

Rough 'n Tumbled Times



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May Meeting

Thursday, May 19, 2022

Building opens at 6:30

Meeting begins at 7:00

Business meetings are held the third Thursday of each month from March to November at the Cameron American Legion



<http://www.cameronamericanlegion.org/rockclub.html>



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The President's Pen...

President's Message for

Greetings fellow Rock Hounds,

As of this date (5/15/22), we still have no president. To see the job description, refer to the March 2022 newsletter.

An email was sent out regarding membership and receiving the newsletter. Starting next month (June) only paying members will receive the newsletter. Attached to this newsletter, there is a membership application and an address (Roy Wickman) on where to send it if you are unable to make it to the meeting this Thursday, May 19. We hope you will consider joining our club and paying the membership fees.

1961 – 2022 OUR CLUB IS 61 YEARS OLD!!

MINUTES FROM

by Robin Zelm

Present: 23 Adults, 3 Kids

Paul Tubbs ran the meeting.

The Big News at this meeting is that Roy Wickman was awarded *Rock Hound of the Year* by the Midwest Federation of Mineralogical & Geological Societies and the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies! He was nominated by David Skrupky Congratulations Roy!



Treasurer's Report:**Checking: \$2,603.03****Savings: 632.81****Petty Cash: 161.20****Grand Total: \$3,397.04****Welcome to new member Heather Heser!**

Midwest Federation is asking for nominations.

Our Rock Club (Northwest Wisconsin Gem and Mineral Society) will hold the annual Rock Show in Rice Lake at the Fairgrounds on August 21st and 22nd with set up being on Friday, August 19th.

Discussion regarding a tentative hike into the old Gordon/Wascott Copper Mine with Mike Schaaf possibly leading the hike sometime in June. We are thinking possible the second week of June. More to be discussed at this Thursday's meeting.

Roadside Pickup: Saturday, May 7th Rain or Shine. We will meet in front of Bush and Gillis Furniture Store (Old Office Max) in Rice Lake and leave from there at 10:00 am. Safety vest, and plastic garbage bags will be provided. Bring stick with a nail on the end or a grabber, comfortable clothes, and bug spray.

Sunshine Report: Joyce Jacobs is recovering from knee surgery. Laura will send a card.

Old Business: Discussion on field trip to Felsenmeer. Dave Skrupky will contact Bruce Ward. (Please see email from Dave. He said he had contacted Bruce and Bruce is considering the field trip to the Felsenmeer in May perhaps.

Club Reports:

Chippewa Valley Gem and Mineral Society (Chippewa Falls): 58th Annual Gem and Mineral Society Show and Sale will be held April 23rd and April 24th at the Eau Claire County Expo Center. Set up will be on Friday, April 22nd.

Indianhead Club (Luck): 1st meeting for 2022 is April 4th (first Monday of every month). They had a good meeting. Door opens at 6:30 with meeting starting at 7:00 held at Luck Senior Citizen Center. speaker about Glacial Lake located near Grantsburg. Indianhead Rock Club will hold their show on July 23rd and July 24th at the Frederick High School.

We discussed having a Pot Luck picnic in July. More information to come.

Monthly Meeting Activities were planned for the year:

April - Roy will discuss rock/slab identification

May – Dave will discuss the history of the Gordon/Wascott Copper Mine

June - Silent Auction

July- Potluck Picnic

August – Rock Show in Rice Lake

September – Alan Barsness will demonstrate his flat lap equipment

October – Best Finds

November – Silent Auction and Election

Meeting was adjourned.

Roy put out many interesting rocks and minerals for us to try to identify after the meeting. The specimens were amazing. Thanks for this activity Roy.

We had our roadside pickup on May 7th. Ten of us picked up 10 bags of garbage. It didn't take us long since we didn't have to labor in rain and snow like last year. We had a gorgeous day for this activity. Lots of used lottery tickets, bottles, cans, and some guy's underwear were all disposed of....



After we were done with the pickup, Dave Skrupky and 7 others from our group toured the Pipestone Quarry in Barron County. Thanks for leading this group Dave.



Saturday, May 14, Bruce Ward led us to see a very cool area called the Devil's Kettle in the Blue Hills of Rusk County. The flowers were absolutely gorgeous...many varieties so we hit the timing right for those too. There is a huge rock called submarine rock which was on our way to the falls. We also had a group picture taken before getting to the falls at an interesting rock formation.



After our hike to Devil's Kettle, Bruce took us on a hike in to see the Blue Hills Felsenmeer in Rusk County. We hiked in about 1 ½ miles on a muddy, rutted logging road. We arrived on a hill looking down into the Felsenmeer Canyon. What a spectacular and unusual sight! So different then the rest of the environment in that area. Felsenmeer means "sea of rocks". The D.N.R. has a website if you'd like to read more about this area. Google Blue Hills Felsenmeer. Paul, Roy, and Dave chose to go through a box canyon to get into the Felsenmeer area. They reported seeing ice in the rocks. Also, they had a steep vertical climb into the Felsenmeer. A huge THANK YOU to Bruce Ward for taking us on this adventure. Our total miles hiked for the day was about 5 ½. Beautiful day for exploring. Pictures for all activities were provided Dave Skrupky and Paul Tubbs.



OUR SUNSHINE PERSON:

Laura Finley



If you know anyone that has been ill or could use some sunshine in their lives – please contact Laura. Her email is: laurah421@yahoo.com

***PLEASE PAY YOUR 2022 DUES NOW
THANK YOU.***

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION – pass to anyone that might join

Name _____
Address _____ City _____
State _____ Zip _____ PH _____
Email Address _____

(CHILDREN ARE FREE WITH EACH PAID MEMBERSHIP)

**Send \$8 for each adult member to:
Roy Wickman, 1127 7th St, Almena, WI 54805**

Dirt Devils Chairpersons:

Kris Martin, Joyce Jacobs

If there will be children attending, please let us know BEFORE the day of the meeting.

For further information contact: Kris at kristine.e.martin@hotmail.com



**Hope to see you at our meeting this
Thursday, May 19!!**

