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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Visitors welcome to attend

EXECUTIVE meet monthly, fourth Wednesday of the month, 1pm, at Clubrooms, Parramatta-Holroyd Lapidary Club, 73 Fullager Rd, Wentworthville, NSW

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: March 22, 2023

EDITOR'S NOTES

Please - we need an editor for the
G & L Newsletter. If you can help
please contact Barbara Try on
0417676435.

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73 Fullagar Rd, Wentworthville, NSW

DEADLINES:

Third Wednesday of the month—a few days grace is allowed.

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per G&L News edition

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Message from the President

The Gem Council hopes to have a busy year. We are waiting for the financial Clubs of NSW to let us know what they want in relation to the courses being offered. The time line for the clubs to let the council know what they would like is by 30th June 2023 to be eligible.

The month of March will be busy with the J & R Committee running Judges revision courses. These courses will take place at the Northern Districts Lapidary Club

The planning for the GEMKHANA to be held on 23rd and 24th September 2023 at the Hawkesbury Showground is in full swing.

Please do not forget the GEMBOREE 2023 at Dayboro QLD over the Easter period i.e. weekend 7th to 10th April.

Barbara J Try O.A.M.

Minutes of the COMMITTEE MEETING of 22nd February 2023

Held at Parramatta Holroyd Club Fullagar Rd Wentworthville

The meeting was opened at 1:00pm by President Barbara Try (Northern Districts) who welcomed delegates from the following clubs: Central Coast (Tony Try), Parramatta/Holroyd (Ray Powell), AFG (Paul Sabolta) .Illawarra (Joan Zealy), Marcia Hill (Western Suburbs) & Robert Kneale (Blaxland)

And visitor (Brian Beauchamp)

Apologies: Port Hacking (Tony Offord & Bob McLean), Blue Mountain (Mick Lane & Kim Cooke), Blaxland (Pam & Alec Gardiner), Orange (Kathy Selwood) Goulburn (Joe & Sue O'Neil), Western Suburbs (Shirley & Ainslie Flynn) Bathurst (Robert Porter)

Moved: Blaxland, **seconded** Western Suburbs that apologies be accepted.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: 25 January 2023

There is a correction to the Minutes of 25th January 2022.

In General Business two points were accidentally omitted relating to the AFLACA—Committee Meeting in April 2023.

Moved AFG, **seconded**, Illawarra that minutes be accepted with the above correction.

Business Arising:

- 1/ The Jersey material to be purchased in time for the May working bee.
- 2/ Memo to be sent to all member clubs asking whether they would like to join us in a social media meeting for example Zoom a couple of times per year. – This is to be actioned as soon as the secretary returns from QLD
- 3/A letter to be sent to all member clubs asking for information on availability of suitable venues in their area to hold a GEMBOREE. - This is to be actioned as soon as the secretary returns from QLD.

Business arising from minutes: moved Central Coast, seconded Parramatta/Holroyd

Correspondence: See attached list.

Business Arising: Nil

Moved: Blaxland, seconded AFG that Inward Correspondence be received, Outward Correspondence be endorsed and business arising be approved.

Accounts for Payment

- 1/ Invoice for AFLACA to be addressed at March Meeting
- 2/ Float required for Mail Person of \$500

REPORTS

J&R Report:

- 1/Jewellery Judges refresher course 26th Feb at 10am Northern Districts Clubroom
- 2/ Faceting Judges refresher course date to be set for 18 March at Northern Districts Clubroom
- 3/Cabochon Judges refresher course date also to be set for 11 March at Northern Districts Clubroom
- 4/ Retirement of two judges, they are John Mackenzie (faceting) and Joe O'Neil (cabochon).
- 5/ Hawkesbury Show Judging on Monday 24 April – Paul Sabolta is taking on the role as senior judge.

Webmaster: No report

G&L NEWS Editor: Still need an Editor.

Education Report:

- 1 /Teaching courses for Member clubs; Closing date 30th June
- As yet we have not received any formal requests for the training courses.

Social Media: No report

Mail Person: Western Suburbs advised that mail is going missing. Top up of the float is required.

GEMKHANA

- 1/ 20 Corflute signs A1 size plus Garden stakes to be purchased, plus, directional arrows.
- 2/ Large signs lettering to be changed from white to black.
- 3/ Working bee to be arranged for May
- 4/Where did you hear about GEMKHANA Survey to be redone in September? It was also suggested that we ask for email addresses.
- 5/Competition Schedule is now on the Website. With the closing dates for competition 18th August by Mail or by hand 23rd at Parramatta/Holroyd Club.
- 6/ All traders have been contacted with contracts.
- 7/ How to advertise future shows was discussed in depth with a number of suggestions made.
- 8/Free tables to financial Member Clubs at shows to continue.
- 9/It was suggested that we emphasize availability of camping on all advertising.

GEMBOREE

- 1/ 2nd choice still needed.

Reports to be accepted moved: AFG, Seconded: Western Suburbs

GENERAL BUSINESS: No General Business

Meeting closed: 1.40pm





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VENUE:-

Dayboro Showgrounds,
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IMPORTANT OFFER FOR ALL FINANCIAL MEMBER CLUBS OF THE GEM AND LAPIDARY COUNCIL OF NSW

Member Clubs will be asked if they want an education/teaching course.

The Clubs need to send a letter/email in (with their club letterhead) saying what course they would like – First course and a second choice, courses as per the sections of the judging manual or courses to educate the clubs on running competitions or similar.

The offer ends 30 June 2023, clubs will get one course each, to which the gem and Lapidary Council will pay up to \$500 max - \$300 to tutor and \$200 for incidentals.

If your Club is interested please respond within the time frame shown.

If you need further information please contact the secretary via email secretary@gemlapidarycouncilnsw.org.au

Judges Revision

On the 26th February we had 6 Judges and one potential judge attend a revision session on Jewellery Judging. This was very well received and we hope it will eliminate any future problems on certain aspects of the J & R Manual.

The second is for all Cabochon Judges at Northern Districts Lapidary Club on 11 March 2023 at 10.am.

The third is for all faceting Judges, again at Northern Districts Lapidary Club, is planned for the 18th March 2023.

Hawkesbury District Agricultural Association—2023 Hawkesbury Show

The Lapidary schedule is on the Gem Council website along with the closing and delivery dates for the entries.

Judging will take place on Monday 24th April at the Hawkesbury Showground.

The show is open on 29th & 30th April 2023

EVENTS

General information on which events are going ahead and which have been cancelled, can be found on the following link:

<https://gemlapidarycouncilnsw.org.au/events/>

- ◇ **12 March 2023**—Illawarra Lapidary Club - Rock Swap - Stuart Park North Wollongong 8 am to 2 pm
- ◇ **18 & 19 March 2023**-Canberra Lapidary Club Rock Swap—Parrot Park EPIC
- ◇ **18 & 19 March 2023**—New England Lapidary & Fossicking Club Show—Armidale Showground
- ◇ **7-10 April**—GEMBOREE 2023—The 59th National Gem and Mineral Show, Dayboro SE QLD
- ◇ **20 –21 May 2023**—Canberra Lapidary Club Winter Show Mallee Pavilion EPIC
- ◇ **20 –21 May 2023**— Lismore Gemfest—Lismore Gem & Lapidary Club—Showground Lismore