

Constitution and Bylaws of Ripple Rock Gem & Mineral Club

January 1 2005 (January 1, 2010)

1. Name **Ripple Rock Gem & Mineral Club**

- 2. Object**
- a) To promote and encourage the study of Geology, Mineralogy, Paleontology, Gemology, Lapidary, Faceting and other related subjects.
To promote the collecting of minerals, rocks and other geological materials.
 - b) To do lapidary work as a hobby rather than for purposes of trade or business.
 - c) To encourage exploration of British Columbia for lapidary materials, and to promote and encourage close association with, and exchange of information between, rock hobbyists and lapidary groups.
 - d) To provide equipment, machinery and educational materials for the use, benefit and enjoyment of members interested in lapidary work.
 - e) To provide instruction for the proper and safe procedures to be used when operating all club equipment.
 - f) To plan organize and hold an annual Gem and Mineral exhibit in order to stimulate the general public's interest in the Earth Sciences.

BYLAWS

1. MEMBERSHIP

There shall be three types of memberships:

All members shall have full voting privileges:

ACTIVE membership shall be confined to persons eighteen years of age or older.

FAMILY membership shall consist of two or more persons including all children less than eighteen years of age. A child under eighteen may become a registered member only under the family membership and only with a Parent, a Legal Guardian, a Foster Parent or a Grand Parent. Once a child under eighteen has been registered under the aforementioned conditions they may attend club functions with any adult club member that both has permission from the Childs Guardian and agrees to be responsible for that child. Please note: that all children under twelve must at all times be accompanied by an adult member who agrees to be responsible for them.

LIFE membership may be conferred upon those persons who have rendered a particular service to the club. This membership shall be bestowed by a majority vote at a regular meeting. The club pays **all (the)** fees for life membership.

2. NON - ELECTED OFFICERS

Immediate Past President.

Senior Society Delegate.

Intermediate Society Delegate.

3. OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED (Executive)

President

Vice-President

Secretary

Treasurer

Wagonmaster (Wagoneer)

Assistant Wagonmaster
(appointed)

Show Chairman

Assistant Show Chairman (appointed)

Shop Foreman (Chair)

Entertainment Chairman

Publicity Chairman

Bugle Editors

Junior Society Delegate

4. ELECTIONS

Election of the executive is to be held in the month of ~~December~~ ^(November). There shall be ~~three~~ ^(a) Nominating Committee ~~(of at least 2)~~ members whose purpose will be to fill all the executive positions. The President shall designate one member of the Nominating Committee. The other ~~two~~ Nominating Committee members shall be nominated by the general membership and voted on at the ~~October~~ ^(September) meeting. The list of the ~~three~~ Nominating Committee members shall then be published in the ~~November~~ ^(October) Bugle. Any concerns or nominations should be directed to the Nominating Committee before the ~~December~~ ^(November) meeting. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the ~~November~~ ^(October) and ~~December~~ ^(November) meetings.

5. TERMS OF OFFICE

- a) The Junior Delegate elected in the current year has a term that runs for three years; this term starts after the Societies general meeting in May. The line of progression is from Junior Delegate to Intermediate and then to Senior Delegate.
- b) All other positions run from January 1 to December 31 each fiscal period.

6. POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE

- a) The executive shall be empowered to undertake the routine business of the club so long as a Quorum (50% of the executive) has voted on each item of business undertaken.
All such business shall be brought to the membership at the next General meeting.
- b) No single expenditure in excess of ~~\$100.00~~ ^(\$200.00) will be undertaken or committed to by the executive without the voter approval of a quorum (25%) of the general membership.
- c) The executive shall be empowered to review and set membership fees, which will be voted upon by the membership at a general meeting. A notice of change will then be published in the Bugle.

7. MEETINGS

Regular meetings to be held at a specified place at 7 P.M. on the second Friday of each month ~~(from September through June)~~ unless otherwise decided by the Executive. ~~(Except July and August)~~ Executive meetings are to be held approximately one week prior to the regular monthly meeting.

8. FINANCES

1. Club financing to be by way of membership fees and such fund raising activities as proposed by the Executive and approved by the membership.
2. There shall be no financing or borrowing of money under any circumstances. Either the executive or the general membership must approve all expenditures and the Treasurer, Secretary and President shall have cheque co-signing authority. (Two authorized people must sign every cheque).
3. Complete financial records must be kept by the Treasurer and shall be open for inspection by the membership no less than 7 days after the Treasurer receives written notice of such request
4. The President shall undertake a review of the club finances at the end of each fiscal year. A copy of this review shall be read aloud and made available in writing at the January meeting.

9. QUORUM

- 1) General Meeting -25% of the paid membership
- 2) Executive Meeting -50% of the Executive
- 3) Voting shall be by a show of hands unless members decide otherwise.

10. MEETING PROCEDURE

The President or designate is to use Robert's Rules to conduct business while presenting items of interest to club members and visitors.

1. The general minutes of the last meeting can be read aloud or simply made available.
2. The Treasurer's report must be read at each meeting.
3. When club business is completed the President will request adjournment of the meeting. There will then be an entertainment program as arranged by the program Chairman.

11. CHANGES TO THE BYLAWS

Bylaws can only be changed by a quorum of the general membership at a regular monthly meeting. Prior notice of any changes must be given at the general meeting proceeding the month of vote and by way of written notice or to be published in The Bugle one month prior to the vote.

12. INTERPRETATION OF THE BYLAWS

a) The club is the sole authority for the interpretation of these bylaws. The decision of the club at its General Meetings with regards to any question of interpretation shall be binding on all members of the club.

b) Expelling a member -

Either a unanimous vote of the executive, which is subject to appeal, or a three-fourths majority vote of the members at a regular meeting may expel a member from the club for actions contrary to the best interests of the club. If the expelled has had their membership revoked by a membership vote there shall be no appeal.

c) An expelled member may undertake to renew their membership after 2 years.

The membership application must be approved by the executive at one of its regular meeting and ratified by the general membership at its next meeting.)

13. MEMBERSHIP LISTS

(The treasurer is assigned the duty of keeping the membership list up to date.

A Membership roster shall be made available to members through the Bugle publication. This list will only include the names of paid members.)

The use of any names, mailing addresses, phone numbers and email addresses required in the normal conduct of club business shall not be used for any purpose other than club business.