



ROCK PICKENS

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY ROCK & MINERAL CLUB Date: October 2014

October 2014

The next regular meeting will be held on Wed. October 1st, 6:00 PM, at the Canton Library. Pot Luck dinner; bring a dish to pass and table settings. We will have a recap of our annual show.

President: William deLorraine

Vice President: Scott Sutherland

Secretary: Joanna deLorraine

Treasurer: Chris Sutherland

Field Trip Coordinator: Jerry Curcio

Show Chairperson: Bob Taillon

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2015 Membership Dues from August 2014 to August 2015

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Single Membership: \$10.00. Family Membership: (Family members under the same roof at the same mailing address): \$20.00

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THE CLUB'S WEBSITE:

www.stLawrencecountymineralclub.org

Upcoming Shows

October 25-26: Rochester, NY - 45th Annual Rochester Gem, Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show sponsored by the Rochester Lapidary Society. The Main Street Armory, 900 East Main Street, Rochester, NY. Saturday 10am-6pm, Sunday 10 am-5pm. Web site: <http://www.rochesterlapidary.org/>



Minutes Sept. 3rd 2014 Meeting:

Three new members attended the September meeting. Pot luck dinner was enjoyed by all. Introductions were made. Chris read the treasurer's report. Annual show profits this year were a little less than last years' due to increased expenditures this year, some of them non-recurring such as costs incurred to repair damage to ruts in the Madrid community field, UV lamp repairs, and Kid's mineral kit samples, some of which we will not need to purchase again for another year or two. Nevertheless, net income was right in line with the numbers for the previous 5 years so we should all be proud of what we accomplished. We'll be able to fund student mineralogy scholarships at SUNY Potsdam and St. Lawrence University again this year. Under old business it was noted that we need new bases for the signs next year. Some members mentioned that a few signs were missing and that we'll need to complete an inventory and order new ones for next year. When we do, we should change



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the size of the letters "Rock & Gem show". Bill and Joanna went to look at a possible new show site at the Power Equipment Museum in Madrid. We had some damage to the field this year because of the rain and we will have to pay to get it repaired. It has been noted in years past that should consider moving the vendors to higher grounds; this year it caught up with us. The Power Equipment site has wonderful facilities and a spacious pole barn with lots more area, but the downside is they feature a truck show every other year there the same weekend as our show. Their main building has 28 tables, which is plenty; the pole barn would not be of use because it is distant from the exhibitors. The tractor barn is brand new, plenty of room for vendors.

We discussed possibilities of having activity meetings in Jan. and Feb to assemble specimen boxes comprised of collector grade specimens and crystals from St. Lawrence County and the NW Adirondacks in general.. Bill noted we need to submit our show permit much earlier in the year as the Madrid Town Board votes on whether or not we can hold the show there. This year the board held the vote two weeks before the actual show date! Inasmuch as these dates were reserved a full year in advance we found this situation difficult to fathom and we need to investigate further.. We can't afford to take the chance of something going wrong as the vendors have already paid well in advance and in addition many make their livelihoods and retirement incomes doing these shows. We simply cannot afford to be "cancelled out" at the 11th hour.

It was noted that the hot dog vendor at the show was still very slow; people waited 10 minutes at times for their food. Some walked away.

Scott suggested we select "Show Chair" early in the year; Show Chair can form his/her own committee which would then take care of the nitty-gritty details behind the scenes that currently tend to bog down some of the meetings. That would allow more time for speakers and interesting programs.

Bill and Joanna will bring thank-you cards to the next meeting for all to sign for Dave Millis and for Stuart Gardner who donated many minerals to the club that he inherited from Bob Simon, an

engineer who used to work at Benson Mines. Chris is looking into having the Christmas Party at "The Club" in Canton on Dec. 6th; save the date. Cocktails at 5:30 pm and dinner at 6:00. Looking for a speaker. Scott read the lovely letter from Dave Millis who is crafting a special large dragonfly for the Gouverneur Museum out of Benson mines mica. Thanks for all you do Dave!! Scott gave Bill a rare and colorful Dulcote agate geode from England to take to the Gouverneur Museum for display in Sept. Bill will have his collection of geodes on display there as will Jerry Curcio. (As of this writing the exhibit opened to record numbers).

Tall and short amethyst cathedrals, celestine geode, now on display at the Gouverneur Museum.

