

**BOARD MINUTES**

**Tammy Fournier,**  
Secretary

The Board met on March 8, 2017. The meeting was conducted by our vice president, Bobbi Metzger, because president Robin DeVisser was out of town

The Board voted in fourteen new members.

Webb Varnum asked for members to call or write to the Governor's office to veto bill AB101, governing the management of the sage grouse.

Steve Norman announced that Cindy Burleson will be helping out with our public relations position.

There are concerns about the ceiling leaks loosening the hanging heater at the clubhouse, so Dan Ellis looked at it and tested it and he thinks it seems pretty stable.

The Board is considering changing the password on our website once a year for security purposes.

## **FLUORESCENT MINERALS DISPLAY**

**Steve Norman**

**Rob Kendrick** donated some green fluorescent dugway geodes from Utah. This almost doubles our fluorescent materials! So thank you Rob for your generous donation. Does anyone else have some fluorescent minerals? The Society would appreciate the loan of your materials. If you have some minerals like calcite crystals, gypsum crystals, aragonite, dolomite, fluorite, halite, chert, willemite, adamite, quartz clusters of small crystals, or sodalite let me know and we can go to the clubhouse and put them under the ultraviolet light to see if they shine. Thanks to **Bob Thomasson** we have a case that can project short, medium and long wave ultraviolet light.

## **THANK YOU, GUYS!**

**Steve Norman**  
for RGMS

**Gary Dalton** and **Drew Van Hooven** have been helping out at the General Meeting selling and awarding door prize drawings. A guest receives a free ticket and often Gary and Drew add to the collection of prizes with many of their own minerals from their personal collections. There are some really great prizes given out every meeting. You should check it out. Thanks again to Drew and Gary for their help.

**VOLUNTEER!**

**Thomas Nichols**

The Reno Gem and Mineral Society (RGMS) began in the mid '60s. We now have approximately 275 members. Annual dues are \$35 for individuals, \$50 for families.

The club provides

Rock hound trips (as many as 8 per year),  
Classes (for a small fee) in

Lapidary,  
Beading,  
Wire wrapping,  
Silver Fabrication  
Casting,  
Rock identification,  
And many others.

Educational seminars after club meetings,  
Summer and Christmas potluck dinners,  
Educational courses to the public at local schools and libraries.

The point is that as a club member you have access to benefits that **far** exceed the value of your membership dues.

How can RGMS make this multitude of benefits possible? The answer is from the huge number of hours and resources that **members** donate to RGMS.

As a member of six years, I suggest that the way to maximize your membership in RGMS is to **take advantage of what the club offers** and **donate time and resources** to RGMS. By participating in what RGMS offers you will expand your knowledge of a subject we all love (**rocks**) and meet and make friendships with some excellent people.

By donating to RGMS you help sustain **your** club.

Donations come in many forms.

**YOUR TIME.** The biggest fund raiser for RGMS is the Jackpot of Gems show. Members contribute a huge number of volunteer hours in setting up, running and cleaning up for the show. Dan has been pleading for months for members to volunteer to man the show. **Volunteer. now!** Every hour of time helps.

### **MEMBER DONATIONS.**

Where does the club get rocks for lapidary? For the Jackpot of Gems auctions? **member donations.**

How about the huge number of displays at the Jackpot? **member displays.**

How about the Wheel of Fortune polished rocks? **member donations.**

**Participate, volunteer and donate.** You will get far more back than you give.

*Editor's 2 cents: We're glad you come to the meetings, but you'll never get the most out of RGMS by just doing that. Take a class. Volunteer to do a job. That makes it fun. Tom's SO right.*