



The Central Canadian Federation of Mineralogical Societies

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CCFMS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
LOCATION; NIAGARA CLUB'S ANNUAL SHOW
NIAGARA FALLS, ON.
10 JUNE 2017

MINUTES

Officers present: Russell Bruce, Ray Hainsworth, Calvin Jones, Ashley Pollock, Bob O'Donnell, Bob Beckett

1. President Russell Bruce asked for a motion to approve the agenda; moved Bob Beckett; seconded Ashley Pollock; carried

2. Roll Call.

Secretary Ray Hainsworth, did a roll call of clubs who had sent representatives or proxy forms. Twenty clubs were in good standing. Of these, 13 clubs were represented either by an attending delegate or by proxy sent to the secretary. This constituted a quorum and the meeting proceeded.

3. President's Welcome. (speaking notes attached).

4. Approval of June 18, 2016 minutes

The President asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the 2016 AGM. Motion moved by Ed Debicki; seconded by Calvin Jones; carried

5. Business arising from the minutes

Web Site; Bob O'Donnell reported on his efforts to revamp the website. He noted that the site would be much easier to use than before but did comment that the amount of work required for the revamp was much greater than anticipated due to the large number of "hidden pages". He demonstrated the new features and functionalities; he advised there was total backup capability and that it can be linked to Facebook and Twitter and that it would be much easier to use on smart phones and tablets. He was still working on identifying defunct links, of which there were a great many. He is still working on fully linking pictures to enquiries.

D. Dignan asked when it would be operative and Bob advised he hoped for one month.

B. Beckett asked who would do updates and have passwords? Bob O. it would be the President and webmaster. Clubs sharing the site would do their own updates.

E. Debicki asked about ability to print from the site. Bob advised it should be possible to print directly from the site but he said he would check and provide follow-up. Ed also asked that the minutes reflect a strong vote of thanks to Bob O'Donnell for his hard work on revising the website; He moved a motion to thank Bob O'Donnell for his work; seconded by Frank Ruehlicke; carried.

6. Correspondence

a. Secretary reported on correspondence from the Cobalt Heritage group requesting financial assistance . He advised delegates this issue will be dealt with at the next executive meeting.

7. Motion to pay \$145.00 for a First Aid Course for J. Glen

Ashley Pollock reported on her correspondence requesting reimbursement for the First Aid course taken by Jim Glen, organizer of the Beamsville field trips. A motion to "reimburse \$145 for first aid training for Jim Glen to qualify him as a field trip coordinator for the CCFMS" moved by Ashley Pollock; seconded by Ed Debicki ; carried (one opposed).

8. Motion to split cost of First Aid course for future leaders

Ashley Pollock presented a motion asking the "CCFMS to add a budget item for First Aid Training for field trip coordinators for CCFMS field trips on the basis of full reimbursement if the individual only led CCFMS trips and split costs if the individual led CCFMS and other club field trips." Motion seconded by Bob O'Donnell. Discussion involved idea that these expenses can be dealt with ad hoc as they arise by President's discretionary account (B. Beckett); that all clubs should have their costs paid for first aid training so as to support field trips (A. Pollock); that more research was needed to define CCFMS field trips and to identify potential new costs and that a safety program was not yet approved (R. Bruce); that if costs can be covered by ad hoc discretionary spending then new policy not needed (F. Ruehlicke); that the whole issue needs further study by the executive (R. Hainsworth); Based on the discussion Ashley withdrew her motion and moved a new motion on the issue to "return this issue to the CCFMS executive for further review and study"; seconded by F. Ruehlicke; carried

9. Motion to defer Auditors Report of 2016 to next year

The President advised that there was a need to defer the auditor's review of the 2016 finances until next year due to ongoing difficulties in getting all relevant financial information from the computer of the late Don Caldwell. Bob O'Donnell moved this motion; seconded by Dan Dignan; carried

10. Cash flow report of transactions in 2016

Based on distributed documents it was moved by Calvin Jones, seconded by Ashley Pollock " to accept the cash flow report for 2016"; carried

11. Cash flow report to April 30, 2017

Based on distrusted documents it was moved by Bob O'Donnell; seconded by Ashley Pollock; "to accept the 2017 cash flow report"; carried

12. Proposed Budget for 2018

Russ Bruce reported he anticipated a slight increase in office costs in order to facilitate access to bank statements and set up an e-transfer capability . He also advised it was necessary to purchase an external hard drive to hold all financial data. He was also looking at purchasing Quickbooks for budgeting purposes. . Russ advised that 3 GICs were coming due but no decision yet on reinvestment stance as budget requirements for the anniversary conference were still not firm and flexibility required in this area. B. Beckett did note that deposits/funds for the anniversary would not be in this budget but the following one, for the most part.

Ruth Debicki asked the delegates to consider a contribution to support Mindat as this is an important resource for mineral collectors. She suggested we sponsor a page on the Mindat website. Ed Debicki moved; seconded by Bob Beckett; "to sponsor an annual contribution to Mindat to sponsor a page on the website"; carried

The President identified the need for a partial symposium budget to begin planning and make deposits etc. Bob Beckett moved; Calvin Jones seconded" a motion " to add a budget line to the 2018 for symposium planning"; carried

Bob Beckett moved and Calvin Jones seconded a motion " to add \$2500 to the 2019 budget for symposium plan for deposits etc"; carried

Calvin Jones moved and Bob Beckett seconded a motion to "approve the 2018 budget with amendments as above"; carried

13. Motion to appoint Carolyn Neugebauer to review 2016 & 2017 financial reports

Moved by Bob Beckett, seconded by Ashley Pollock to appointment of Carolyn Neugebauer; carried

14. New Business

a. Update on Anniversary plans;

Bob Beckett reported on status of planning for the 2019 50th anniversary celebration. He envisaged a symposium on the lines of Rochester's annual symposium but on a smaller scale. He sees it running from Friday evening to Sunday mid-day and would have dinners, presentations, workshops, auctions etc. He was tentatively looking at the 24-26 May 2019 weekend. He is still working on potential budget items for CCFMS but most costs would be recovered by symposium fees.

Potential workshop topics were identified: Fundy fossils; pegmatite mineralogy; CCFMS insurance; mineral photography; Ontario fossils; field trip planning; gem stones; new mineral finds in Canada; mineralogy 101; display room etc. He invited delegates to suggest other topics, which should be emailed to Russ Bruce.

b. Reports of member clubs

Reports on club activities were provided by Niagara, Sudbury, London and Oxford.

16. 2018 CCFMS Executive nominations

15. Election of Officers

A list of nominations was circulated. Ray Hainsworth, Chair of the Committee asked for any nominations from the floor. There being none it was moved by Ed Debicki; seconded Cathy LaHay and carried.

2018 executive is:

President - Russell Bruce

Vice President

Secretary - Ray Hainsworth

Treasurer - Michael Kerr

Editor - Bob O'Donnell

Field Trip Coordinator - Ashley Pollock

Past President - Bob Beckett

Directors at large - Frank Melanson; John Moons

16. Date and location of next AGM

Delegates preferred to leave this to the executive

17. Motion to adjourn; moved Cathy LaHay; seconded Bob O'Donnell; carried