



Location: Brock University

1) Call to Order @ 7:37 pm

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

- Peter Clausi - new member - introduced himself & mentioned that he was interested in our field trip to the Gowgonda area - he has drilling operations up there.
- Sign in sheet is being passed around.

3) Motion to accept the minutes of the previous monthly meeting.

- moved by John Tordiff; seconded by Brian Dear; carried

4) Reports from the Board

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

a) Gabriella reported that we have approx 25 vendors for the show.

b) Ashley reported:

- minor wording corrections to Mar 12th Board minutes;
- website and Facebook posts are up to date as well as Niagara Region communities database;
- nothing current for CCFMS (*unable to attend Mar 11th CCFMS meeting*);
- some field trip dates confirmed - still confirming others - some itineraries have changed:
 - Hungry Hollow trip, 1st trip of the season, and upcoming on Saturday, April 28th;
 - final schedule should be available in April;
- audit is almost complete:
 - Auditor is Geri Kerekes - additional detailed reports required + minor corrections;
 - all audited statements will be available to all club members upon request or photocopied out for meetings;
 - will not post any financials on our website or on FB because of privacy & security concerns.

c) Dave B tabled Monica's financial reports - unfortunately, Monica is sick:

- financial statement for March 2018
- have a current show vendor payments status report.

d) Roman mentioned the May Annual Auction and asked for people to ensure that they contact him for auction slip numbers.

- 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 currently has nothing to report.

f) John currently has nothing to report.

g) Dave B reported:

- asked John to list our show in the newsletter,
 - show flyers should be printed & out this week;
- Board appointments will be confirmed by membership;
- will be reviewing the assets - includes a table saw, donated by Brian Dear,
 - currently, we do not have a rock saw;
- Dave B will make an appointment to update bank signatures for new signing officers;



- Board meeting clarified Secretary duties for Ashley.
- Motion to accept reports - moved by Gabriella Gevaert; seconded by John Tordiff; carried

Even though, we currently have no Social Convenor, both Gabriella and Geri Kerekes brought beverages for the meeting - and have often brought beverages & goodies to past meetings.

Thank you, Gabriella & Geri!

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

- none

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

- Bryan Law renewed membership via Brian Dear. Thank you Bryan & Brian.
- Gabriella also made partial payment towards her renewal. Thank you Gabi.
- Jim Glen hasn't been able to book Beamsville yet. He will email everyone as soon as he's updated.

7) *50 / 50 Draw*

- Winner: Gabriella - amount \$11
- Congratulations, Gabi.
- Darlene took a picture!

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 Michael Bainbridge*

Topic: Photographing the Pinch Collection @ the Canadian Museum of Nature.

Mineral photographer, Michael Bainbridge, awed and astonished us with exceptional photographs of the William J Pinch Collection at the Canadian Museum of Nature as well as regaled us with some fabulous and informative stories about Bill Pinch.

Michael can be contacted via his website - Michael J Bainbridge Photography -

<http://www.theoccurrence.ca/>

Book will be published May 2018 - to pre-order please access

http://www.lithographie.org/bookshop/the_pinch_collection_at.htm

An excellent description of Michael's talk can also be found @

<http://www.mcdougallminerals.com/blog/tag/bill-pinch-mineral-collection/>:

...the final talk of the 2016 43rd Rochester Mineralogical Symposium was one that will always be remembered.

Our speaker was Canadian mineral photographer Michael Bainbridge. He is wrapping up the end of a major project with the Canadian Museum of Nature, a book on the truly unbelievable mineral collection assembled by Bill Pinch from the beginning of his collecting career and through the late 1980s, acquired by the Museum.

From the beginning of his collecting days, through to the late 1980s, Bill built a mineral collection like no other. It had incredible breadth of species, and top specimens of so many – many best of species. John White, former curator at the Smithsonian, has stated that Bill's was the best private collection ever assembled. Many feel the same way.



The Pinch Collection includes jaw-dropping specimens, one after another, after another... And, given the material itself, it would have been a relatively straightforward undertaking to present a slideshow of highlights among the great specimens from Bill's first collection. (Bill has been assembling another collection ever since...) However, although many of those highlights were of course included in the photographs accompanying the talk, Michael took a different, deeper approach, presenting stories of assembling the collection, surrounding the thesis that Bill, and the Pinch Collection, redefined mineral collecting and mineral appreciation at the time, and for all who followed.

*Michael placed this story in the context of the era, the dynamics, and the influential players at the time, notably Paul E Desautels (Smithsonian, published seminal work, *The Mineral Kingdom*). During the time period in which Bill built the collection, mineral specimens and collections came to be appreciated differently than they had in the past, and Michael highlighted Bill's influence and the influence of Paul Desautels. The world of mineral collecting was forever changed during this era, and Bill's role was fundamental. As life would have it, Bill had not been present at the Symposium for many years. It is no exaggeration to say that it was a moving morning, as Bill, his wife Jackie and their son Michael attended the talk. They were greeted with the warmth that has come to be part of the Symposium – the Symposium that Bill himself has had such a major hand in creating and contributing to, over the years.*

Thank you, Michael, for your amazing talk!
And thank you again for coming back and giving us a talk.

10) *Motion to adjourn.*

- moved by Jim Glen; seconded by Patti Anderson; carried
- time: 10:01 pm

The next monthly meeting will be Friday, April 20th - here at Brock University.
Our speaker will be Bob O'Donnell and he'll be talking about the Fossils of Arkona +++
Prepared to be wowed a second month in a row.

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