

Bellevue Rock Club Meeting Minutes

6 March 2018

Meeting began 7:00 pm at Aldersgate Methodist Church, Bellevue, WA

Secretary's report – There were no February meeting minutes as the Secretary was out of town.

Treasurer's report – Emery Bayley reported on the club's finances.

Show Report – The East KingCo Rock and Gem show held over the weekend 3-4 March 2018 at Pickering Barn in Issaquah was an unqualified success, though there were some criticisms regarding how crowded it was both inside and in the parking areas. Attendance was in the ballpark of 2,800 for Saturday, and 1,700 for Sunday. A thank-you from Cindy Smith, Chair of East KingCo show, was given for BRC's participation in helping set up, take down and various assorted tasks during the show.

Field Trip Report – Places discussed for possible BRC field trips were Red Top Mtn, Saddle Mtn, and doing an Ellensburg Blue trip. Kevin/Bruce did some 'rockhounding' in Bruce's driveway. Emery is going to Yachats, OR at the end of the month and will report on what he finds. A word of caution by Bill Stevenson to be aware that car break-ins are common in that area. Carole/Kevin Rust talked about smoky quartz at both Crystal Park (Dillon) and Pryor Mtn (near Billings), MT. Emery and Kevin said that Rapid City, SD has some Fairburns and the Herkimer diamonds come from NY.

Old Business report – Bruce Himco has taken care of the paperwork for the BRC show Oct 27 & 28, 2018. A FB event page costs \$500. New member, Raylene, a graphic designer has offered to help with advertising set up.

New Business report – Four new members were introduced: Raylene, Elizabeth/John and Jeanette. Later, prospective new member, Tabby, presented some of her finds to the group. Reminder: the North Seattle Lapidary & Mineral Club is having their show this weekend (March 10-11) at a new place: Crown Hill Center, 9250 14th Ave NW, Seattle, WA. A chartered bus trip (\$20 round trip) to Abbotsford, B.C., Canada for the B.C. Gem Show sponsored by the Everett Rock & Gem Club is set for April 7, 2018. There will be 4 pick-up sites. You can call 360-658-7435 for more information. The April 3 BRC mtg will be a talk by Glen Ripper re: Obsidian (2 handouts provided). The May mtg will have speaker Bob Jackson. The June mtg will be presented by Chris Mathison, a colleague of Nick Zentner's at CWU. Bill Engstrom reported that Susan Gardner will talk about the Tucson Gem show at the IVRC (Issaquah Valley Rock Club) mtg.

Show and Tell – Veda Depaepe shared some quartz crystals with liquid inclusions that came from Utah. Bill Stevenson showed us his handiwork on cutting/polishing a Brazilian agate he had purchased from one of our silent auctions, as well as a thunder egg, possibly from Richardson's Ranch in OR.

Louise Joost was absent, so refreshments were provided by Emery Bayley which we enjoyed while bidding on the silent auction rocks.

A reference to the word 'elestial' quartz/smoky quartz produced this from a web search: Elestials refer to the crystalline multi-faceted surface of crystals that is over-brimming with *symmetrical terminations*.

Program – The evening program was a video from the 43rd RMS (Rochester Mineral Symposium), titled "Crystalline Showcases" by John Koivula. The talk provided information and lots of pictures regarding inclusions in many forms and in many types of rocks.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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