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CENTRAL CANADIAN FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES Held at the Cataraqui Community Center Kingston, On. SATURDAY MAY 26, 2018

Executive members present: Russell Bruce, President; Ray Hainsworth, Secretary; Ashley Pollock, Field Trip Coordinator; Bob O'Donnell, Webmaster; Calvin Jones, Member at Large; John Moons, Member at Large.

1. The President called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM and asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Moved by George Thompson and seconded by Wendy Davies, and carried.

2. The Secretary advised that a quorum was present in person or by proxy and noted the following:

Club	Attending	Proxy
EONS Sudbury (2)		Ray Hainsworth Bob Beckett (1)
Niagara Sarnia	Ashley Pollock	
Kingston	Wendy Davies	Ray Hainsworth
London	Bob O'Donnell	
CMMA	Ray Hainsworth	
Walker	Ray Hainsworth	
Sarnia		Bob Beckett
YTMC		George Thompson
Kawartha	George Thompson	
North York Faceting Guild		Ray Hainsworth
Brantford	John Moons	

There a total of 19 paid up member clubs.

(1) Bob Beckett was unable to attend therefore as per the constitution his proxies revert to the Secretary.

(2) The Sudbury club requested the AGM note that it would like to provide a special thank you to Bob O'Donnell, who revamped the Sudbury club website.

3. President's address:

In preparing and doing the tasks in preparation for this meeting I found myself asking the question "why". Why am I doing this when I continually have to send out reminders to send in information on two occasions a year, that is the notices for annual dues, updates of your Club's Executive and sending in your delegate/proxy vote for the AGM. As an example, two days before the date we asked to have the delegate/proxy forms in I didn't think we would have a quorum for this AGM.

We often hear the question "what does the CCFMS do for our clubs other than provide in obtaining insurance at the lowest possible cost."

In spite of us having asked the same questions many times, that is, how can we help your club or what new ideas do you have that we could pursue that would benefit all clubs we seldom get a response.

On a positive note we have, as you already know, in the past got our liability insurance cost reduced by changing companies.

We are continuing to pressure the Co-Operators to get a better deal on D & O insurance. We thought we had achieved this, but it turns out it isn't factual yet. But I am still working on it.

We have made the web site more user friendly and added Facebook for the clubs to use or advertise and share their activities. Bob Odonnell will speak more on this later.

We have requested our Director of Field Trips to pursue a possible connection with the Manitoba Club to do an exchange field trip plan.

Thank you for listening to my ranting and soar notes so now let's turn this into a productive meeting.

4. Minutes of the 2017 AGM

A motion was moved by Ashley Pollock; seconded by John Moons; and carried "to approve the 2017 AGM minutes (with a typo corrected (1))"

(1) page 3 second line - replace "distrusted" with "distributed".

5. Business arising:

Re websites - Bob O'Donnell reported on the revamped the Sudbury and Sarnia websites and offered to do other clubs. He initiated the ability for the site to hold pictures or posters for club shows etc. and interested clubs should call Bob. It was now easy to update and additional functionality is being explored. Bob is now working on the French version. Clubs wanting changes need to email Bob with a copy to the President. Members asked a number of questions about how to use the new site.

Re 50th anniversary celebration - Russ Bruce discussed lack of response and feasibility of original ideas but suggested we continue to pursue a shorter, less ambitious program, perhaps a one day event with speakers and a live auction. He suggested the budget for the event be increased from \$3000 to \$5000.

A motion was moved by Bob O'Donnell; seconded by Ashley Pollock, and carried "to increase the 50th anniversary event budget to \$5000".

6. Correspondence:

No correspondence had been received (other than Sudbury club request for recognition of the work of Bob O'Donnell, noted above).

7. Auditor's reports for 2016 and 2017:

Our previous Treasurer Mike Kerr had to resign for personal reasons but did assist the President in facilitating contact with the financial reviewer, Carolyn Neugebauer. He noted that \$450 had been approved for the financial review but the bill received was much higher at \$1500. He noted he had to push to get the report and that the initial report was inadequate. A copy of the report was given to the members. As there were no questions asked a motion to approve was called.

A motion was moved by Bob O'Donnell; seconded by George Thompson; and carried "to approve the 2016 financial statement as presented".

The 2017 report was then presented. As there were no questions a motion was called.

A motion was moved by Wendy Davies; seconded by Bob O'Donnell; and carried "to approve the 2017 financial statement as presented".

8. Financial report to date for 2108:

A copy of the financial report was circulated by the President.

A motion was made by George Thompson; seconded by John Moons; and carried "to approve the cash flow report for 2018 as presented".

9. Proposed budget for 2019:

The president circulated a proposed budget for 2019 which will be amended to reflect the approval of \$5000 for the 50th anniversary event.

A motion was made by Ashley Pollock/ seconded by John Moons; and carried "to approve the proposed 2019 budget as amended".

10. 2018 financial review:

The President asked for motion to allow the Board of Directors to search for a new financial reviewer.

Moved by Bob O'Donnell; seconded by Calvin Jones; and carried "to allow the Board of Directors to search for a financial reviewer for 2018".

New Business:

Reports from member clubs - London - new club president Bob O'Donnell will be trying to get a new meeting space and feels he may be able to get a meeting room in a retirement home for reasonable price. Brantford - John Moons reported they had a fire in their club house so are looking for a new facility at a reasonable price. Kawartha - George Thompson noted that access to Marmora mine was in doubt as the previous contact people had moved on. He was working on maintaining access. Niagara - Ashley Pollock reported their plans for a kids program didn't work out. They were arranging for meeting rooms at Brock University.

CCFMS plans for 2019 - the President advised that he will continue to pursue the insurance option for directors and officers for all interested clubs. He will also represent the CCFMS at the Bancroft show in August.

12. Election of officers for 2018-2019:

A slate of officers had been circulated. No additional nominations were made.

A motion was made by John Moons; seconded by Ashley Pollock; and carried "to approve the slate of officers previously circulated".

The list consists of the following:

President - Russell Bruce; Secretary - Ray Hainsworth; Treasurer - vacant
Communications/Webmaster - Bob O'Donnell; Field Trip Coordinator - Ashley Pollock;
Members at large - Calvin Jones, John Moons, Frank Melanson; Past President - Bob Beckett.

13. Date and location of next AGM –

The President advised that this matter will be considered at a future executive meeting.

14. Motion to adjourn:

A motion was moved by Wendy Davies; seconded by John Moons, carried.