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Words from the President:

Summer is sizzling for the Santa Lucia Rockhounds! We have lots of irons in the fire, starting with what is sure to be a firecracker presentation for our July program. Our very own Chris Driesbach will be speaking on "Agates of the Central Coast." This is definitely a talk not to be missed.

The July meeting will also ignite the first in a series of amendments to our bylaws. Many of the existing provisions are outdated or difficult to administer. We will be starting with the timing of membership renewals and the length of elected officer terms. Our Rock Show 2018 discussions will also continue, as we must now recruit a Show Coordinator.

In mid to late August the sparks will fly as we take on the heat with another field trip! Don Huntington and Don Pierce have once again worked their magic, by getting the club permission to go on a private party collecting adventure about an hour to the north of us. Look for upcoming announcements as the details get ironed out.

Our Annual Club Picnic & Demo Day will be coming up in September, and we will be firing up the barbecue. If ideas are flickering in your head on what activities you'd like to see at this event, I'd love to hear them.

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Hope the rocks don't get too hot.

Tina



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Santa Lucia Rockhounds monthly public meetings:

General Meeting: 7pm Templeton Community Center
July 1, 2017 601 Main Street, Templeton

Board Meeting: 7pm Rabobank Meeting Room
July 31, 2017 1025 Las Tablas Road, Templeton

Upcoming Program Speakers:

19 JUN: **Wayne Mills**, Program "Treasure Hunting via Metal Detecting"

17 JUL: **Chris Driesbach**, Program "Agates of the Central Coast"

21 AUG: **Galen Moyer** and **Barbara Bilyeu**, Program "Thundereggs"

September: No public meeting

16 OCT: **Doren Strane**, Program **Gold Sniping**

20 NOV: **Kathy Clarke**, Program "Rock Balancing All Over America"

December: No public meeting

In the News:

New iceberg down in Antarctica the size of Rhode Island.



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Upcoming California Rock and Gem Shows:

JULY

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

July 8 - 9: CULVER CITY

Culver City Rock & Mineral Club
Website: www.culvercityrocks.org



August 4 - 6: NIPOMO

Orcutt Mineral Society
www.omsinc.org

August 19 - 20: SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society
www.sfgemshow.org

September 23 - 24: LODI, CA

Stockton Lapidary & Mineral Club
www.stocktonlapidary.com

September 23 - 24: MONTEREY, CA

Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society
www.cvgms.org

September 23 - 24: REDWOOD CITY, CA

Sequoia Gem & Mineral Society
www.sequoiagemandmineralsociety.org

Board Meeting Minutes:

JUNE 5, 2017

Board meeting commenced at 7:03 pm at the Community Services in Templeton.

Roll Call:

Board Members Present - Tina Clark, President; Will Persall, Treasurer; Barbara Bilyeu, Past President; John McCabe, VP Education; Doren Strane, Senior Director; John Hollenbeck, VP Programs; Cathy McIntosh, Secretary
(Absent – Diane Brooke, VP Communications; Galen Moyer, Junior Director)

Committee Members Present - David Nelson, Merchandise; Barbara Bilyeu, Museum Exhibits & Library; Doren Strane, Hospitality; Laurie Pudwill, Newsletter

Guests- Gene Bilyeu

Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to approve the May Board Meeting and General Meeting Minutes. Motion passed.

Correspondence:

All May newsletters were returned to the PO Box undeliverable due to improper postage. Laurie will resend out those that go to club members and advise NCI. We also received AFMS newsletters, a tax filing reminder, an account conversion package from Pacific Premiere, and a receipt of payment from KPRL.

Reports:

President - Karen Clark is now appointed drawing chairperson and Sam Alvis will be co-chair. The AFMS/CFMS show will be in Ventura this weekend (June 9-11) in Ventura.

Treasurer - (Presented by Tina) - The May General Meeting took in \$166.10 (Membership-\$0, Drawing - \$88, Auction - \$72.50, Badge fees - \$5, Library - 60 cents. Bills paid include the TCSD room rental and the port-a-potty rental for the field trip.

Secretary - Cathy will not be at the June General Meeting. John H. offered to do the minutes. Guest names will no longer be listed in the minutes, only how many guests are present. New member names will still be recorded.

VP Programs - Wayne Mills will be demonstrating & explaining metal detectors at the June meeting. July program is still open.

VP Education - This is the second year the club did not receive any college scholarship applications. Scholarships were made available to local high school students pursuing a major in the Earth sciences. The Board plans to re-evaluate this program and look into alternatives at a future meeting.

Library - Barbara will be out of town, so there will be no library at the June meeting.

Museum Exhibits - Barbara visited recently, and everything is still looking good.

Merchandise - David has been researching the cost of club hats. So far he hasn't been able to beat the price of the current provider.

Hospitality – Doren will not be here for the July general meeting and needs someone to cover hospitality.

Business:

By-laws Amendment – A lengthy list of items in the by-laws warranting amendment was distributed and discussed. The procedure and timeline for processing a by-laws amendment was reviewed. The group agreed to process the bylaws revisions in chunks, over several general meetings beginning with membership renewals and officer terms. The timing of membership renewal as it relates to club activities, new members joining the club after the show, and CFMS reporting was discussed. The group agreed the amendment should move the membership term from the calendar year to September 1 to August 31, with renewals to begin August 1, and non-renewing members to be dropped after a grace period to end December 1. The length of elected officer terms should be made consistent to be one year. The officer to year consecutive term limit should be able to be overridden by special vote of the general membership.

Scheduling – The July board meeting will be on Thursday 7/6 at 7:00 pm at Rabobank in Templeton to avoid conflict with the 4th of July holiday. The August board meeting was rescheduled to Monday, July 31, location TBD. The September Picnic & Demo Day was scheduled for the September 16 (the third Saturday of the month) pending confirmation from Galen. John H. and David volunteered their barbecuing services to cut down on the cost of this event. The shed cleanout was postponed until November 4. John H. has a possible buyer for the club's 60 tables. John was authorized to proceed as soon as he wanted to schedule the transaction. A motion was made and seconded to sell the tables at \$10 a piece, with all proceeds to be used towards the purchase of lightweight, eight foot tables. Motion passed.

Rock Show Dealer Refunds -Two vendors who had paid for their spaces but were not able to attend the show have requested refunds. Both had special circumstances. One recruited a suitable replacement for themselves. The other gave us enough time to fill their space. A motion to refund both amounts in full was made and seconded. Motion passed.

2018 Rock Show – Tina is still waiting to hear back from the fairgrounds about the April 21 & 22 dates as well as the weekend before and after. John Hollenbeck reported on his investigation of Santa Margarita Ranch as a possible alternative location and did not recommend the site. Tina tried to get hold of the Atascadero Armory but the phone number does not go through. After further discussion, the group decided this would not make a good location. The group decided to move forward with the weekend of April 21 & 22 at the Fairgrounds if the facility is available. Tina informed the group she will not continue on as President next term, if a Show Coordinator is not found. She believes this is too much work to ask any one person to take on and does not want to be forced into the position of once again taking on this responsibility or have to cancel the show. After a lengthy discussion, the group decided these concerns be shared with the general membership and vote taken on whether or not to have a show in 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.

General Meeting Minutes:

JUNE 19, 2017

Open Meeting/Flag Salute

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President Clark.

Badge Check – Conducted by Colby Gentry.

Sunshine Kid – Ruth and Abigail Pritchard led the birthday and anniversary recognition. Birthdays: Karen Clark, Richard Smithen, and Sharon Whisenhunt were recognized for having a birthday in June. Wedding Anniversaries: Don Pierce was recognized for 54 years of marriage.

Welcome/Introductions - Welcome to the Santa Lucia RockHounds, we are a club to educate and learn about the study of rocks and different fields related to geology. - Visitors: There were several visitors to the meeting. Patti visiting from Hawaii. Michelle Oliver, Christy and Ben, and Gale were visitors who heard about the club at the Rock Show. A family of five was also in attendance, and the Phillips Family heard about the club at the Caledonia Days in San Miguel.

Membership No new members joined at the June meeting. President Clark announced that hard copies of the club register are available for those who do not have e-mail.

Board of Directors Meeting Reminder- The membership was informed that because our normal Board of Directors' meeting falls on the 4th of July, we will be meeting on Thursday July 6th at our usual Rabobank location in Templeton. The Board of Director's meeting is open to all club members.

Junior Rockhounds Report - John McCabe – John had six showmanship awards to present to Junior Rockhounds for displaying their rocks at the Rock Show.

Rock Show - The membership was informed that at the last Board of Directors' meeting a tentative date and location was set for the 2018 Rock & Gem Show, but that the Board decided it needed to run the whole idea of even having a Rock & Gem show by the entire membership. This was because of: 1) the amount of work it takes to pull off the show, 2) not being able to recruit a show coordinator this last year, and 3) the fact that only about half of the club's 50 adult members participate in the planning and/or implementation of the show.- President Clark showed two slides highlighting the benefits of having the show. Slide #1 outlined the qualitative reasons (fulfills our mission relating to the education, advancement of the hobby, etc.) Slide #2 depicted the fiscal benefit of the show, and that it keeps our budget balanced without having to find more revenue sources or cutting back our operating expenses.

| Year | Net Budget with Show | Net Budget without Show |
|------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 2017 | \$5,711* | (\$2,949)* |
| 2016 | \$794 | (\$4,737) |
| 2015 | \$923 | (\$3,788) |
| 2014 | (\$2,558) | (\$4,117) |
| 2013 | \$577 | (\$746) |
| 2012 | (\$2,483) | (\$3,313) |



* Year end estimate.

President Clark led a discussion on whether the club's membership desires to have a Rock Show or not. On a motion by Kathy Clarke, and a second by Laurie Pudwill, there was an overwhelming consensus of those in attendance to continue having the Rock Show (one member voted no, none abstained). President Clark clearly identified that a Show Coordinator(s) is needed to be independent from the club president, and that she will not serve in both positions in 2018. The discussion turned to the location of the venue. The Board had looked into two alternative locations to the fairgrounds both which were determined to not be feasible. One of our past President's, Richard Smithen identified a strategy of combining the Rock Show with the ones put on by other local clubs in the (Orcutt and San Luis Obispo) and have it at the Madonna Inn. President Clark appreciated this suggestion. Club member, Jack Ravin volunteered to investigate various wineries in the region to determine the likelihood of them hosting the event. This investigation is because the Paso Robles Event Center has so many unknown contingency items (parking, usage of set-up areas, tables, etc.) that are last-minute decisions that cause angst when planning the event.

Reports: Drawing - Karen Clark/Sam Alvis – Tickets available for several items. Silent Auction - Pete Duckworth – Items available for club members to purchase. Hospitality - Doren needs someone to cover for the club's July Meeting. Laurie Pudwill volunteered. Library – Absent (no report) Guest Rocks – Several members presented items to show and tell. on Huntington and Don Pierce shared several rocks and fossils they recently gathered up in the San Ardo area. They obtained permission from the property owner for the club to have a field trip at this location and wanted to know the interest of the membership. The group overwhelming voted to have a field trip at this location over the summer, despite the heat and lack of nearby facilities. The exact date of the trip will be worked out and presented at the July meeting. Newsletter - Laurie Pudwill - Deadline the 1st of the Month Programs – John Hollenbeck identified that a program for July is needed. Chris Driesbach volunteered to make a presentation of Agates of the Central Coast. Other Announcements - Wayne Mills, President of the Orcutt Club, reminded everyone of the showing coming up August 5th -7th. Mr. Wayne Mills, a member of the Central Coast Treasure Hunters Association, provided an entertaining program on treasure hunting with a metal detector. He brought dozens of show-and-tell items of treasures that he has found, including a large container of metal buttons, a large selection of Hot Wheels ® cars that he also gave away to the Junior Rockhounds at the end of the meeting, along with several necklaces, a display case full of various rings, and large display case of many unique treasures (one item thought to be a cross from the chest plate of Spanish explorers). The Central Coast Treasure Hunters Association meets monthly, usually the third Thursday of the month, at the Animal Care Clinic on Tank Farm Road in San Luis Obispo.

Meeting adjourned Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Discussion: Part One of the Proposed Amendments to the club by-laws

by President Tina Clark

The Board has put together a series of by-laws amendments to be brought before the General Membership for adoption. The club's by-laws were last amended in 1997 and contain several outdated provisions. Part One of the by-laws amendment will be discussed and voted on at the July 17 General Meeting. Part Two will be discussed and voted on in August. Please note, only the sections and subsections of each Article to be amended are shown.

Proposed Amendment- Part One

Article IV- Officers (section 9) - This section is being amended to allow for elected officers to serve for more than two terms upon vote of the general membership and to eliminate reference to Article V (see below).

Article V- Board of Directors (section 1) - This section being amended to eliminate conflicting lengths of elected officer terms. This section currently stipulates elected officers serve a two-year term. Other places in the by-laws indicate this should be a one-year term. We are changing it to be a one-year term. This amendment also deletes the term "Junior" in front of "Past President".

Article VII - Dues- (sections 2, 3 & 4) - Section 2 is being amended to include the full name of CFMS. Sections 3 and 4 are being amended to simplify the administrative implementation of our membership renewal process. Currently membership renewals are to take place between September 1 and the December meeting for the following calendar year. Because of our club picnic and our holiday dinner meetings, this only leaves the October and November meetings for us to process renewals. A huge portion of the membership does not renew until January and February of the following year. This creates a conflict with our membership reporting to CFMS as we are required to give them our membership roster and pay insurance based on our membership figures as of December 31 of each year. The schedule also requires new members joining after the Rock Show to pay full dues, when, if they waited an additional month, dues would be prorated to half.

The proposed amended would change the term of the club's membership to September 1 to August 31. It would allow membership renewals to begin in August and to complete by the November meeting. This gives adequate time for membership renewals to be processed and the CFMS notification to be sent without having to burden incoming Board members and committee chairs with this task. This would also move up the membership prorate period to April, allowing Rock Show member recruits to pay the prorated dues level.

Proposed By-Laws Amendment Part One

("As Read" Version)

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS

9. All officers shall serve for a term of one year. Elected officers may not serve more than two consecutive terms unless approved by a majority of votes cast by members present at a regular meeting.

ARTICLE V – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The Board of Directors consists of the elected officers, the Past President, and two members elected by the membership. The elected board members shall serve for a term of one year each. The elected officers shall serve during the term of their election.

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ARTICLE VII – DUES

2. Annual corporation dues must include a share to cover the California Federation of Mineralogical Societies per capita insurance premium and per capita dues, in addition to a reasonable amount toward the operating expenses of the corporation. The Federation share must be included in the corporation dues. The Federation share is established by that body and is not negotiable.
3. Annual dues cover the twelve month period from September 01 to August 31. Annual dues shall be due and payable August 01 and will become delinquent after the November meeting. Dues of new members shall be prorated April 01 through July 31 to be one half of the annual dues.
4. Any member who is in arrears in the payment of dues beyond a grace period ending with the November meeting shall be dropped from the membership rolls. A former member so removed from the rolls may be reinstated upon payment of dues in full.

Minutiae:

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Annual Dues are \$20 for the first adult and \$8 each for every additional member in the same household. Dues are payable between 1 September and 31 December, in person at the meetings or by mail. Members in good standing receive the **Rockonteur** by mail or email.

We are a member of the **California Federation of Mineralogical Societies (CFMS)** and affiliated with the **American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS)**. **Santa Lucia Rockhounds, Inc.** is also a member of the **American Lands Access Association (ALAA)**.

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