyn Rowe, Eddie Wearden, Doug Bowers, Lyn Ford, Peter Dickson, Ruth Currie

All other positions will be elected by the committee at the first meeting.

REG OTWELL AWARD – Each year at the AGM all financial members are asked to nominate a club member who in their opinion, reflects the same unselfish dedication to the club that Reg demonstrated.

This year the winner was Sue Stewart.

Meeting closed at.8.05

Next Committee meeting 26 October 2020 7pm

Minute taker Sue Stewart