

## **Helena Mineralogical Society Meeting Minutes**

May 19, 2016

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### **Announcements**

Hal Pitter, long time club member passed away. He gave permission for the club to have some of his collections. Sympathy cards for his family were at the front table for all to sign.

### **Program Chair**

Dave Jordan presented a program about the tools more experienced club members use. A new name for toilet paper was announced and it is "Mineral Wrap"! Sand bags can be purchased at Murdoch's for about \$0.39 to put your finds in. Harbor Freight sells white gloves with nitrile on one side and nylon on the back. An Estwing pick (\$55) and an Estwing 36- or 42-inch gem scoop (\$40-\$48) are a good combination to have on fieldtrips.

In June, Dave plans to have a program about making cabochons "cabs".

### **Show Chair –Gary Parisi**

Gary Parisi would like to see more advertising for the show up in the Great Falls area.

### **Treasurer's Report – Terri Smith/ Jim Bruce**

Terri gave the treasurer's report. Currently, our total assets are around \$28,000.

Due to the large number of purchased rock slabs; at the break club members can purchase 4 rock slabs for \$1!

### **Fieldtrip Chair – Wayne Waters/ Martin Landry**

Wayne announced that there needs to be a clean-up party at the Sally Ann claim. Meet Saturday at 9 a.m. at Ben Franklins and caravan up to the claim.

June 4: White Earth Fieldtrip meet at Dillard's parking lot at 8:30 a.m.

June 11: Is the Butte Gem & Mineral Show.

June 18: Saurber Garnet Dig.

Let Wayne know if you have ideas for fieldtrips or if you would like to lead a fieldtrip.

### **Member At Large - Gene Hodge**

Martin? Or Wayne announced Gene was very helpful going through various rock collection materials.

### **Historian/ Secretary-Carolyn DeMartino**

Due to time constraints will share information about Moss Agate.

### **New Business**

The club is trying to find a new meeting place that has plenty of room & where we don't have to be out at 9 p.m. It was mentioned that we should check into moving to the Stevenson-Wilke Funeral Home banquet room as this room is free of charge and our Christmas party will be there.

Carolyn volunteered to check into using the MT Wild conference room.

### **Special Notes**

The HMS Club's next meeting will be Thursday, June 16, 2016, at the Neighborhood Center at 7 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

*See you at the next meeting!*