

# Aug general meeting

Welcome visitors

Accept minutes last meeting

Reports

- 1st vp
- 2nd vp
- treas
- sec
- 6th

Vertical cabbing machine called diamond demon. It was donated, but it is designed to use loose diamond for the final polishing stages and we just can't for see the club fighting the diamonds. I did tested using some commercial pads for finishing granite and it worked but those pads have a grooves in them for water flow and they ended up catching my fingernail so I just don't see us being able to let the members do it. That way it would work with a dump stick but I don't think we can enforce that for safety for everybody.

I have been talking with another club who used to work for diamond pacific who made them and he used to demo them and said that they were many times faster than the genies, but that depends on the loose diamond to be able to be affective.

We are considering putting it up for sale in one of the club meetings, but wanted to see if people are using it regularly using it.

We also have some other pieces of equipment that been donated that we will be putting up for sale. We intend to publish them in the Roktok and put them up for either side, little auction, or live auction at the general meetings.

We will be getting two polishing machines donated shortly. It is likely that they will be put up for auction as well. They were originally offered to the Pleasant Oaks club. Don from that club recommended that they donate them to us. If we do not use them we can sell them. I have committed that half of the money would be donated to the AFMS scholarship fund (which Don coordinates) . We are also going to provide a longer notice on this one in the Roktok, so that members of the other club have an opportunity to be notified and come to the meeting if they want to bid on them.

The Arlington club is having an open house in September. They have invited all clubs in the area to attend and give a presentation of anyone who is interested in representing the club. Please let us know we will include the note that explains why they're having the meeting in the next ROK TOK.

I am continuing to work on saw 14. The controller for the stepper motor is overheating. I'm currently working on an Arduino little mini controller to control a new driver that I have. It's just taking a little bit. If there's any buddy out there that has experience programming the Arduino's please give me a call using the Arduino. I believe we can add some nice functionality as well.

The secretaries are posting the board minutes in general minutes on the websites for me and updating them as well as the financial records in the member only area. There are some updates that still need to be done to the website and if there's anybody else out there who will be interested in neither Lonnie, nor there's like some experience in it. Please let us know.

I know it may seem early, but we have to start preparing for the election for the next board. The bylaws allow for a selection committee to seek candidates for the board seats. Part of the reason for doing it with an independent committee is to make sure that the club has an opportunity to get new members onto the board and the board does not dessert control or influence on the selection of new candidates. This is a very important function.

According to section 5 or one of our articles, denomination committee consists of three members. The president appoints, one member to the committee, the membership, Alex to members and not more than one member may be a board member. This is formed no later than the September meeting.

So I'm asking for volunteers to be on the meeting on the committee. If you're interested, please contact me at [dgms.pres@gmail.com](mailto:dgms.pres@gmail.com). Or you can call me but I would prefer an email because my memory is bad and I lose track of things but we will be setting up this committee at the next meeting.

As always, we depend on volunteers to keep this organization running so we've got the nomination committee coming up but we've also got the show coming up so I'm sure Diane will be organizing sign-up sheets for that shortly. There's still plenty of time to have people donate their time to slice club material the more we can, add value to the items we have the better off we're going to be financially. I cut up three large pieces of rock for bookends Dianne's in the stages of polishing some of them. We can add value by sliding the materials that we have we can also add value by polishing them making cabochons turning those into pieces of jewelry for sale so any of your time that can be spent helping with things like that or other ideas please come to the shop there's plenty of club rock can be slammed you won't be charged for the time if you were up here working, anyhow, feel free to put an extra rock in one of the other saws.

Along that line a special thanks to sean tonight he is filling several rolls tonight.

If there's any new members who are interested in joining I need to be voted on can you please identify yourself and we can bring it up for a approval this includes people who were on the Facebook meeting.

So then I'm gonna open the floor to new items. If there's nothing new from the floor will adjourn the meeting so we can get onto the presentation.

Ted wilson  
President DGMS