



DRAFT OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH MEETING CORRECTED

JOHNSON LAPIDARY Minutes of the Membership Meeting – March 12, 2024

The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was given.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as presented.

Jack Cuddie reported that we are \$4,348.00 in the black with \$27,248 in our checking account, \$11,933 in our reserve account, and \$20,862 in our CD. For a total of \$64,391 in cash assets. The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

President's Message:

Mark Biggs thanks all who helped clean the saw room.

We currently have 169 members, 21 new members. He encouraged us to make them feel welcome and offer to mentor. If you see someone misusing a wheel, they may not know, offer to help.

Mark reminds us to make sure we are following the club shut-down procedures and using the checklist to help. There have been instances of unlocked doors, water not turned off, and coffee pots not rinsed and ready.

He reminds us again:

- that members must sign out machines prior to using and clean up that machine when finished.
- Use the wheels properly by using the entire width of the wheel, not just the middle.
- **Do not** use rough stone on the soft diamond wheels. The club provides the wheels but should not have to pay for new wheels because of improper and abusive use. 8" wheels cost about \$200 each now.
- No open toed shoes in the saw room
- No floppy long sleeves
- Wear Safety Glasses or your own glasses.
- We have a First Aid kit here and a Difibulator across the courtyard.
- Linda Rusch shares a thought about each member owning the machines and perhaps should think about how to treat your machine.

We will be having our Spring Social with Dillons serving lunch Tuesday, March 19. The last day to sign up is March 13th.

OLD BUSINESS

The new 6-wheel capping machine has arrived and is installed.

Pool Noodles have been added to the machines in the grinder room.

Mark advises that 1 flat polishing machine has been sold. A committee investigated selling more machines and rearranging that area. Another grinder has been moved to the saw room, making 2 grinders available in the saw room.

NEW BUSINESS

Concerning the Cerium, Tin and Chrome polishing wheels, Mark would like to consolidate and move them to the next aisle area behind the Faceting. No one is using them, and we will be trying to sell them.

This would free counter space behind the Faceting stations for adding a new Faceting Machine and a Refractometer. The Faceting Machine would be an Ultra Tech V5 for \$5,590. The transfer box and dob sticks needed would be about \$600.00 plus the cost of the Digital Refractometer. The Cost would be about \$7,000.00 and could bring our club up to the next level. Our current machines are being used and we have others interesting in Faceting. **Motion** by Roy Goble to approve the purchase of the Faceting Machine and Refractometer for \$7,000. **Motion Seconded**, after discussion, **Motion Passed**.

Mark asks for volunteers to shadow and learn various jobs in the club; how to be a Salesclerk, Nominating Committee, Safety Committees, and Officers. We should be looking for new people for next year.

Motion made to provide Free Coffee to the President. **Motion Seconded, Motion unanimously passed.**

Pat Marshall made a motion to go back to a system of having a Manager to help with the problems of not enough monitors or not having enough experienced people who are knowledgeable to run the club. There was no second.

Mark expressed that he thought we should pursue some ideas and asked that we table this idea until a group could be formed to look at all aspects of having a manager or possible other ideas. This Monitoring Exploration Group could then bring ideas to the members.

Sheryl Wallen and Betty Macy volunteered to help with Monitoring Training. Pat Marshall and Jan Teegarten along with Paula Cifka, Nik Brown, Michelle Brown volunteered to be in the Group to explore ideas on Improvements to the Monitoring System..

Other Ideas were Monitor Training and Shadowing.

Don Wright reported that everything seems to be running smoothly. The new system in the Saw room is working well, don't forget when you are done in the Saw room to turn off the main water valve. He reported there have been a couple of wheels replaced, our new machine is up and running and everything else is going well.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Linda Rusch, Secretary.