

BCLS General Meeting Report
October 4, 2015

The meeting of Zone Organizations with the BCLS was held at the Abbotsford Seniors Activity Centre, 2631 Cyril St. in Abbotsford on Sunday. The lower mainland was well represented and I was in attendance for the Island Zone. Two Zones submitted written reports which were read out to the attendees. We will receive the minutes at some later date so I will not go into the details at this time.

Reports from committees were presented.

Bob Morgan was not present but his wagon master partner, Trevor Christie was in attendance. All BCLS trips are scheduled twice a year and submitted to the "Rockhounder" as well as being posted on their website. He asks that all clubs provide this information to those sites so BCLS members are aware of what's going on in the Province.

Amanda Martinson announced her intention to resign from the "Rockhounder" editor's position after the winter edition is out, citing various personal reasons. She is mostly concerned with the amount of time spent researching articles and her isolated location from the center of association action. The fall edition is out now.

The calendar's editor (name misplaced in my memory bank) produced the 2016 calendar and announced that the contributors will be receiving their "prize". Lori Ball's (Courtenay Club) photo graces the cover and I have her rock prize plus a free copy of the calendar to be delivered ASAP.

Cam Bacon was not available to talk about the Annual BCLS show but a detailed accounting of income (missing from the report were details of expenditures) from the show was provided. Some discussion about insurance for such events accompanied a general round of comments.

Doug Murray talked about Summer Camp and the fact that the event lost money (\$450) for the first time since he's been doing it. Fires and drought conditions as well as travel costs might have played a significant role in the reduced attendance. He's looking for a venue or the upcoming event. Doug will be taking on the treasurer's duties so another coordinator for the event can be expected. (Cam or Bob, I think.)

David Hunter was not available to talk about the next Rendezvous but considerable comments seemed to indicate some interest in moving the event to another region outside of the Okanagan/Central Zones.

New business was limited to a discussion about the **Gem and Mineral Federation of Canada** and the inability of clubs to get any information or even to make contact with the executive members regarding donations made to the GMFC's scholarship fund on behalf of deceased members. The executive will look into the only benefit we seem to get; insurance to see if it's possible to get the same coverage at the same rate on our own.

Respectfully Submitted,
G. Burkholder