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President's Report

Greetings from the Alberta Federation of Rock Clubs! It's that time of year again, winter! Actually we have had three winters so far this year, January to March, September and October and now November till the spring thaw next year. What can we do with all this snow and cold weather? We can keep busy indoors doing our hobbies of lapidary, jewelry making, etc. that our clubs promote and teach. And maybe some reading.

We did have summer and some of us went rock hounding on field trips or took long trips across this vast country and collected a few rocks along the way.

There are many talented rock club members that can teach us how to turn rough rocks, metal, beads, etc. into fine jewelry or works of art. The Alberta Federation of Rock Clubs (AFRC) promotes this in different ways. The AFRC has grants available to each club each year to hire instructors to put on courses. So if you want to learn some new skills and you know an instructor, inquire with your AFRC director about these grants. All rock club members in Alberta should be getting this newsletter via their club secretary. And if you don't know what the AFRC is, check out the AFRC website.

Another activity that the AFRC does is called May Daze. Rock club members from across Alberta gather each May long weekend and do rock stuff. Calgary hosted it this year and Medicine Hat will be hosting it in 2019. The club in Medicine Hat has lots of activities planned and info on the May Daze weekend will be in this newsletter. So if you haven't been to a May Daze yet, consider it for next year. You can camp at the hall where it is held, or stay in a hotel.

This newsletter has the minutes from the last AFRC directors meeting which was held in the end of October, pre winter time! There is a new rock club in Grande Prairie and there is also interest in other towns to form clubs. The AFRC wants to promote and help with the formation of new clubs so if you know of someone who would like to start a club in a new place, let someone at the AFRC know.

We are always looking for new ideas from club members on how to have fun doing rock stuff. If you read the minutes from the last meeting, you will notice that there was a discussion on the AFRC buying a gold claim in British Columbia. Many questions came up of course, so there needs to be a lot of ground work checking out this possibility. How would your club like to plan field trips to a gold claim in B.C.? Let your director know if this is a good idea.

At the last directors meeting, we also had elections for executive positions for the AFRC. My term as president is finished at the end of the year so Brett Jensen from the Lethbridge club will be taking over in 2019. Thanks Brett for taking on the job! The other changes are noted in the minutes. I'm trying to get all of you to read the minutes! We have a new secretary and a new vice president, check the minutes. Hope you all have a good winter; there should be plenty of time to read this newsletter!

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OBJECTIVES OF THE ALBERTA FEDERATION OF ROCK CLUBS

1. To promote and encourage the study, cutting, polishing and engraving of gemstones and rocks and other geological materials and lapidary work as a hobby other than for the purpose of trade, industry or business.
2. To encourage the exploration of Alberta for lapidary materials, and to promote and create a greater interest in Alberta finished and unfinished rocks and minerals.
3. To encourage and promote the close association with, and exchange of information between rock hobbyists and lapidary groups to stimulate interest in and disseminate knowledge about mineralogy and earth sciences.
4. The Alberta Federation sponsors a website which its members may use to promote the activities and events of their club.
5. The operations of the Alberta Federation are to be mainly carried out in the Province of Alberta, under the Canadian Rockhound Code of Ethics.

THE ALBERTA FEDERATION OF ROCK CLUBS is a member of THE GEM AND MINERAL FEDERATION OF CANADA. Each club pays their members dues to the AFRC Treasurer by February 1st and each paid up member is entitled to 3rd Party Liability Insurance which covers events such as field trips, rock and gem shows, and other organized events.

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This is your magazine. We need articles & suggestions. Send submissions anytime. If possible, send your article about two weeks before publication date to get them into the current month's publication. Otherwise the article will be included in the next publication.



Dallasite

A rock unique to Vancouver Island, British Columbia, is the Breccia (breCHēə) jasper form known as Dallasite. It was named after Dallas Road near where it was first noticed on Victoria's waterfront beaches. It is believed that Dallasite was formed in the open spaces in lava as the lava erupted under water. The lava had open spaces, called rock pillows, into which the rock chip entered and through nature's processes cemented into a solid rock. This jasper breccia is made up of quartz, altered basalt, epidote and pumpellyite. Dallasite has a jaw-dropping artistic display of green, black and white colours, but it often includes blue, yellow, red and all the colours on the spectrum. Each piece paints a picture in beautiful blocky artwork. No two stones are alike. Many even come with mossy black agate spots in the creamy seams. Some have blue tinges in the quartz and others tinge yellow. As a breccia, Dallasite comes in many forms but all share a distinct look. It often has green zig-zags in lightning streaks or displays black dots lining a white background. Dallasite truly reflects the colours of the Pacific Northwest. It is officially recognized as the third most important gemstone in British Columbia. It is found over most of the Eastern side of Vancouver Island.



ALBERTA FEDERATION OF ROCK CLUBS

Meeting summary by Ed & Pauline Zeschuk

Alberta Federation of Rock Clubs (AFRC) held their meeting in Calgary on October 28 starting at 10 am with 14 members attending composed of the executive plus the delegates from the Alberta lapidary clubs. Because of the size of the ETLC we are allowed to have four delegates. Ed and Pauline are the present ETLC delegates and there is room for two more delegates from our club.

The meeting covered the usual business such as Treasurer's report, committee reports, and correspondence. In the reports it was noted that the Grande Prairie club is having difficulty in continuing but they are slowly getting organized. It was noted that they would welcome any help in the form of equipment and materials.

The Gem & Mineral Federation of Canada (GMFC) is also struggling to continue. Hopefully when a new president is elected the organization will gather new life.

There is an immediate need for a webmaster for the GMFC and the AFRC. A request was made for the delegates of each club to poll their clubs for anyone who is interested in undertaking this task.

May Daze 2019 will be hosted by the Medicine Hat Rock & Gem Club. It is held on May 17 to 19 in a hall near Lethbridge. Details will be made available in the new year when the plans are finalized.

The executive for the 2019 term was elected: Brett Jensen president, Holgar Hartmaier vice-president, Lorne Alcock secretary, John Cherwonogrodzki treasurer. Some of the various appointed positions were filled but some remain unfilled.

The meeting was followed with a pot luck meal and wonderful dessert. Members headed home at 1:30 pm.



Left to Right: Mike O'Toole, Calgary Rock and Lapidary Club; Kendra Grams and Brett Jensen, Lethbridge; Karen Anne Cherwonogrodzky, Medicine Hat; Leola Grams, Lethbridge; Lorne Alcock, Calgary; Ron Biel, Lacombe; John Cherwonogrodzky, Medicine Hat; Hogar Hartmaier, Calgary; Dale Nielsen, Calgary; Pauline Zeschuk, Edmonton; Tony Cave and Doug Schatz, Lacombe. Picture take by Ed Zeschuk.

AFRC MEETING HELD IN THE CALGARY ROCK & LAPIDARY CLUB SHOP FACILITY

Guided hike leads to 'one of the most beautiful' Burgess fossils ever found

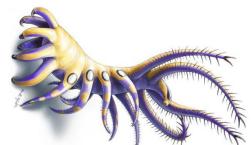
MICHELE JARVIE, CALGARY HERALD

A guest on a guided hike is an unlikely hero in the latest paleontological discovery at Burgess Shale. Two fossils discovered 17 years apart at the famous site near Field, B.C. are from the same newly identified wormlike species called *Ovatiovermis*, said Jean-Bernard Caron, curator of invertebrate paleontology at the Royal Ontario Museum who leads fieldwork at the Burgess Shale during summers.

"For the longest time, there was only one specimen. It was the rarest fossil ever for the Burgess Shale," said Caron, who learned of the second fossil last summer almost by accident.

"(The new fossil) is absolutely beautifully preserved. You see the soft tissues of the animal, the guts, the mouth parts, even the eyes are preserved. It is one of the most beautiful fossils I've ever studied from the Burgess Shale."

The wormlike creature — about 5 centimetres long with all its limbs stretch out — is remarkable for its three pairs of soft back legs with strong claws on each. The scientists believe it probably used these to anchor itself to the sea floor and used its arms as a kind of filter to comb the water for food particles.



Caron said the discovery of the second fossil is important as it shows a different angle of the sea creature, allowing scientists to construct a three-dimensional model.

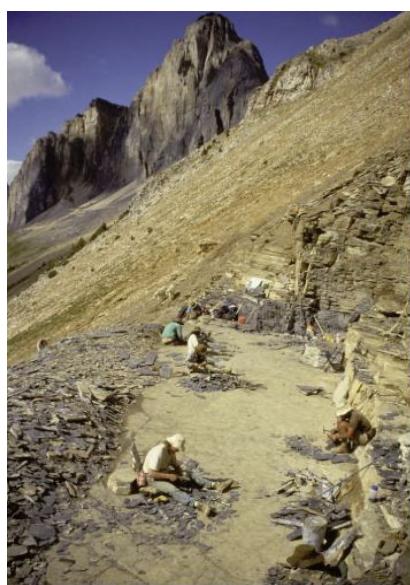
The first fossil was collected from the Walcott Quarry in 1994. Walcott Quarry, which is part of the original Burgess Shale site, is recognized as one of the most important fossil locations in the world. It contains specimens of some of earth's earliest animals from 500 million years ago, known as the Cambrian period.

The second specimen was found in 2011 by a guest on a Parks Canada guided hike to the same region. The hiker turned it over to the guide as legally required. Parks staff showed it to Caron when he stopped in at the Field office in 2016.

"All this time it had been sitting there while we were working on a paper from the first specimen in Toronto. When I saw it, my jaw dropped. I was very excited."

Caron said the second fossil confirmed their view that the creature is likely an ancestor of arthropods, which include more than 80 per cent of the animals in the world, including insects, crustaceans and arachnids (spiders).

"There are only 30 species of these kinds of animals across the world in fossils. At the Burgess Shale, there's only three ... and the other two were found in 1911."



Walcott Quarry



EDMONTON TUMBLEWOOD LAPIDARY CLUB

by Ed & Pauline Zeschuk

The Edmonton Tumblewood Lapidary Club had a quiet but successful 2018 year. Starting in early spring five separated workshops in basic wire wrapping were held. The instructors, Ed Zeschuk and Jim Routledge were



very pleased with the work each and all of the learners achieved. The number of participants enrolled in each workshop varied from three to five and eventually it was concluded that a maximum of five students per class was ideal. With two instructors and four students it was possible to give individual help to those who needed some. A total of 28 members were enrolled in the workshops and each made a very attractive pendant.



The Annual June Picnic held in a park in St. Albert again proved to be a success with good attendance. The event featured the great pot luck noon lunch and followed by tailgating. Club members were able to barter or buy rocks which they felt they needed to add to their collection.



A large estate auction was held on July 21 at the Elmwood Community Hall. About 800 lots of various rocks and lapidary related items were sold. The second part of the estate auction will be held on November 24, 2018 at Elmwood Community Hall consisting of about another 800 lots.

ETLC will hold their Open House for invited guests and friends on December 8/18 at the Elmwood Community Hall from 10 am to 4 pm. The event will have displays of rock related items, demonstration of jewelry making. There will be selling tables of club member's lapidary creations and handcrafted lapidary items. There will be door prizes and concession. After 4 pm the hall will be cleared for the ETLC Christmas party and pot luck dinner. The gift exchange follows the meal.

NEWS FROM LACOMBE LAPIDARY CLUB 2018
by Bev Calkins

Hi Folks.....another 'rock hounding" season is here....

Last season we had 3 classes.....: we started off with a silver smithing class....and some of us made copper bracelets....while others learned how to make a back and bezel for a cabochon. Instructors...Ron B. and Doug S.

In January we had a beading class....using duo beads....instructor Carolyn Cave. Some of the pictures turned out awesome.

We finished our season with a Viking knit class , incorporating beads.....

Hwy clean-up took place in May....our annual fund-raiser....and we had a great turnout. We finished the day off with a bar-be-que at the home of Ron and Dale Haynes.

Some of our members did some travelling this past summer. Tony & Carolyn Cave went to Hamburg Germany;....she was invited as an instructor over there.....an awesome opportunity... It was the Hamburg Bead Show....from there they travelled to the Czech Republic to Preciosa...to the bead factory.....was totally awesome....she brought back some beads to show us all....they also visited the museum of glass and jewelry....this, I think, was at Jablonec nad nisou.

Doug S. travelled to Dawson City and Whitehorse....beautiful scenery...Whitehorse was a mining town...most of which is closed now....lots of miles but scenery worth it.

One of our members, Ron Haynes....retired in July . There was a big party/bar-b-que/bash...was totally fun....way to go Ron...now you have more time for rocks?

We kicked off our season with a table at the Active Living Fair held every September....Its a great way to get our name out there.....and just this past week....one of our members was able to get 2 display cabinets at the LMC....so we could display some of our handicrafts....and possibly sell some...great exposure.

We are having more classes this winter....beading will be one of them again....and possibly some surprises..

Take care , see you at May Days



Two pictures of table set up at two local locations to advertise the lapidary Club.



Three display cases set up at the Lacombe Memorial Centre.



Ron's Haynes Retirement Trip

Island to Island in 65 days & 20,766 km.

Mid August we left the Black Rocks of Ucluelet and headed east through the thick smoke of B.C. to Lacombe. Here we hooked up with friends, Wendy and Frank and started the convoy east. Near the Potash mines by Moose Jaw we headed south past "Dog River" across the border and through the badlands of Theodore Roosevelt Park to Medora. Here they have one of the oldest and biggest outdoor musicals, where they serve over a thousand steaks in one hour with their Pitchfork Fondues, and the steaks are really good too.

We gassed up the truck and headed east, and on the third day we left the smoke and the US behind us as we crossed back into Canada at Windsor. At Wendy's In-laws we camped on their acreage and got in a couple of days of bird watching and wine sampling around Point Pelee, Canada's most southerly spot, the same latitude as the north point of California. Next up was Niagara Falls, beautiful at night with fireworks.

Down the road we checked out some waterfalls at Hamilton, which just happens to be the waterfall capital of the "World", who knew? That night found us at Peterborough sitting in Red Chairs watching the boats in the Lock. Built in 1904, Lock #21 at 65 feet was the world's highest hydraulic lift lock. It took 90 seconds to get 5 boats up to the top. Peterborough also has a great canoe museum.

At Gananoque we took a cruise on the St Lawrence to Boltt Castle, travelling through and around 1000 islands, and now you know where your salad dressing came from. Up the road we stopped at Brockville, where the oldest train tunnel was built in 1860, and is 1,730 ft long and full of stalagmites and stalactites and other calcium deposits, the tunnel is lit up and well worth the walk. They also have a tall ship there to train young sailors.

Next stop, Quebec City, so much history, double decker buses, Hop On – Hop Off, great way to see the old city. Found a small rock shop and picked up a piece of jade from the Thetford mine area and a beautiful agate from Mont Lyall. Took a short cruise downstream to Montmerency Falls, it's 100 ft higher than Niagara falls. The tour guide, dressed in period costume was a wealth of historical information, and on the return trip you could see why it's called Quebec "where the river narrows". A place to mount your cannons and be able to shoot across the river. Numerous battles were fought here.

Then it's across the St. Lawrence and travel the Gaspe to Rimouski where we turn and head for New Brunswick. Pretty drive, semi-mountainous. Camped at Jacquet River, where they have a salmon barrier set up in the river. It is to stop the invasive Bass from coming up river and eating all the salmon eggs. The salmon fishery is in trouble on the east coast.

We stopped at Kouchibouquac National Park. Found high in the trees a rookery of great blue herons. And a beautiful long sandy beach (with Red Chairs).

The Bay of Fundy is home to the world's highest tides and the Hopewell rocks are a must see. Best seen at low tide, the rocks tower 60 feet above you as you walk around their bases. But don't doddle too long, as the tides come in at over 6 feet within an hour, leaving only the top portion of these rocks above the tide. Another phenomenon is a tidal bore. Moncton River has one, it is a 3-4 foot wave that you can hear and see coming upstream, pushing the river backwards. Another cool stop is at the reversing falls at St. John, which also boasts the oldest City Market.

Stay tuned, and we will continue our epic story in the next publication.

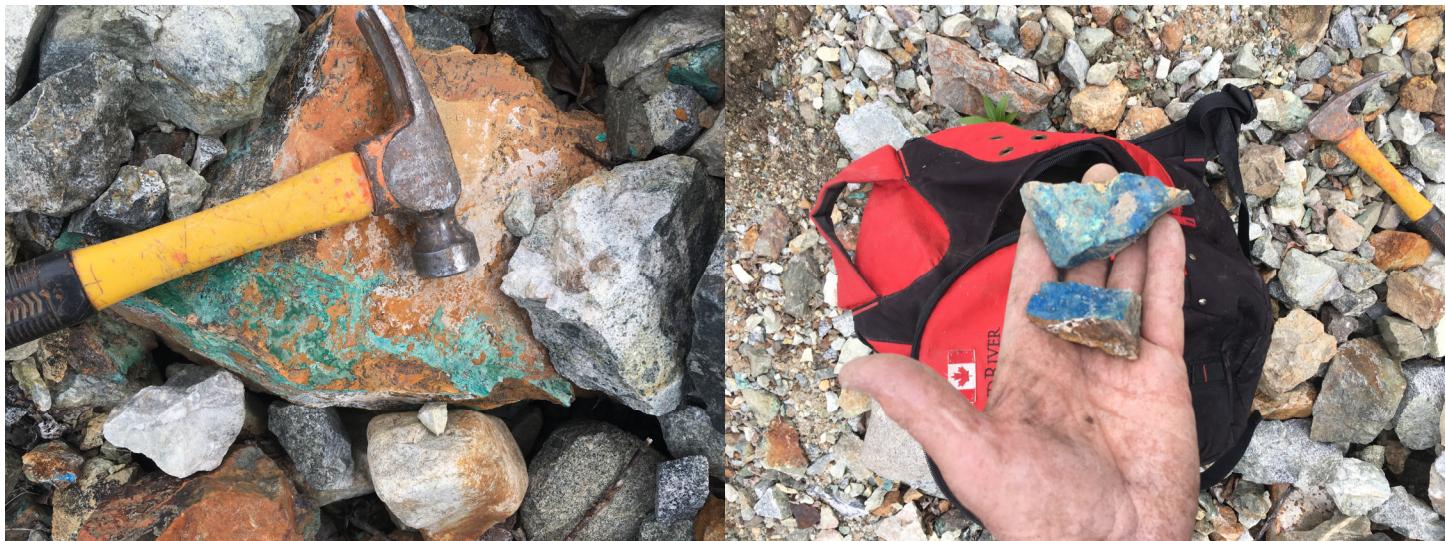
Harvey Prins Trip

Harvey and Agnes Prins went on the ultimate northern road trip this past summer, with the farthest north point being the Arctic Ocean at Tuktoyuktuk.

Along the way, Harvey, being a rock hound, collected rocks in many places.

These are some of the rocks he collected and where they were found.

1. Galena at Keno City (Keno Hill), Yukon
2. Pyrite at Inuvik, NWT
3. Beautiful turritella fossil shells on the shore of the Arctic Ocean at Tuktoyuktuk, NWT
4. Panned for gold in Bonanza Creek near Dawson City, Yukon, in Chicken ,Alaska and other creeks along the way.
5. Mammoth Ivory at Dawson City, Yukon
6. Chalcopyrite, malachite, azurite and copper in Whitehorse, Yukon
7. Jade and rhodonite from Northern B.C.
8. And leaverites everywhere!



We'll write more about our adventures in a later issue.

ALBERTA FEDERATION OF ROCK CLUBS

Minutes of the Directors Meeting, October 28, 2018

Meeting was chaired by Ron Biel, President. Minutes taken by Lorne Alcock, Secretary

The Alberta Federation of Rock Clubs Directors meeting was held at the Calgary Rock and Lapidary Club, #13, 3650 19th Street NE, Calgary, AB, on October 28th, 2018, at 10:25 AM.

1. CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

-A letter sent on behalf of the Calgary Rock and Lapidary Club Board of Directors will be addressed under Item 8. Correspondence. No other additions requested. Move to accept the Agenda with noted changes, Brett Jensen, seconded Karen-Anne Cherwonogrodzky, all in favor.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Calgary Rock and Lapidary Club

Edmonton Tumblewood Lapidary Club
Lacombe Handicraft & Lapidary Club
Medicine Hat Rock & Lapidary Club
Southern Alberta Rock Hounds Association
Regrets: Calgary Faceters Guild
 Grande Prairie Rock & Lapidary Club

-It was noted that Grande Prairie was struggling due to the recent passing of Murray Nicholson. However, they are working at getting organized. They have appealed for donations of surplus equipment and supplies for the club. Grande Prairie contact is Sophie Mercier, Treasurer, at 780-897-1616, or e-mail sophie@grocks.ca.
(Note: Ron Biel contacted Sophie at Grande Prairie since the AFRC meeting, and they ARE NOT looking for equipment, as they have some in storage already.)

3. IN MEMORIUM

-None noted

4. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Ron Biel

-Ron welcomed new directors to the meeting. He expressed hope that everyone had a good summer, and noted that this was the annual election meeting.

5. MINUTES OF THE APRIL 15, 2018 DIRECTORS MEETING, separate from the AGM/May Daze Meeting, of May 20, 2018)

-Motion to adopt without changes, by Pauline Zeschuk, seconded by Brett Jensen.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 REQUIREMENT FOR A SECRETARY

-Lorne Alcock, a new Director from Calgary has volunteered to fill the currently empty position of Secretary. Nominated by Pauline Zeschuk, seconded by Tony Cave. There were no other nominations, so the position was filled by acclamation.

-Suggestion made that Lorne Alcock purchase a small recording devise to record meetings, in order to facilitate the taking of meeting minutes. The Treasurer noted that the Secretary will be reimbursed the cost of the recorder (estimated at \$50-\$60) as it will be used for official business.

6.2 TREASURER: DIRECTORS INSURANCE: John Cherwonogrodzky

-After a search for an appropriate vendor, Director's Insurance was obtained just prior to the May Daze weekend, May 19-20, 2018.

-GMFC Insurance is a Third Party Liability Insurance. It was noted that some venues require proof of insurance before renting facilities.

6.3 TREASURER'S REVIEW OF AGM/MAY DAZE, May 19-20, 2018: John Cherwonogrodzky

-Donations to AFRC were higher than normal.

-Special thanks to Mike O'Toole for all his hard work at May Daze.

-Funds generated from the Auction and the Tailgating on Sunday were reported.

-Delegates from all Clubs were approved at the AGM/May Daze, except for Calgary, as none had been approved by the Calgary Members. Four Directors from Calgary were presented: Dale Nielsen, Mike O'Toole, Holger Hartmaier, and Lorne Alcock. Motion to accept the proposed Directors by John Cherwonogrodzky, seconded by Karen-Anne Cherwonogrodzky. Passed.

-Annual Auditors Report (for 2017) was approved at the AGM (May, 2018) and will be submitted to Service Alberts, Societies Registry (2019, prior to AFRC's anniversary).

7. CORRESPONDENCE

-The following points for discussion were brought up at a recent Calgary Rock & Lapidary Club board meeting, and presented to the AFRC Directors by Dale Nielsen,

“1. Erik Gregson said he had ended up in a discussion with the president of the AFRC (Ron Biel) and put forward the suggestion that the AFRC use some of its funds to purchase a gold claim in BC. It could then be used as a field trip destination for all of the Alberta clubs and they could take turns in working the claim.” Discussion included the potential for this to be something other than a gold claim. The suggestion was not specific as to the type of claim. After discussion, it was recommended that the president (Ron Biel) follow up with Eric and have him provide more details as to how we might proceed with acquisition of a claim.

“2. There seemed to be a lot of negative comments from some members of the CRLC board on having May Daze on the May long weekend. Feeling was that this is a family weekend, first holiday of summer. Could the meeting be moved to another time.” It was brought up that this topic had been discussed recently by the AFRC directors and the decision had been made to leave May Daze on the May long weekend.

“3. Everyone who attended enjoyed the May Daze auction. Is it possible to host a second auction at some other point in the year.” Even though the auction for May Daze 2019 has already been filled, with a waiting list, no changes were recommended from the current maximum of ten lots per person. The proposed second auction was briefly discussed and rejected, with several pointing out that individual clubs have auctions at different times of year, and therefore that a second AFRC auction was not necessary .

“4. There was also discussion that the board should check the AFRC site and review their Mission/Vision statements.” This was discussed briefly and will be dealt with in more detail under 9.3 Website.

-There was no other correspondence to discuss.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.1 TREASURERS REPORT: John Cherwonogrodzky

-The AFRC banking was moved to Alberta Treasury Branch, Medicine Hat, in September, 2016. The GIC matures in September, 2019, and earns about \$500-\$600 per year.

-Results from income from the May Daze auction and tailgating were presented.

-Invoice for the hall rental for May Daze 2018 has not yet been received from Calgary, so final payments cannot be made. Mike O’Toole will attempt to assist in getting this finalized.

-Motion was made to accept the Treasurers Report by Ed Zeschuk, seconded by Brett Jensen. Carried.

8.2 CUSTODIAN/LIBRARIAN REPORT: position not currently filled

-The library is currently at the meeting. The question was raised as to which club might like to borrow the library. Lacombe requested permission to borrow it. Motion to lend the library to Lacombe was made by Tony Cave, seconded by Pauline Zeschuk, carried. There is a log book with the library, to be kept filled out. Also, if any club or person wishes to add material to the library, please add it, and then contact John Cherwonogrodzky.

-The Traveling Momento has been misplaced at Calgary. Attempts will be made by Mike O’Toole to locate it and have it available for loan to another club.

8.3 GMFC REPORT: Brett Jensen

-There GMFC is currently inactive, due to lack of apparent interest from the clubs. There is concern as to the ability to maintain GMFC as a society.

-A new president was elected in absentia, but was not contacted as to his potential new position.

-The last GMFC annual meeting was held in Prince Albert, which turned a profit.

-The next GMFC Annual Meeting is scheduled for September 27th to 29th, 2019, hosted by Southern Alberta Rockhounds Association, in Lethbridge.

-The GMFC scholarship was awarded in 2018 to Valin Zeschuk, grandson of Pauline and Ed Zeschuk, who attends the University of Alberta.

8.4 ALBERTA ROCKHOUNDS NEWSLETTER: Ed Zeschuk

-The newsletter is going well, and Ed has volunteered to stay on as the editor.

-He needs some articles with news from various club activities, and also the AFRC Secretary and Presidents reports.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 SOCIAL MEDIA/ADVERTISING DIRECTOR: may be needed

9.2 REJUVENATION DIRECTOR/COMMOTTEE: John Cherwonogrodzky

-Grand Prairie Rock & Lapidary Club is trying to get organized and up and running.

-A Lloydminster Jewelry Club has been formed , but will not be joining AFRC at present.

-Leduc is a possible site for a new club, though not yet formed.

-Laverne and Irene Novlan (Calgary) have a 10-page write-up which has been used in the past to assist in new club formation. This document is considered to be quite formal, and a more informal method is recommended currently, with the formal organization to take place after the club has begun.

9.3 WEBSITE: Ron Biel

-Currently AFRC is not able to change the website as Murray Nicholson, who passed away, was the webmaster and no one else currently has the password.

-The site has recently been renewed, but not updated. John and Karen-Anne Cherwonogrodzky will attempt to obtain the passwords and update the site.

-Ron Biel will contact the Grande Prairie club treasurer, to enquire whether they can locate the website password.

9.4 MAY DAZE 2019 UPDATE: Karen-Anne Cherwonogrodzky

-The facility at Seven Persons has been lined up and inspected.

-An enquiry was made as to whether or not AFRC could pay for a bus to take folk on field trips.

-A separate report from Karen-Anne will appear in the Alberta Rockhounds Newsletter.

-Still looking for folk to fill showcases, and act as demonstrators.

-Karen-Anne suggested that some sale items be sold in a silent auction (possibly the donated items), along with the regular auction. This was accepted as a good option, in order to save some time.

-May Daze 2020 has not had any club volunteer. There was some suggestion that Grande Prairie might like to host, but no final location was decided upon.

9.5 ELECTION OF THE AFRC EXECUTIVE FOR 2019

- Secretary, Lorne Alcock, by acclamation.

-Treasurer, John Cherwonogrodzny has volunteered to stay on, acclaimed.

-President, Current Vice President, Leola Grams has declined to run as President, while the current President, Ron Biel, has completed his two year term. Brett Jensen was nominated by Karen-Anne Cherwonogrodzky, seconded by Leola Grams. There were no other nominations. Acclaimed.

-Vice President, Holger Hartmaier was nominated by Lorne Alcock, seconded by Leola Grams. There being no other nominations, he was acclaimed.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT MEETING: April 14, 2019, 10:30 AM, to be held at the Calgary Rock and Lapidary, #13, 3650 19th Street NE, Calgary, AB, pot luck lunch to follow.

CLUB ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- November 3, 2018 Calgary Rock and Lapidary Club Christmas Artisan Fair, 10am – 3 pm
 Thorncliffe Community Hall, 5600 Centre St. NE, Rocks, Gems, Jewelry & More
- November 24, 2018 Edmonton Tumblewood Lapidary Club Rock Auction, Viewing at 8:30 am, Auction from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, 16415-83 Avenue NW, Edmonton. Rocks, dino bone, wood, approx. 800 lots in all.
- December 8, 2018 Edmonton Tumblewood Lapidary Club, Christmas Open House, 10am – 4 pm
 Elmwood Community Hall, 16415 – 83 Avenue NW, Edmonton. Selling tables full of collections and Artisan Handcrafted Creations. More.
- May 3-5, 2019 Calgary Rock and Lapidary Club 59th CRLC Gem Mineral and Fossil Show
 Vivo Rec Centre, 11950 Country Village Link NE, Calgary.

11. ADJOURNMENT

- Business Meeting declared adjourned at 1:15pm.

Lorne Alcock, Secretary October 31, 2018, rev Nov 4/18

Save the Date for May Daze , May 17 – 19, 2019

From Friday May 17 – Sunday May 19, 2019, the Medicine Hat Rock & Lapidary Club will be proud to Host the 56th Annual May Daze. We will also be celebrating our clubs 30th Anniversary that weekend.

Our May Daze Sub-Committee has been hard at work making plans. We are able to share the following information thus far:

May Daze 2019 will be held at the Seven Person's Community Hall. Seven Person's is located approximately 20 km SW of Medicine Hat on Highway 3. There are 7 power sites available for \$10.00 per night. There is no water hook-up. One of the sites will be occupied by club representatives who will be your hosts. There is plenty of room for additional trailers without hook-ups and for tenting. There is a washroom facility that will be open all evening as well as a cookhouse with picnic tables and two horseshoe pits for your enjoyment.

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Seven Persons Hall showing tenting area



Cookhouse with picnic tables



Wash room facilities when hall is closed



Room for eating



Main Hall



Trailer hook-ups

The format will be similar to other years other than the auction for donated items. This year with the AFRC's Treasurer's approval, the donated items will be auctioned off by means of a silent auction. The hope is that this will shorten the Saturday night auction and give those who are not comfortable bidding with a paddle, another means of purchasing items.

Although we are still in the planning stages, following are tentative plans:

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Friday – Set-up, sign-in with goodie bag & sign-up for field trips, evening BBQ meal for purchase (minimal charge), speaker on the Saamis Archaeological Site followed by some type of entertainment and campfire gathering in the cookhouse area. Start of the silent auction bids and sale of raffle tickets.

Saturday – Coffee & Tea available all day. Additional sign-in and sign-up for field trips that may include a half-day trip to Grassy Lake to look for amber led by Brett Jensen, a half-day trip to Red Rock Coulee and the Etzikom Museum and a half day trip to see Medicine Hat tourist sites including a look at the Saamis Archaeological Site. We are hoping we will have people volunteer to give demonstrations and classes as well during the day. For those who want to explore Medicine Hat, we will provide a list of some suggested activities. Prior to the traditional pot-luck supper we plan to have a short presentation to celebrate our 30th anniversary. We will likely make the draws for the raffle items before supper. The evening will focus on the auction and silent auction winners will be announced half-way through the auction. A courtesy desk will be available for those who want to pay for their successful bids and leave the auction early.

Sunday – We will have the traditional free pancake breakfast and free coffee and tea all morning. The AFRC annual meeting will be held at 10:00 am followed by a potluck lunch with leftovers from Friday and Saturday. Tailgating will follow. We plan to do lots of advertising to encourage the public to come to the tailgating.

We will have lots of showcases available. It is not too early to start booking a showcase. If you want to demonstrate or offer a class on Saturday, please let us know asap so we can include details in our final information sheet. We are also wondering if there are any musicians who would like to entertain on the Friday evening.

Please note, at the last AGM, it was decided that there would be a limit of 10 lots per person for the auction and all the 200 allowed lots were booked after last year's AGM. There is currently a waiting list. If you would like to get on the waiting list, please contact John Cherwonogrodzky at (403) 548-5964 or jcherwono@shaw.ca If you don't remember if you booked lots please contact him. REMEMBER TOO, if you can't get your items into the auction, tailgating is a good option. More details will be shared in the coming months.

Sincerely, Karen-Anne Cherwonogrodzky, Chair May Daze Sub-Committee