

ROCK TRAILS



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2021 Officers and Directors

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Secretary: Richard Brzezicki, 269 267-7666
Treasurer: Doris Brzezicki, 269 267-1123
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Second Year Director: Jan Hauter, 517 286-6971
Third Year Director: Bill Schultz, 419 335-6791
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President's Note

Thank You to everyone who came to the meeting. We discussed many topics and nominated officers.

The clubhouse was very clean and fresh. Bill & Mary Schultz, Richard Brzezicki, and Jim Heller worked hard to make the clubhouse the best I've ever seen it. Greg also did repairs which we definitely appreciated.

The silent auction was very nice and we all were able to buy some nice specimens.

Thank you to Sherm for putting that together for us.

Linda Wielfaert checked into semi trailers to buy/rent. Due to shortages of everything this will not be an option for us.

The Lenawee Community Foundation at 1440 W Maumee in Adrian will let us meet for free. Charlene will pick up the key on December 2nd or 3rd and turn in the provided form to meet there December 5th. We could use this location for several meetings but we would need to work with them to determine exactly how long we can meet there.

However, the clubhouse looks so great now that we could go back to meeting there.

Our Christmas gathering will be held December 11th at the Asian Buffet at 1374 S Main St, Adrian at 5:00 pm. I gave them a count of 20 to 30 people. If this date doesn't work for many of you or the time needs to be tweaked please let me know. If anything changes I will write you again. If you can let me know if you're coming and how many you will be bringing, it will help significantly. I will let the buffet know how many are attending the weekend before. I hope I see most or all of you there.

I have been watching a piece of property on the corner of Ogden Hwy and Carlton Rd. I was finally able to track down the owner. It may be a possibility for a future clubhouse. We are trying to meet the owner and look at the property. The owner has been quite busy but we hope to view it soon.

We discussed whether the President of the club and the Treasurer should be on our bank account with full online access. I attempted to keep the conversation business but once again there were a few who instantly made it personal. We are a Not for Profit business. Everyone should be able to share in the responsibilities and decisions. We respect and appreciate our former founders and members but life has changed considerably in the past 60 years. Change is good for a club. It's important to keep business and personal separate. That's how we can grow and include new members. The club decided that there should be 2 board members on our account who are not a couple and with full electronic access. The club will vote to decide who other than the treasurer will be added to the account.

The Nominating Committee listed myself and Ed for President, Charlene for VP, Doris and Kathy for Treasurer and Richard for Secretary. We need possibly 2 Directors. Bill Schultz isn't running again for the position and Heidi has stepped down from her director position. Curt Miller is running for one of the open Director's positions. However, Kathy and I are stepping down from our nomination. If there is anyone you

would like to nominate please let me know or attend the next meeting to nominate and vote. We left the nominations open in case someone would like to step forward or has a nomination.

What date do we want to hold our January meeting on? Normally it would be January 2nd. Do we want to choose a different date?

I look forward to seeing all of you at the next meeting.

Take Care,
Glenda Gafner

Secretary's Report

The November 7th meeting of the State Line Gem and Mineral Society was called to order by President Glenda at 2:18 PM. There were 14 members present. Glenda led the members with the pledge of allegiance, then Richard B. gave the invocation.

Bill Schultz noted that last month's newsletter had an incorrect spelling in a guest's name. It should have been Rich Kussmaul instead of Cusbaugh. Linda Miller made a motion to accept the secretary's report as printed in the newsletter with the spelling correction. The motion was seconded by Charlene and passed with all in favor.

Glenda stated that Linda W. checked into renting or buying semi trailers as discussed in last month's newsletter. Linda found that due to the supply chain problems, there were no roadworthy trailers for sale and the storage containers were not guaranteed to be leak-proof and we would have to pay in cash. It did not sound like a good investment.

There was discussion about finding a larger place for our meetings. Glenda did lots of research at several locations. She will contact the committee for a possibility of renting what was previously a church or school at 3973 Ogden Highway in Madison Township to see what the committee recommends. She also tentatively reserved a space for next month's meeting at **the Lenawee Community Foundation at 1440 West Maumee St. in Adrian for December 5th**. This is a free meeting place and the members present seemed to like that idea so that will be our next meeting location on December 5th.

December is also our cookie exchange meeting so don't forget to bring cookies. There was some discussion about our annual Christmas dinner which we usually have at a restaurant. Glenda checked with the Family Kitchen where we previously had the dinner and found that they now require a minimum of 20 guests. There is also a new requirement that an organization is required to pay \$100.00 at the time the reservation is made and if there are less than 20 people who attend, the \$100.00 is forfeited. Steve said he would pay the \$100.00 and if there are less than 20 attendees it would be ok if he lost the money. Further discussion revealed that there was a restaurant in Lyons Ohio called Kay's which used to be the Lyons Den Restaurant. Linda M. will check into the possibility of having the club's Christmas dinner there and report at the December 5th meeting.

Bill Schultz reported that we were running low on geodes. We could use more \$10.00 and up sizes of the Indiana geodes and we needed 100 pounds each of the 3 ½ “ and 2 ½” Mexican geodes. Sherm made a motion to order the 100 pounds each of the Mexican geodes. Jim seconded the motion which passed with all in favor.

Glenda stated that she was going to Arizona for two weeks in January 2022. Jim will be going there in December and Sherm, Ray and Henry will be going December 22nd. Let Glenda know if you want to go along and she requests that if members are there at the same time, they could get together for field trips.

Glenda mentioned that she wanted to reopen an issue which was previously tabled at a previous meeting. She feels that the president should have full access to the club’s bank account. Currently, Doris who is the treasurer and her husband Richard who is secretary, and Sherm who is show chair, are all three on the club’s bank account. One concern was that if Richard and Doris were in an accident there would be no one to access the account. However, Sherm would still be able to access the account. Kathy made a motion to amend the club’s constitution/by-laws to specify that the club’s bank account should have two unrelated board members on the account. One should be the treasurer and the other an unrelated board member. Bill Schultz seconded the motion which passed with two abstaining. Doris noted that the change would have to be submitted to maintain our 501 c 3 status. Steve said he would write the change and submit the proper paperwork.

The nominating committee had the following members willing to accept positions:

President	Edmund Jarzembski
Vice-President	Charlene Hacker
Treasurer	Doris Brzezicki
Secretary	Richard Brzezicki
First year Director	Curt Miller
Second year Director	blank
Third year Director	Jan Hauter

Since there were no other individuals interested in running, it was decided that we did not need to mail out ballots.

Doris got an email from Artalicious asking if we preferred a one day show or a two day show for next year’s Artalicious. A show of hands had the majority of members preferring a two day show.

Doris asked if anyone got any paperwork from Appleumpkin to attend next year. Sherm said he got the application. Glenda asked if he would be in charge of the applications for all the shows we do and he agreed.

Kathy made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Jim and passed with all in favor.

There was lots of discussion about changing the club by-laws to eliminate the appearance of impropriety and prohibit married couples or otherwise related individuals from having access to the club’s bank account. Steve carefully explained that it was no reflection on the current treasurer and secretary who are married to each other but it could lead to improper use of club funds if related people were on the same bank

account. If such a change is passed by the club (not just 12 members who attend meetings in this time of Covid-19) that would mean that Richard B. would have to be removed from access to the club's bank account. It would also mean that he could not write a check to the Post Office for stamps or pay any other club related expenses which require mobility since Doris has mobility issues. It is my opinion that if the club can not trust related/married people to be on the same bank account they should not be representing the club. Therefore, if the club by-laws are amended to prohibit related couples to be on the club's bank account, I will not be renewing my club membership.

Respectfully submitted by Richard Brzezicki

Treasurer's Report

Doris paid the rent and utilities and gave totals in checking and savings accounts. She also gave amounts earned from dues, geodes, grab bags and club sales. She paid for geodes ordered for sale at club events. Steve made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Charlene seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.

2022 Dues for membership in the State Line Gem & Mineral Society are now due.

The Dues are: Family Membership (Husband and Wife and Children under 18 years of age, all living under one roof)- \$15.00, Individual Adult Membership (All individuals over 18 years of age) - \$10.00. The above memberships are defined in Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution.

After the regular February meeting, all members whose dues remain unpaid shall receive a statement from the Treasurer. A Delinquent Member shall be that member whose dues are not paid by March 15th of the current year. Thereupon, voting privileges shall be revoked and publications discontinued. Full privileges shall be restored immediately upon payment of delinquent dues.

So, simply stated, what all the above information says is: Please pay your dues by February 06, 2022 so I don't have to remind you to pay them, and if you don't pay them by March 15, you will be delinquent and won't receive the newsletter or be allowed to vote until you do pay dues. Please pay your dues by checks made payable to State Line Gem & Mineral Society and mailed to Doris Brzezicki, 419 N Broad St, Adrian, MI 49221

Doris Brzezicki, Treasurer's

December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
5 Meeting 2 PM 1440 W Maumee St Adrian Cookie exchange	6	7	8	9	10	11 Christmas dinner 5 PM Asian Buffet 1374 S Main Adrian
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1

THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS - THE REAL STORY

-By Fran Sick (with apologies to CC Moore)

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house,
The rockhounds were dozing, both me and my spouse;
The pebble pups were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of crystals danced in their heads.
Then out on the lawn there arose such a racket,
I sprang from my bed and grabbed up a hatchet.
I threw open the door and ran out in the snow
And slipped on the ice and down I did go.
As I fell with a thump and felt a bone crack,
I saw a fat little man lying flat on his back.
Then what to my glazed-over eyes should appear,
But an overloaded sleigh and eight worn-out reindeer.
As I watched in surprise the fat man in red
Limped to the sleigh while holding his head.
Then up to the house-top the scraggly bunch flew,
With their sleigh full of rocks and some digging tools too.
And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof,
The stomping and scraping of all those damn hoofs.
Soon down the chimney St. Nick came with a crash;
With the weight in his bag, he fell flat in the ash.
His filthy red suit from his head to his foot,
was covered in ashes - on my white rug he stood.
A bundle of stuff was thrown over his back,
And he looked like a street person opening his pack.
His eyes, how they frowned, his face what a scowl.
When he tried to sit down, he let out a howl.
His droll little mouth was drawn up in scorn.
And the beard on his chin was ragged and torn.
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings, then turned with a jerk.
With a shake of his head and a thumb on his nose,
While rubbing his butt, up the chimney he rose.
He crawled to his sleigh, to his team gave a hoot.
As away they all dragged, they fell off the roof.
And I heard him complain as they lumbered out of sight,
"Can't they live without rocks for even one night??!"

-The Shin-Skinner News, Dec. 2004

Please add the following names to your membership lists:

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Welcome all new members to our club!!!

This is a photo of the location where our December meeting will be held. 1440 Maumee St, Adrian



Property of a potential clubhouse on 3973 Ogden Hwy





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SAT 9-5 / SUN 10-5

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CRACKING. SNACKS & MORE!!



