



Location: Brock University

1) Call to Order @ 7:34 pm

2) Welcome to all. Any visitors? Any new members?

- Patricia Willcock - visiting - member a number of years ago.
 - also let us know that since we'll be up in Temagami, she has "being renovated" 12 room hotel - and her property includes an abandoned pyrite mine.
 - Mine is Northland Pyrite Mine - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Northland_Pyrite_Mine - <https://www.mindat.org/loc-44422.html>
- Sandra & John Brennan, visiting.
- Sign in sheet is being passed around.

3) Errors or missions for March minutes? No.

Motion to accept the minutes of the previous monthly meeting.

- moved by John Tordiff; seconded by Darlene Sloggett; carried

4) Reports from the Board

- Present: President, Dave Baker; Vice-President & temporary Show Chair, Gabriella Gevaert; Co-Treasurer, Monica D'Andrea; Secretary & Field Trip Director, Ashley Pollock; Directors:, Roman Olszewski, Darlene Sloggett; Newsletter Editor, John Tordiff
- Absent: Co-Treasurer, David D'Andrea; Kevin Strooband (also Past President)

a) Gabriella, Vice-President & temporary Show Chair:

- no current update re: show.

b) Ashley - Secretary, CCFMS, field trip, & audit reports - attached:

i) no Board meeting for April, hence, no minutes;

ii) **Motion:**

- NPGS AGM, board, & meeting minutes + any written reports - starting with February 2018 - will be made available online at our website.
- CCFMS AGM minutes (previous year) & agenda (current year) - along with date, time, & location + any written reports - will be made available online at our website.
- Financial reports - both NPGS & CCFMS - will not be made available online nor in the newsletter - due to privacy & security reasoning. Instead, they will be available upon request for any NPGS paid member.

Moved by: Ashley Pollock, seconded by: John Tordiff; carried.

Extra notes:

Proposed link: <http://www.ccfms.ca/clubs/NPGS/newsletters.htm>.

iii) 2018 FT schedule is now available - and posted in the newsletter and on the website.

- only dates not 100% firm are mid-August dates; however, the field trip will take place between Saturday, August 11th to Sunday, August 19th - and will be 5 or 6 days in duration.
- Beamsville is booked for Saturday, May 12th.
- Both Kingston & Kawartha FT schedules are available on our website @ <http://www.ccfms.ca/clubs/NPGS/trips.htm>.
- Brechin Quarry - Silurian fossil site - is not closed - this is a temporary situation - and should be resolved sometime in May.
- Reminder: October 2018 trip to Rock Glen for Lion's Museum do on Charlie Southworth;

Motion:

NPGS Board approves the 2018 NPGS field trip locations, dates, and times.



Moved by: Ashley Pollock, seconded by: Darlene Sloggett; carried/defeated. (Voted upon by Board members.)

Extra notes:

This is a requirement by Co-operators Insurance, starting 2018, that field trips are approved by a club's board/executive.

iv) audit is now complete:

- Corrections to Auctions reporting - Jan 2014 thru to Aug 2017.
- Correction to June 2017 deposits.
- Correction to a date on Sep 2015-Aug 2016 year end statement.
- Change accrued interest to actual interest.
- Corrections are now done - and Geri Kerekes, our auditor, will review - and then be able to "sign off" on the audit.

c) Monica, Co-Treasurer - financial reports - attached:

- i) financial statement for March 2018;
- ii) membership - have some members who are overdue;
- iii) current show vendor payments status.

d) Roman, Director & Annual Auction Co-ordinator

- Annual Auction is next month - May;
- Brian Pihack, again, will be our auctioneer;
- Ensure that you have numbers from Roman;
- auction rules & instructions plus blank auction slips can be downloaded from our website;
- link is: <http://www.ccfms.ca/clubs/NPGS/meetings.htm>;

e) Darlene, Director:

- currently has a display at the Niagara Falls library - please visit.

f) John, Newsletter Editor:

- currently has nothing to report.

g) Dave B, President:

- Faeryn, who has been Show Assistant for a number of years is no longer able to volunteer for the position - and so, name will be removed from Board as an update.

Motion to accept reports.

Moved by Gabriella Gevaert; seconded by John Tordiff; carried

5) *Business arising from previous minutes / meetings?*

- none

6) *Any new business? Any reports from members?*

a) Membership renewals

- Janis Forster & Linda Parson renewed their membership. Thank you Janis & Linda.
- Gabriella completed her family renewals - for herself, her daughter, and for Tibor. Thank you Gabi.

b) Brian Pihack gave us an update on all the astronomy happenings:

- purple ribbon aurora (a very rare event) - will be viewing in Nova Scotia;
- Astronomy Day - Apr 21st afternoon @ Niagara Glen (see the sun) & evening @ Firemen's Park (see the moon, Jupiter, Orion nebula, and much more);
- Brian thanked Dave B for a Thunder Bay stromatolite - Brian's always looking for fossils.

c) Ashley gave a report on possibly purchasing a rock saw for the club - which had been discussed by the Board back in Fall of 2016 - decided that wasn't, perhaps, the best idea.



7) *50 / 50 Draw*

- Winner: John Anderson
- Congratulations, John.

8) *Break*

- reminder: Silent Auction is still on - please bid.
 - Thank you as always to Brian Dear for the excellent specimens he brings in for our auctions.
- We'll see everyone in 10 minutes.

9) *Our Speaker tonight is Bob O'Donnell*

Topic: Hungry Hollow Fossils & the upcoming field trip.

Thank you, Bob, for your always educational and motivational talk!
And thank you, too, for bringing your most amazing & stupendous fossils.

10) *Motion to adjourn.*

- moved by Jim Glen; seconded by Patti Anderson; carried
- time: 9:13 pm

The next monthly meeting will be Friday, May 18th - here at Brock University.
It's our Annual Auction - so get put your pocketbooks - see what specimens & jewellery you'd like to sell - and then come and have a tremendous time!

Thank you everyone for an great meeting.
Please drive home safe and enjoy the rest of your evening!