

Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club, Inc.

The Shin-Skinner News — May 2020



Who knows what the future holds for meeting schedules? We do know we will not have a meeting in May.



In March, we had a club meeting with a program of "Show and Tell", along with much discussion about the then upcoming show.

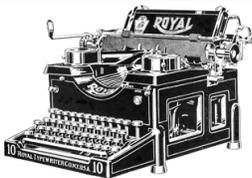


Alas, Che-Hanna's show had to be canceled because of the Pandemic.



Facebook

Some of our show vendors were understandably upset by the show cancellation, and made use of a virtual gem show organized by Richard Meier on Facebook. Search for the group "North East gemshows"



This bulletin serves as the announcement of the slate of officers and board members for the next term. See the next page. I anticipate providing the list again in the June bulletin, before our next meeting.

Visit us at our website: <http://www.chehannarocks.com>

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Club Election News

President David Millis provided the results of the nominating committee—it completed the slate of officers and board members.

As he intended, Millis decided on Wednesday, May 6, that there would be no May meeting.

The slate for the next term would normally be presented at the May meeting for voting at the June meeting.

Slate of officers:

President Bruce Benish
 Vice President Ted Rieth
 Secretary Mary Walter
 Treasurer Trish Benish

Board members (3)

Frank Meadows
 Jeff Benish
 Duane Wells

May Meeting Canceled

There will be no club meeting in May.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be at Satterlee Creek Park, on Sunday, June 21 at 11am.

We will, at least, vote on new officers.

Sunshine Report

This report was intended for the April Shin-Skinner.

Hope you all are not bothered by that virus going around that has practically closed everything down. Hope it's over with soon. Don't forget, wash your hands often. It's like we never do.

Happy Birthday wishes to Pat Chapman, April 1st; Joe Shepler, 2nd; Anna Markevitch, 11th; Miss Sunshine, 12th; Ed Sick, 16th; Tom Beck, 18th; Jeff Benish, 19th. Have a nice day,

Please keep in thoughts and prayer Inga Wells, Mary Walter and Tom Beck as they are going through some medical issues. Hope it all turns out well.

Thoughts to anyone else who may be under the weather and need some cheer. Please let me know and I'll do the best I can to take care of it.

Heard that ticks are out in full force already, so if you plan a walk, please dress accordingly and check when you get home to be sure none are on you or your clothing. These things are as bad as the virus going around.

Hopefully the April meeting will not be cancelled. Just have to play it by ear. It was a sad situation that most of the mineral shows and the EFMLS Convention had to be cancelled and it's just too hard to try and re-schedule.

—Take care,
 Miss Sunshine

Upcoming Shows & Events



As you might imagine, the Covid-19 pandemic has thrown every schedule into chaos. Mineral shows and other activities are always big gatherings, so all their status is canceled, postponed, or uncertain.

I can't find out more than sketchy information, so there are no listings for this issue.

Minutes of the March Club Meeting

Jeff Benish was acting president. The pledge of allegiance was said. There were 25 members present.

Jeffery Dang offered information on the upcoming US census.

You will receive a postcard in the mail with information about completing the census. There are 3 ways it can be done: online, call the phone number on the card, or someone will come to your home.

If you have a representative come to your home, make sure they have a name tag with a picture. Do not give any information about your social security number or any banking information.

The program this month was "show and tell"; 12 members had something to show.

Bill Chapman demonstrated how to do dob sticks.

Last month's minutes were read and approved. Inga Wells, 1st. Trish Benish, 2nd.

JoAnn McGuire read the sunshine report. There are 6 birthdays in the month of March. JoAnn is trying something a bit different. She is calling some of the members who are unable to attend meetings and letting us know how they are doing.

Trish Benish read the treasurer's report; it was approved for file. Trish also gave thanks to Inga and Duane Wells for all the help with the Open Forest Program.

The Milligans presented information on Wild Acres. The first session is full -- there are openings for the second session. Check the Wild Acres web site for more information.

"Show Business"

We need volunteers. The doors will open for set up at 9am Friday. The club trailer will be taken from the fire station on Thursday. Sandy kKeener's son will be taking care of this again this year.

Doughnuts and coffee will be provided in the morning on set up day. (Trish Benish will pick up.) Pizza will be provided in the afternoon on set up day and in the evening on take down day.

Dob sticks will be worked on by anyone who can after set up is done.

Bob McGuire will be doing 3 viewings on Saturday and 2 on Sunday. "UV Bob" will be teaching at Wild Acres for the fall session.

It was decided not to offer the pies that were a possibility. It was decided to give the fire department the information what was gathered in case they would like to offer the pies.

It was discussed about putting out the road signs after last year's problem; it was decided to put the signs out.

Meeting adjourned.

—Mary Walter



Jennifer collects kimberlites



Hazel showed selfcollected
rare copper specimens



John shows family heirloom

Minutes of the March Board Meeting

We tasted pie that we possibly will offer at the rock show. After great discussion, it was decided not to offer the pies and to offer the information we have to the firemen in case they would like to offer the pies. We don't have the volunteers that would be needed to cover that table.

The treasurer's report was read. There was great discussion on how the report is completed. The cost of unapproved pie was reimbursed. The report was approved for audit.

Hazel Remaley stated that she had spoken with a member of the fire department concerning the food being offered for the show. He stated that there would be more items offered than just hot dogs.

We decided that the dob sticks would be worked on after set up was completed on Friday.

Trish would take care of getting coffee and doughnuts the morning of set up. Ted Rieth will take care of pizza for the afternoon of set up day and pizza for the evening of take down. Trish will get soda and paper products to go with the pizza.

The mini mine is ready to go.

Inga will be giving her students tickets for admission; she will pay for them at the end of the show.

There will be no scavenger hunt at the show this year.

Wild Acres: UV Bob will be teaching this year at the second session. If interested in attending, check online for information.

Jeff brought up a possible Herkimer trip in the fall.

It was discussed about putting the club trophies in the trailer for storage.

Meeting adjourned.

—Mary Walter

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PURPOSE: The club was organized in 1962 in Sayre, PA to assemble for the purpose of studying and collecting rock, mineral, fossil, and shell specimens, and to develop skills in the lapidary arts. We are members of the Eastern Federation of Mineralogical & Lapidary Societies (EFMLS) and the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS).

DUES are payable to the treasurer BY January 1st of each year. After that date membership will be terminated. Make checks payable to Che-Hanna Rock & Mineral Club, Inc. as follows: \$12.00 for Family; \$8.00 for Subscribing Patron; \$8.00 for Individual and Junior members (under age 17) not covered by a family membership.

MEETINGS are held at the Sayre High School (on Lockhart St) at 7:00 PM in the cafeteria, the 2nd Wednesday each month, except JUNE, JULY, AUGUST, and DECEMBER. Those meetings and events (and any changes) will be announced in this newsletter, with location and schedule, as well as on our website chehannarocks.com. Visitors are always welcome.

FIELD TRIPS are scheduled regularly from May through September; dates and details will be announced in this newsletter and on the club website.

ARTICLES submitted for publishing should be emailed to the editor using any text (ASCII) format; attempt will be made to use whatever is sent. Please make paragraphs obvious.

Deadline for submissions to the next Shin-Skinner issue is **15-May-2020**. Whatever you send me is likely to get published, so please **clearly mark** any part you don't want to see in print. Articles without by-line are written by the editor.

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