

Minutes of the C.C.F.M.S. Annual General Meeting
March 18, 2007
Held at the Willowdale Gem and Mineral Clubs Show, Toronto, ON
(updated)

Meeting called to order 1:20 pm

1) Roll Call of Member Clubs: Danielle Douglas

Club Name	Designated Representative
Niagara Peninsula Geological Society	Barry Douglas
Walker Minerological Club	Malcolm Back
Gem and Mineral Club of Scarborough	Russ Bruce
Kawartha Club	Bob Beckett
Brampton Rock & Mineral Club	Gord Major
Oxford County Geological Society	Stephen Douglas
Northern Ontario Rock and Mineral Club	Ralph Schroeter
Burlington Club	Don Oliver
Barrie Gem & Mineralogical Society	Bill Plavac
Willowdale Club	Terri Speer
Kitchener-Waterloo Gem Club	Peter Russell
Kingston Lapidary & Mineral Club	Proxy (Stephen Douglas)
Sarnia Rock & Fossil Club	Proxy (Danielle Douglas)
Club de mineralogie de l'Outaouais	Proxy (Bill Plavac)

14 of 27 members clubs were present or had sent in a proxy vote

2) Introduction of C.C.F.M.S. Executive: Randy Ernst

Randy Ernst	President
Andy Haighton	Vice-President
Stephen Douglas	Communications Director
Danielle Douglas	Secretary
Don Oliver	Treasurer
Bill Plavac	Past-President

3) Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of March 2006: Danielle Douglas:

- a) Barry Douglas motioned to accept minutes.
 - i) Seconded by Malcolm Back.
 - ii) Carried.

4) Correspondence: Danielle Douglas:

- a) No correspondence to present.

5) Treasurer's Report: Don Oliver:

- a) Wind up of OFTG saw the movement of \$1300 to the CCFMS.
- b) Insurance was budgeted at \$2400 for 2006, but the actual cost of insurance was not more than \$2100.
- c) Alfredo Petrov was sponsored to speak at a Walker Club meeting in 2006.
- d) A \$5000 GIC's interest was rolled over into a 3 year GIC.
- e) The CCFMS has two additional GICs at \$6500 and \$2000.
- f) The CCFMS has \$4200 in the bank that is presently uncommitted, and can be used as a discretionary fund.
- g) Club dues should keep the CCFMS running for the year.
- h) For 2007, insurance has been budgeted at \$2600.
- i) A discretionary item has been added to the 2007 budget.
 - i) A donation to the University of Waterloo Rock Garden on behalf of the CCFMS and the OFTG.
 - ii) The donation will be between \$1000 - \$2000 which will go towards the shipping of the rock and the plaque.
 - iii) This item was approved by the Executive Committee late last year.
 - iv) Currently, \$1700 has been budgeted in the 2007 budget, \$1300 of which will come from the dissolution of the OFTG.
 - v) Peter Russell was to discuss this item with the AGM later in the meeting.
- j) Don made a motion to accept the 2007 budget.
 - i) Seconded by Bill Plavac.
 - ii) Carried.
- k) Gord Major inquired as to how many clubs had paid the dues.
 - i) 17 of 26 clubs had paid the annual dues.
 - ii) It was discussed that clubs are eligible to vote if the dues have been paid.
 - iii) It was further discussed that all clubs in attendance or who had submitted a proxy had paid, with the exception of the Willowdale club, but that their dues would be paid before the deadline of March 31st.

6) CCFMS 2006 Activities Report: Randy Ernst & Stephen Douglas

- a) Co-Sponsored Walker Club Speaker:
 - i) Walker Club to try to set up another speaker for this year.
 - ii) It was discussed that another club would be able to host the co-sponsored speaker.
 - iii) Randy to find another volunteer club.
- b) Barrie Swap Meet
 - i) The swap meet that was discussed to be held at Georgian College in Barrie did not materialize due to the strike in the fall by College staff.
 - ii) Bill Plavac still feels that it is a viable idea, but it needs the clubs and CCFMSs support.
 - iii) The purpose of the meet would be to swap materials, and is not a sale.
 - iv) It was discussed that an attempt to hold the swap meet may be made again in the fall of 2007.
 - v) Russ Bruce inquired as to if it is not a sale, how are collectors to get rid of excess materials?
 - The swap meet would not be advertised as a sale, but participants could trade for dollars.

- vi) Stephen Douglas is to put out the word to other clubs to get support, after receiving information from Bill Plavac.
- vii) The location of the swap meet was further discussed, especially considering if Barrie was the right location to hold the meet.
 - Georgian College was originally chosen because of the lapidary program, and because there was not going to be a fee for using the premises from Georgian.
 - It was discussed if the Flea Market on the 400 or the Alliston Outlet Mall would be a better location.
 - ◊ These other locations may issue a fee for use of the premises.
- viii) Russ Bruce suggested sending out a list of tasks to clubs for which they could volunteer their help with.
 - The list is to be sent before the clubs break-up for the summer months.

7) Awards for 2006 and Awards Program Feedback: Don Oliver

- a) Stephen Douglas is missing one on the web site.
 - i) This has now been posted.
- b) St. Mary's Cement was nominated for the Industry Award.
 - i) They held a community open house last year / allowed fossil collecting under guidance of CCFMS for the first time in years.
 - ii) Gord Major moved to accept the nomination.
 - Seconded by Rob.
 - Carried.

8) Field Trip Program 2007 and Beyond: Randy Ernst

- a) The annual Dundas and Beamsville quarry trips are to continue this year.
- b) It is also likely that the CCFMS will return to Bowmanville again this year.
- c) It will be discussed with clubs as to if they are willing to host a summer trip, or other field trips.
- d) Gord Major discussed with the other clubs the possibility of returning to the Marmora Quarry.

9) Executive Contact Program Report: Randy Ernst

- a) Randy noted that this program will be improved upon this year, as there was not any contact with the clubs this past year.
- b) We need to know what the clubs think that we can improve upon.

10) Proposal for Funding an Entry into the "Garden of Rocks" at the University of Waterloo cared for by Peter Russel: Randy Ernst

- a) Peter Russel spoke to the AGM participants about the proposed donation to the University of Waterloo's Rock Garden.
 - i) Peter proposed that the rock be located in the Ontario section, where 40 different rock types are present.
 - ii) Peter proposed rocks, such as shattercombs from Sudbury, as an appropriate rock to be included in the collection.
 - iii) Other members suggested other types of rocks, but friability was a factor. It was decided that the Matachawan Porphyry would be represented.
 - iv) Barry Douglas made a motion to make the donation to the University, but it is not to exceed \$2000.

- Seconded by Gord Major.
- Carried.
- The motion was ammended to note that if the donation was to exceed \$2000, that Peter was to notify the Executive.
- It was confirmed that the cost of the plaque was included.

11) New Business:

- a) Russ Bruce made the recommendation that a system be set up for clubs to reply to acknowledge the receipt of materials/information that is being sent to them.
 - i) Stephen Douglas noted that an automatic reply or read receipt would not be feasible, as then all clubs would then be replying to eachother as they are on the club contact list.
 - ii) This can not be done currently with the program.
 - iii) In many cases, the e-mail security systems of the club contacts could be blocking the receipt of CCFMS correspondence as it comes from a mailing list.
 - iv) Stephen Douglas suggested that club contacts add the mailing list to acceptable addresses by changing their settings.
 - v) The list is not currently being used to it's full advantage.
 - vi) It was confirmed that the agenda is to be sent out 60 days before the AGM.
- b) Gord Major moved to include time limits for each item on the agenda for next year's AGM.
 - i) This movement was not seconded.
- c) Malcolm Back inquired about what decision had been made in regards to Honourary Members.
 - i) Stephen Douglas noted that the Honourary Members was a provision made in the early 1990's.
 - ii) This was discussed further in September 2006 at the Executive Meeting.
 - iii) Clarification of intent was needed, as the intent of the provision is unknown.
 - iv) Malcolm Back asked that the Honourary Members be removed from the Constitution.
 - A motion was made by Russ Bruce.
 - v) Don Oliver is to investigate wording of the provision.
 - vi) Gord Major inquired as to if the Honourary Members could be contributors that are not members of a specific club?
 - It was decided that this was not the intent of the provision.
 - vii) Malcolm confirmed that his intent was to honour those who have contributed, and could be given the title.
 - viii) This topic will not be resolved for another year due to lack of clarification.
 - The provision will be either removed or reworded for next year.

12) Report on Club Activities by any Club Designate wishing to do so:

- a) Barry Douglas inquired as to the timeline for the club's list of activities were to be in.
 - i) Clubs should be reminded in the fall.
- b) Rob Backette spoke on behalf of the Kawartha Club.
 - i) It was their 30th anniversary this year.
 - ii) The Kawartha Club hosted the Anne Sabina Award, which was awarded to Ken Meikle, who is the founder of the club and is now a life member.
 - iii) Seven of the eight meetings had a speaker.
 - iv) The Kawartha Club had 20 field trips last year, and was a very active club.
- c) Barry Douglas from the Niagara Penninsula Geological Society gave a list of the clubs activities.
- d) Gord Major from the Brampton Club gave an update on their activities.
 - i) Gord brought up the question as to how much longer the club will last.

- ii) There is no longer a show.
- iii) Almost all of the Brampton Club's meetings have had a speaker.
- iv) Gord was looking for some positive feedback to take back to the club.
- v) Randy Ernst discussed trip insurance, the potential of sponsoring field trips, and how to get new members.
 - Communicate between clubs
 - Using bulletin boards
 - Sending in activity reports.
- vi) Malcolm Back noted how the CCFMS sponsored speaker brought in additional people to the meeting.
 - Eight of the CCFMS clubs were represented.
 - Over 50 people attended the meeting.
- vii) Randy Ernst inquired as to if the clubs were looking for a more formal report for club activities, possibly in binder format.
 - Gord Major noted that it would be nice.
 - Russ Bruce indicated that there is no need for the binder of reports.
- viii) Gord Major to discuss Orange Celestite Field Trips with Stephen Douglas.
- ix) Russ Bruce requested that the minutes from the AGM be sent earlier than the next AGM.
 - Randy Earnst confirmed that the 2006 AGM minutes were sent last year.
- x) Malcolm Back suggested that clubs share a list of speakers.
 - Stephen Douglas noted that there is little, if no, feedback from clubs.
 - Stephen receives some newsletters, but does not chase clubs for information and updates.
 - Malcolm noted that he uses other clubs newsletters to find speakers for the Walker Club.
 - Stephen Douglas noted that he does not receive the Brampton Club's newsletter.
 - Russ Bruce replied to Malcolm regarding the speakers.
 - ◊ Russ is to mail a list of speakers to Malcolm and visa versa.
- e) Ralph Schroeter spoke for the Northern Ontario Rock and Mineral Club.
 - i) Ralph gave a report on the show that was held last July, and that it had a good turnout.
 - ii) Approximately 6-700 people attended the show.
 - iii) The show was held in the Club House which is located across from the train station, and was viable for the town.
 - iv) Lapidary equipment is to be bought.
 - v) Trips are being put together and will be shared with other clubs.
 - vi) The club is active in the summer months.
 - vii) The club will also be applying for Trillium Funding.

13) Election of Officers for 2007:

- a) Danielle Douglas is stepping down as Secretary, but a replacement has not been found.
- b) Jim Glen and Blair Batty were not present, but agreed to stand.
- c) Malcolm Back motioned for the Executive to stand, with the exception of the secretary.
 - i) Seconded by Russ Bruce.
 - ii) Carried.

14) Date and Location of next AGM:

- a) It was discussed that the AGM could be held at the Peterborough show, which is held the first weekend of March.
- b) To be determined.

15) Motion of Adjournment at 3:00 pm:

- a) Bob Beckett motioned to adjourn the meeting.
 - i) Seconded by Russ Bruce.
 - ii) Passed.