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Newsletter of the Capital Mineral Club

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Capital Mineral Club News

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The Capital Mineral Club membership meeting will be on Saturday, **December 1st 2018** at 12:00 PM at The Salvation Army Building, Concord, NH.

Thank you to **Mike Cordero** for bringing the refreshments for the last meeting.

This month is the Capital Mineral Clubs Annual Holiday Party and Collecting Competition see all the details on pages 4-5.

Please bring some non perishable food items and canned goods to donate to the Salvation Army, the Major has mentioned that canned fruit would be a good thing to donate. For any other questions about the Holiday Party call (603) 927-4955 or email c_forsberg@mcttelecom.com ..

Editors Note:

The **deadline** to get info to me for publication will be the **3rd Saturday** of every month

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- If submitting material to the newsletter the editor requests that it be sent in Microsoft Word format. This will help in getting the newsletter together.

Welcome New Members

Ronald Blanchard, Milford, NH

2019 Club Dues are due, please send your membership dues to:

Steffen Hermanns, 7133 Oak Hill Road, Loudon, NH 03307

Make check payable to Capital Mineral Club. Dues are \$10.00 per member.

Mineral Clubs - Meeting Dates

Saco Valley Gem and Mineral Club: 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Tin Mt. Conservation Center, Albany, NH – 7:00 PM
www.sacovalleygmc.com

Keene: 1st Saturday of each month in the conference room of the Southwest Community Services building at 34 Cypress St. Keene, NH – 6:00 - 8:30 PM keenemineralclub.50webs.com

North Shore (MA): 3rd Friday of each month, Hamilton Wenham Community House, 284 Bay Rd, South Hamilton, MA – 7:45 PM

Boston Mineral Club: 1st Tuesday of each month, Harvard University Geological Lecture Hall, 24 Oxford St., Cambridge, MA – 7:30 PM www.bostonmineralclub.org

Southeastern NH Mineral Club: 2nd Wednesday of each month, St John's Methodist Church, 28 Cataract Ave., Dover, NH – 7:00 PM senhmineralclub.org

Presidential Gem and Mineral Society: 2nd Friday of month at 7: 00 P.M. North Country Education Services Center; 300 Gorham Hill; Gorham, NH

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The November meeting of the Capital Mineral Club was held on **November 3rd, 2018** at the Salvation Army Building in Concord, NH.

Meeting came to order at 2:00 PM and began with a presentation by Jim Young on "*Geology of Diamonds*".

Members brought specimens of their own to share.

The business meeting was called to order at 3:26 PM with 35 members present.

Alex Peroda and Kristine Suminski gave a brief presentation on the new website developments. They are building a YouTube page and setting up the framework for links to other social media sites.

Payments on the site will be done through PayPal

As an IRS 501(c)(3) PayPal will take no fees

They would like to go live before January 1st, 2019

Vice President Charles Forsberg asked if our page would stand out compared to other clubs.

11.1 MOTION: "For Alex and Kristine to continue with website development, working with the board and membership on changes."

By: Gordon Jackson

Seconded: Mike Cordero

DISCUSSION: N/A

DISPOSITION: Voted on and passed by membership 34 in favor – 0 against.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The following corrections were brought to the attention of the secretary by the Vice-President before the membership meeting:

Corrections to September Minutes:

mindat.comnh should have read mindatnh.com

Corrections to October Minutes:

Vince Valde should have read Vince Valade

11.2 MOTION: "To accept the secretary's report as printed in the newsletter."

By: Charles Forsberg

Seconded: Don Dalairé

DISCUSSION: N/A

DISPOSITION: Voted on and passed by membership 34 in favor – 0 against.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

11.3 MOTION: "To accept the treasurer's report as read."

By: Martin Kippley

Seconded: Francis Gill

DISCUSSION: N/A

DISPOSITION: Voted on and passed by membership 34 in favor – 0 against.

Don Dalairé stated as the treasurer's responsibilities are not finalized. Don proposed keeping his name on the accounts until the transfer is complete.

11.4 MOTION: "To allow Don to continue signing checks until Michele is able to take it over completely."

By: Gordon Jackson

Seconded: Michele Johnson

DISCUSSION: N/A

DISPOSITION: Voted on and passed by membership 34 in favor – 0 against.

OLD BUSINESS: N/A

NEW BUSINESS:**Laptop and QuickBooks for treasurer's use**

President Steffen Hermanns discussed his research into a laptop and online Quick Books purchase for the treasurer's use as follows:

QuickBooks has up to three licenses

Online subscription is \$321 per year, with all updates and cloud storage, and would be budgeted in future years

QuickBooks has no special requirements and can be accessed through secure online browser

Laptop would cost from \$250 to \$300

The board proposed that the membership vote on a \$700 allowance to purchase the computer and QuickBooks online version for the treasurer's use.

Don made the following points to the membership:

QuickBooks was suggested by our accountant and has non-profit version

Computer and software would be used for only the treasurer's business

QuickBooks has cloud backup, easy recovery of records, and 24/7 support

As is over \$200 we would have to wait a month, however, there is a \$1200 contingency in the budget to cover expenses approved by the board

11.5 MOTION: "To buy the laptop and software out of the contingency funds, not to exclude \$700."

By: Gordon Jackson

Seconded: Francis Gill

DISCUSSION:

Whether or not we need to vote on annual costs, Don reaffirmed that it would be included in the budget for next year and voted on at that time.

How can we use it without internet here (Salvation Army, Clinton St, Concord, NH), President reaffirmed that we do have internet access by way of hotspot.

DISPOSITION: Voted on and passed by membership 34 in favor – 0 against.

Oliverian School

The board recommends purchasing equipment for the school with restrictions.

Information on the school:

Not for profit, on the state list of Charitable Corporations.

31-35 students and designed for kinds that don't function well other environments.

Expensive to attend.

Peter has PhD went to University of New Orleans studied with Al Foster.

Wants to entice the students to build this part build and produce interest in the geology and mineralogy field and have students succeed at it

If we have a model where something works, it would gain other interest.

Recommended restrictions:

Board and membership would need written request and invoice or PO to finalize the request.

There will be an indication of the donation by the club in the way of a plaque on the item.

11.6 MOTION: "To reserve \$2500 for the Oliverian School to purchase a petrographic microscope and an analytical balance as presented by Peter with proper documentation and indication that that money came from us for the equipment.

By: Gordon Jackson

Seconded: Martin Kippley

DISCUSSION:

Would all students use it and is the level of benefit worth the expenditure?

Is there a possibility that club members could visit the school, meet the students, and learn how to use the equipment?

Vice-President talked to Dr. Tice and he stated we are welcome to visit and get involved.

Scholarships we award are for one time use and this equipment can be used for years.

Alternative is we could retain possession in case the equipment is no longer needed or if Dr. Tice leaves.

If it breaks, do we have to fix it.

Place equipment on permanent loan and someone go see that it is still at school yearly.

Peter comes to membership meeting yearly with a report on the work they have done and what they have come up with.

DISPOSITION: Voted on and passed by membership 34 in favor – 0 against.

Paver at Maine Mineral & Gem Museum

The paver is engraved and Don will sent photos to Peter for the newsletter.

Eastern Federation of Mineralogical and Lapidary Societies Insurance

President stated the insurance premium is due and we have an option to acquire additional accident insurance to cover members at a cost of \$2.40/member. It is a supplementary insurance and only covers the member during club activities.

Vice-President suggested the additional insurance be tabled until next year so more information can be presented to the membership.

11.7 MOTION: "To forget the additional insurance for this year."

By: Gordon Jackson

Seconded: Charles Forsberg

DISCUSSION: N/A

DISPOSITION: Voted on and passed by membership 34 in favor – 0 against.

Meeting Rules of Conduct

President reviewed the Rules of Conduct for the membership

Minutes to be recorded.

One person to be recognized at a time.

Maximum discussion point limited to 2 minutes.

Rebuttal limited to 2 minutes.

Trip to Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History

Tabled for next meeting.

Meeting Refreshments

Auditor asked membership to sign up to bring refreshments to upcoming meetings. Shannon Wade has volunteers to take over the responsibilities of the refreshment committee.

Year End Party

Vice-President asked membership to sign up to bring food that has to be brought to the party

The Vince Valade award will be reduced to four categories:

Best New Hampshire self-collected specimen for the year.

Best Other self-collected specimen for the year.

Best Faceted Stone (Small, Medium, and Large).

Best Jewelry/Other Lapidary work (ex. Cabochon, carving, etc.).

There will be an email from the Vice-President with more information sent to the membership.

There will be changes to the Yankee Swap made to reduce the time. An email will be sent to the membership at a later date to further clarify the changes.

The annual donation to the Salvation Army is already in the budget, and the Vice –President has further information on other ways we can help.

NEW MEMBERS:

DOOR PRIZES:

Donated by: CMC, Peter Cram, and Mike Cordero.

Winners: Jim Young, Edna Whitmore, Stephen Jonasch, Doug Peck, and Bob Wilken.

11.8 MOTION TO ADJOURN at 4:40 PM **SECONDED:** Don Dallaire

DISPOSITION: Voted on and passed by membership 34 in favor – 0 against.



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December 1, 2018	March 23-24, 2019: Hadley MA
Club Meeting: Holiday Get Together 12:00– 4:00PM	Connecticut Valley Mineral, Jewelry, Fossil Show
January 5, 2019	August 09-11, 2019: West Springfield, MA
Club Meeting: 2:00PM	East Coast Gem, Mineral, Fossil Show.
Speaker: TBD	Eastern States Exposition
Refreshments TBD	
February 2, 2019	
Club Meeting: Workshop 2:00PM	
March 2, 2019	
Club Meeting: 2:00PM	
Speaker: TBD	
Refreshments TBD	
April 2, 2019	
Club Meeting: 2:00PM	
Speaker: TBD	
Refreshments TBD	
May 2, 2019	
Club Meeting: 2:00PM	
Speaker: TBD	
Refreshments TBD	