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Our Instructors

Terry Booth, Ed Deren, Charles Toles, Steve Hendrix, Jessie La Bau, Tina La Bau, Cyndy Mandell, Morris O'Brien, Don Pomerenke, John Printz, Frank Dunkin, and Ed Skidmore.

Instructors in training: Juan Amaya, Joe Collins, and Jeremy Berg.

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Ruben Martinez wants to address the issue of bad feelings. He asked Gil Gilbert what to do: He says he leaves here feeling "shitty" and comes here for everyone to argue and nothing comes to fruition. At least agree to disagree. The issues being addressed should not have been brought up at the General Meeting. Gil Gilbert says there is a person that wants to work things through and is offering solutions. Ed Skidmore stated that Terry Booth tried to deal with it and was shut down. Val Costello said yes we have done things wrong and that we should go through the list and address it. An email will be sent out to the members for next Tuesday the 14th. **Dwayna Barron** will send a note to Jim Fosse tonight that will go out the next day. Next Tuesday, April 14th at 7pm will be set for a "Special Meeting". The agenda will consist of addressing the issues on the list presented. Val Costello will activate the phone tree. Frank Dunkin mentioned the general attitude of the club and asked when that will be addressed: Discord and enmity among members. The solutions start at the meeting by addressing the issues on the table which many of those things are misunderstandings rather than real issues. Terry Booth stated that he made a mistake at the beginning by asking **Debbie Berresford** to send out the newsletter to everyone because members asked him to reinstate it. He asked for a \$10 charge for those who wanted it mailed to them. There is a notice in the current bulletin to that effect. Cyndy Mandell said that was the problem, he was working from the heart and was glad he admitted it- that was when the train wreck started. Shop fees, etc. She just wants to see policies followed. She felt that they weren't being listened to. Tina La Bau says there are a lot of things that have been done wrong by her and was fighting for what she thought is right. The tone has been one of attacking. The board will address issues and concerns.

Sandy Skidmore asked about the phone tree calling to remind everyone about the meeting. It was stated that the phone tree consists for those who do not have email. A motion was made to contact members by telephone who do not have email in regards to the Special Meeting.

Dwayna/Frank/Discussion none/Approved

Motion made to adjourn.

BYLAW COMMITTEE MEETING SUNDAY MAY 3, 2015 1 DM

WE NEED MEMBERS TO VOLUNTEER FOR THIS COMMITTEE. THIS IS YOUR CLUB AND YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT!!!

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Gil Gilbert said he thought the Board should discuss in a separate meeting (Special Board Meeting) to discuss these issues further), so the solutions could be taken under advisement or not. **Terry Booth** said he would like to call a "Special Meeting".

Page 91, section 9 for "Special Meetings" according to Robert's Rules of Order was read by Tina as Nancy requested. An "Executive Session" on page 95 is confidential for disciplinary actions and other action items should be handled.

At this time these items will be tabled for a "Special Meeting". Date to be determined later in meeting.

Cyndy Mandell has check for \$89.39 from raffle balance, receipts and other expenditures. Box has all raffle items she has purchased in the past; she is passing the raffle torch.

Suggestion Box:

Note: someone saw a silverfish in the library books and thinks it needs treatment. **Val Costello** suggested moth balls to discourage them.

Dottie Kaufman was complimented for the grab bags. **Sandy Skidmore** was complimented for running the kitchen well at the General Meeting on short notice. There was a proposed change to the white board by the door to include compliments be placed in the suggestion box as well as other comments.

* Terry Booth read a note from the 3/24/15 General meeting. Someone said they were disgusted by the inappropriate behavior and attacks of people at the meeting. See attached. Corey Beck commented that the General Membership is supposed to be a social gathering. Gil Gilbert stated that 2 members he brought to the club thought the General Membership meeting was out of control. Debbie Berresford agreed that it was sad. Ruben Martinez commented that he was embarrassed and it's dejecting. Terry Booth stated that a lot of what would stop it is for members to address the issues appropriately. If there is a complaint, don't address it with general membership, take it to the board. Nancy Bird stated that she quit her last club because people yelled at each other. It is hobby that is supposed to be fun. She hates to see the dissention and that is happening in other clubs as well. She knows another club that closed because of it.

Terry Booth asked to keep in mind that many Board Members are new, he says he comes off a little gruff. **Cyndy Mandell** says that when they make suggestions, they get cut off.

Gem Show Committee: Ed Skidmore stated that he only has the one book for the Gem Show. **Cyndy Mandell** stated that she has the Vendors book and is turning it back into the Club President and resigning the committee.

Terry Booth asked **Ed Skidmore** if there was anything from the Gem Show committee meeting to be addressed; nothing to report.

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THE PETRIFIED PUPS

April was a good month for our pups. They worked very hard on their Lapidary Arts Badge and most managed to finish a project and enter it into the county fair competitions. To see the projects the kids made, visit the San Bernardino County Fair from May 23rd-31st. The projects will be on display in the Doris Davies Kid Komplex. I have yet to have time and plan any activities for May so I won't tell you what we're up to, it's a surprise! May's meetings will be on the 2nd and the 16th











WELCOME

OUR NEW MEMBERS

Gregg Knapp

Dennis Angell

Bill Emrick







LAST MONTH'S NEW MEMBERS



George Bloom Gregory Seidel Fran Lorz Maru Jose Jake Brouwer Kristen Guidry J P Fiddler Bob Paredes





Fanny Moreno Linda Porter Tanner Lorz Didi Naples Vilma Whitehead Charles Toles Nancy Mossawi Don Buchanan

Greg Godson

VVGMC APRIL 7, 2015 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Terry Booth called the meeting to order.

MINUTES – Dwayna Barron stated that the minutes of the 3/3/15 Board meeting were in the book for review and posted in the April Newsletter. A motion was made to accept the minutes that are posted in the book as written. Don/Frank/Approved

TREASURERS REPORT – Craig Britt provided a copy of the profit and loss statements. **Craig Britt** discussed the information contained in the budget, check detail, balance sheet and income/expense summary.

REPORTS:

OLD BUSINESS:

All regular business was postponed until after New Business due to time constraints and the lengthiness of issues to be addressed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gil Gilbert read a letter from Lois Papner and other members regarding trends and violations that have caused harm to the club in regard to standard operating procedures. **IN BOARD MINUTES BOOK IN CLUB.** It was asked of the group present who the other members of their group were that they were referring to, to which it was stated that **Brett Ward**, **Marina Shoupe**, and **Marc Smith** were part of the group but were not present.

Lois Papner read information: <u>IN BOARD MINUTES BOOK IN CLUB.</u>

There was an inquiry about the difference between "Special Meetings" and "Executive Meetings". **Terry Booth** responded to the question of closed meetings according to Robert's Rules of Order: For a "Special Meeting" members have to be notified 7 days in advance but not for an "Executive Meeting".

Some of the issues raised were addressed: No individual person or club member was or is being hired to perform work. **Jessie La Bau** volunteered to move the cameras and the \$120 cost was for material to be purchased and that Lia's son volunteered to fix the fence.

Next issue addressed: It was stated that only Board members were appointed at the BOD Meetings to be on committee's such as the By-laws committee, telephone tree, and finance committee. **Corey Beck** commented and asked volunteers to be on the various committees. **Terry Booth** said that he hears the problem; there was discussion and made known that other members are on committee's. Simple solution was to ask others. **Gil Gilbert** stated that they are looking for corrections.

Carole McMichael's mentioned that people think "their group" is attacking the board but are there to address the issues.

Craig Britt will transfer the \$800 profit from the 2014 Gem Show into the Savings Account that was decided upon at the December Board meeting.

Corey Beck said he got a letter from **Col. Cook** to take to congress that we are opposed to the BLM taking more land for monument purposes. He said that he thought he could ask him to come to a meeting and talk with us.

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It was suggested that a list of board members and committee members be distributed so that members would know who they all are.

Proposed Charges for Classes – Cyndy sent a letter a letter to Terry proposing that classes be held at the club and that members be charged for the classes and paid in advance. John Printz said that this had been previously decided with the Board and that the only thing the club could charge for was materials and a refundable registration fee if the individual showed for the class. Terry stated that our members cannot receive fiduciary gain from the club members.

Good of the Order:

Terry announced the letter that went out to all members regarding the Code of Conduct and asked all members to please read it.

Lois stood up and stated that she and others had concerns about the Boards decisions, committee appointments and other violations and then proceeded to read a lengthy note of agenda topics she wanted addressed at the next Board of Directors meeting. THIS CAN BE VIEWED IN THE GENERAL MEETING MINUTES BOOK.

Don made a motion to adjourn the meeting. All agreed.

Meeting adjourned.



We currently have 249 likes on VVGMC'S Facebook. We would like to see all our members like our page. We send out important reminders and updates. Please come and like our page by either going to https://www.facebook.com/VictorValleyGMC?ref=bookmarks or use your app on your cell phone and simply use this



We look forward to seeing you on Facebook!!!

Education Night Recap

On Tuesday, April 21, 2015, Professor Don Buchanan from the Geology Department of San Bernardino came to our club and did a wonderful power point presentation on Diamond Valley Lake fossils. The club was filled with many members anxious to hear his informative presentation. After the presentation he offered the club an opportunity to have a behind the scene tour to Diamond Lake/Western Science Center and the response from the guest was extremely positive. Thank you so much Dr. Buchanan.















Lia Hamilton is looking for someone willing to teach **Wiring Wrapping** classes to our members.

We have many members interested in taking a class to learn this skill, so if you have the knowledge and would like to share it with our members please con-

tact **Lia Hamilton at (760) 780-7937** to get more details. It would be a wonderful class to offer during the summer months.

Education Night May 19, 2015 at 7:00 pm

Our guest speaker will be **Megan Shadrick** (a former student of Dr.Buchanan) who will be talking on the History of Gold in Southern California. Megan Shadrick is a Physicist and Engineering Safety & Quality Assurance Manager, Kelly Space & Technology, Inc. She minored in geology has been involved with the geological sciences for over 17 years.



The presentation covers California gold history, gold in transverse ranges, geochemistry of gold, and other related topics.

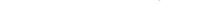








This group gets together Thursday afternoon from 1 pm - 3 pm to share their love of beading. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun and festivities. All skill levels are welcome to stitch, wire wrap, or string. Teach, learn and share your ideas with each other. Visit with old friends and make new ones. Bring a project with you or get ideas at the workshop.



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Newsletter – Debbie Berresford – Debbie stated that she did not have it here tonight. Not everyone turned in their articles on time, but would have it out on Saturday. Mo said it was a professional, excellent job, many heads nodded in affirmation.

Displays – Don Pomerenke – Don asked for a volunteer for April displays, Cyndy has the display for March, Carole McMichael offered to display for April.

Raffles – **Cyndy Mandell** – Cyndy stated that raffle tickets are for sale. She went to Radio Shack because they had a going out of business sale and got great inexpensive items.

Hospitality/Kitchen – Ceci Kowasaki – Sandy thanked everyone for their help, Ceci is ill tonight. Sandy asked that everyone bring their own trays so that dish washing is kept to a minimum at the end of the night. Terry thanked Gil and Mo for their help washing dishes tonight.

Webmaster – Jim Fosse – Jim stated that the Web site is up and running and not hacked, all is well.

Training Coordinator – Cyndy Mandell – Cyndy had nothing to report.

Unfinished Business:

Gem Show – **Ed Skidmore** had nothing to report until after 3/31/15 committee meeting.

New Business:

New Committee established: The Board established a Security Committee. Members of the committee are Sandy Skidmore, Tina LaBau and Ruben Martinez. Jim Fosse will serve in a consultant capacity. Marina and Cyndy volunteered to join. Cyndy asked when the committee was established and the reason for the committee. Tina stated that there were complaints and people wanted more accountability and didn't like the fact that anyone could access without accountability and a log and the Board agreed. Cyndy doesn't feel a need for the committee because the cameras belong to the entire membership and everyone should be able to view the tape at anytime and see what is recorded. She further stated that the reason was because they had already expelled two members due to theft. Tina stated that we will start keeping a log of who views the camera and what was found. Tina also added that we have only expelled one member due to theft. Someone mentioned that more than 10 people had the password. Ed Skidmore stated that Michael Fosse was notified when the password was changed. There was a great deal of discussion. Cyndy further stated that the board should not form committees without bringing it to the membership first. Carole said that the committee was not discussed at the Board meeting, but had already been established prior to it, and was upset that Jesse was hired to redo the cameras and thought he should not be on the committee with Tina. Jesse refuted the statement saying that he was not hired to perform any work nor was he on any committee, but was getting supplies to move and or adjust the cameras for better coverage which the previous Board had approved.

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Wagon Master – Blaine Witte reported the next field trip would be on 4/11/15 to Lone Butte and that they would be meeting in the Little Caesar's parking lot at 8:00 am on Highways 395 and 18 for local residents and the others will meet at Burger King at Kramer Junction at 8:45 am. They will be looking for Petrified Reed.

Petrified Pups – Tina LaBau – Unfinished Business: Tina mentioned that there are hand pads for the kids to help them shape cabochons. She needs donations of slabs with a hardness of less than 5 on the Moh's scale. She also needs volunteers to show them how to make cabs, she had 5 people last meeting but needs more in order to work with the kids one on one. The Pups next meeting dates are 4/4 and 4/18, they will be making cabs and jewelry for the San Bernardino County Fair so they can compete and work on badges. Rock of the Month was donated by Cyndy Mandell; Jasper Agate from Cady Mountains. Kids passed out samples to the members. There has been a lot of positive feedback about rock of the month, many are enjoying it and we are seeking donations

Tina proposed a change to the Standing Rules: She got prior approval from the previous board to change the age limit for the children to use equipment from the age of 10 to 8 years but did not get approval from the general membership and wanted to bring it to a vote in order to officially change the wording in the Standing Rules. She stated that Article 12 was urgent. Article 12 of the Standing Rules was approved by the Board previously in 2013 and not voted on by the General Membership. The age limit for the Petrified Pups to use specific non-motorized equipment was lowered from 10 years of age to 8 years old and needed to also be reflected in the Rules. A motion was made to make the changes as stated and read. Tina/Sandy/Discussion (none)/Approved

Historian – Debbie Berresford – Debbie stated that she has no budget for the History, Lois has donated scrap books and other materials, but she needs some money for scrapbook paper, dots and plastic inserts. Marina asked how much she needed – Craig said that he had a crate of scrap book paper and would donate it. The finances can come out of the Library funds according to Lois for the additional supplies.

(Building) Maintenance – Vacant – Terry asked for a volunteer to take the position. Cyndy asked what was involved. Terry gave examples of changing light switches, replacing ceiling tiles, lights, etc. FOLLOW-UP this position is no longer vacant it was taken by Ted McCully. Thank you Ted!!!

CFMS Representative, Tina LaBau

Nancy Bird came to the tailgate and delivered pins to Lois, Cyndy and Cody who were awarded Rock Hound of the Year. Tina said that she is still collecting cancelled stamps. The CFMS show will be held in Lodi in June.

Librarian – **Lia Hamilton** – Working on finding what we need to put on DVD, will catalog new items with Lois' help. She asked everyone to bring back anything that is out.

Sunshine – Marilyn Pomerenke – Don reported for Marilyn stating that she has a list of people that cards still need to be sent out to.

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Dr. Buchanan has offered to take our club to the **Western Science Center**, 2345 Searl Pkwy, Hemet, CA 92543. The cost for groups of more than 20 is \$5.00 per person and for an additional charge of between \$10.00—\$15.00 we will be able to take a behind the scene tour with one of the paleontologists on site. This rare opportunity is being offered to our club members. There is a sign-up sheet at the club entrance. To see some of the wonderful exhibits that can be seen at the Diamond Lake you can visit: http://www.westerncentermuseum.org/

You will be asked to bring a sack lunch because we will be going on a tour of the lake and be able to picnic while we are there. If you have any questions, please contact Lia at (760) 780-7937













May's Field Trip Cady Mountains May 9, 2015



This month's field trip will be to the Cady Mountains. We will be looking for Plume Flame Agate. We will be meeting at the Club at 7 am. We will also be meeting all at the Hector Road (Exit 33) off the I-40 at approximately 8 am. This trip does require a high clearance vehicle. Please remember to bring a lunch and plenty of water to drink.

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Meeting Called to Order

1st Vice-President-Membership, Debbie Berresford

Debbie reported that membership is up to 213 members possibly 214 after tonight. Membership is doing good.

2nd Vice-President-Education, Lia Hamilton

Due to technical difficulties Don Buchanan will be back next month for Education Night, Tuesday, 4/21/15. He mentioned that the room used to be full and was disappointed in the turnout. He will bring information about Diamond Lake in Hemet and will offer tours to the club in July or August if we have a decent turnout.

3rd Vice-President-Gem Show, Ed Skidmore

Ed stated that there is a Gem Show Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday evening, 3/31/15 at 6:00 pm

Recording Secretary, Dwayna Barron

Dwayna stated that there is a By-Laws Committee meeting on Friday, 4/3/15 at 10:00 am

Treasurer, Craig Britt

Craig reported on the club finances. A motion was made to accept the Treasurers report as stated. Lia/Jim/Approved. 3 opposed due to no paperwork being provided to the membership. There was some discussion about the statements not being in the minutes in the book. Craig said that he made a separate book exclusive for the finances to make it easier for members to look at but would include the reports with the minutes in the future. There were some complaints expressed about it.

Terry requested raffle information from Cyndy. Lois opposed. Lois stated that the raffle is separate from the club. Tina stated that when Anne Mozzerelli was secretary that the board went through the trouble of making the raffle legal and that she believed the monies need to be reported monthly. Cyndy stated that has never been requested of anyone who has ever run the raffle. Carol said the raffle was approved by the state and this raffle is separate and held outside of club business. Terry asked if it was accountable to anyone else. Carole explained how it got started just for fun and that the end of year profit went to the Christmas Party. Gil said that Ellen ran it for 3-4 years and donated the proceeds to the club. Terry invited Carole to the Board of Directors meeting to further explain. It was mentioned that the activities don't have anything to do with the club, it is an outside activity. Several objected and believe the raffle as it is currently run to be an illegal activity and didn't like the idea of not reporting the income/expense or not running the money through the clubs books.

March Birthdays – We sang Happy Birthday and members present received their cupcakes.

New Members/Guests: New Members were introduced and gave brief explanation of what brought them to the club. Margaret McBride, Jake Brower joined with wife Susan, Audriana Senra, Gerry Plager, Larry Holder, Richard Baker, Caleb (not here) who is 13, and Ted McCauley.

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THE ROCK OF THE MONTH

Mystery Rock—this month we will have a surprise for you. We will pass out this gem or mineral at our general meeting. The description will be included with this item when given out.

We are in desperate need of donation for the rock of the month giveaway. If you have any pieces of rocks or minerals taking up space, please donate them to our Rock of The Month project. Members have truly enjoyed receiving these items every month. We are in need of 40-60 pieces to be given to members each month. Please contact Tina La Bau (760) 686-6840 if you have any questions.

California Federation of Mineralogical Societies

by Tina La Bau

The CFMS show in Lodi is fast approaching. I will be attending to represent our club at this show. There are many activities going on at this show and donations are much needed. I am being asked to bring donations for the spin the wheel game and for the silent auction. I need club support on this. I would especially love to bring some samples of local rocks for both of these activities, but would be thrilled to be able to bring anything. If you have some you're willing to donate, please bring them to the club and turn them in to an instructor with instructions that they are for the CFMS show. During the show, there will be a business meeting at which representatives from each club attends. There will also be a round table that representatives attend to learn about how to deal with common club problems, like how to increase membership. I am looking forward to attending this show and bringing back everything I can learn to our members.





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	PETRIFIED PUPS 2 9 AM - NOON Workshop 12 - 5 pm GEM SHOW COMM. MEETING 1:00 PM
By-law Committee Meeting 1 PM Workshop 12 – 5 pm	4	Instructor's Cancelled	Workshop 6 12 - 7 pm Board Meeting 7 pm Special Meeting 7:30 pm	Workshop 7 12 – 7 pm BEAD BUNCH 1 pm – 3 pm	8	Workshop 9 12 – 5 pm Field Trip to Cady Mountains see page 8
Happy Mother's Dayl Workshop 12 – 5 pm	11	12	Workshop 13 12 – 7 pm Financial Committee Meeting 7 pm	Workshop 14 12 – 7 pm BEAD BUNCH 1 pm – 3 pm	15	PETRIFIED PUPS 16 9 AM - NOON Workshop 12 - 5 pm
17 Workshop 12 – 5 pm	18	Education 19 Night 7:00 pm Megan Shadick Will be speaking on The History of Gold in Southern California	Workshop 20 12 – 7 pm	Workshop 21 12 – 7 pm BEAD BUNCH 1 pm – 3 pm	22	23 Workshop 12 – 5 pm
24/31 Workshop 12 – 5 pm	Nemorial Day	POTLUCK 26 6:30 pm General Meeting 7:30 pm	Workshop 27 12 – 7 pm	Workshop 28 12 – 7 pm BEAD BUNCH 1 pm – 3 pm	29	9am - noon Workshop 12 - 5 pm