

# Rough 'n Tumbled Times



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## June Meeting

Thursday, June 16, 2022

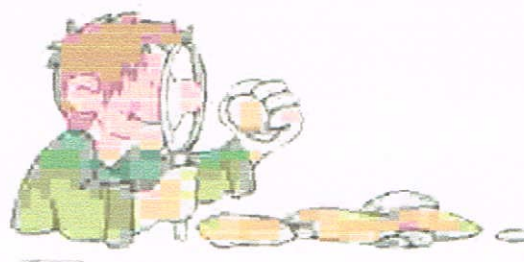
Building opens at 6:30

Meeting begins at 7:00

Business meetings are held the third Thursday of each month from March to November at the Cameron American Legion  
**Please bring in items for the Silent Auction.**



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



# The President's Pen...

Message for 06/13/22

Greetings fellow Rock Hounds,

As of this date (6/13/22), 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 (July (was June originally) 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, June 16, you will consider joining our club and paying the membership fees.

**1961 – 2022 OUR CLUB IS 61 YEARS OLD!!**

## MINUTES FROM 06/14/22

by Robin Zelm

Present: 11 adults

Paul Tubbs ran the meeting

(This report is from the April Meeting)

Treasurer's Report:

Checking: \$2,603.03

Savings: 632.81

Petty Cash: 161.20

Grand Total: \$3,397.04

Our Rock Club (Northwest Wisconsin Gem and Mineral Society) will hold the annual Rock Show in Rice Lake at the Fairgrounds on August 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> with set up being on Friday, August. We are still discussing what the theme will be...artifacts or collections.

Discussion regarding the hike into the old Gordon/Wascott Copper Mine with Mike and Eda Mae Schaaf. We are meeting in Minong at 10:00 a.m. on June 12<sup>th</sup> at the Phillips 66 station. After the mine, we'll have a picnic lunch and then tour the Barnes Historical Museum. (So we did this yesterday. I'll post pictures towards the end of this newsletter.)

**Roadside Pickup:** We collected 10 bags of garbage.

**Sunshine Report:** nothing to report

**Old Business:** Still looking for a president  
Pay dues (if you haven't already).

**Club Reports:**

**Chippewa Valley Gem and Mineral Society (Chippewa Falls):** 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Rock Swap, August 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> at Town of Wheaton Ball Parks. (See attachment in email)

**Indianhead Club (Luck):** Meets first Monday of every month. Door opens at 6:30 with meeting starting at 7:00 held at Luck Senior Citizen Center. ~~Outstanding Rock Club members show on July 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Frederick High School~~

**Wednesday, July 13** is the date decided upon for our potluck picnic for the rock club members in Luck, Cameron, and Chippewa Falls hosted by Roy and Kathy Wickman. Their address is 1127 7<sup>th</sup> St., Alma, WI and phone number 715-357-3223.

You may arrive by 11 but we will not eat until 12:30 or 1:00. Please bring a dish to pass and your own beverages. It probably wouldn't hurt to bring your own lawn chair too.

#### **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 16 Silent Auction**

July 13- Potluck Picnic (No meeting this month)

August - Rock Show in Rice Lake

September - Alan Barsness will demonstrate his flat lap equipment

October - Best Finds

November - Silent Auction and Election

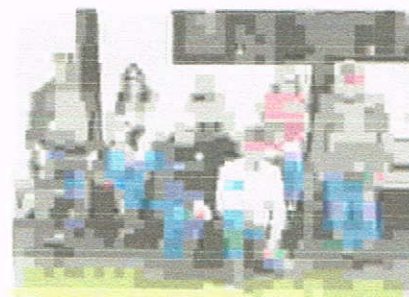
**Meeting was adjourned**

After the meeting, Dave Skrupky gave an interesting talk on the history of the Wascott/Gordon Copper Mine. Thanks Dave

We had a beautiful day on Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> for our field trip to the Wascott/Gordon Copper Mine. Sixteen members explored the mine and surrounding mine tailings. Some of us brought our metal detectors. We did find copper pieces and rocks with copper in them. After the mine adventure, 8 of us proceeded to the Mooney Dam County Park where we enjoyed a picnic. After our picnic, we enjoyed a tour of the Barnes Historical Museum. A highlight there was learning about the Historic Silver Beach Elk that was found in 2005 in the Middle Eau Claire Lake near Barnes. A large stone fluted spearhead was found near the elk also but the mystery is...the elk was carbon dated to be about 500 years old and the spearhead is estimated to be 10,000 years old! If you'd like to read more about this, google Silver Beach Elk, Barnes, WI



THANKS TO  
Mike and Ella Mae Schaaf for  
leading us to the mine and  
Roy Wickman for setting up the  
museum tour!



**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: [laura@ladyvalve.com](mailto:laura@ladyvalve.com)

**PLEASE PAY YOUR 2023 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:kristine.e.martin@hotmail.com)



**Hope to see you at our meeting this  
Thursday, JUNE 16!!**