

Vancouver Island Zone
Meeting of 9th August 2015

Present were

Gord Burkholder, Pres of Zone exec for Ripple Rock

Jan Boyes Secretary of Zone for Ripple Rock

Ulla Williams, Treasurer of Zone for Ripple Rock

Mike Williams visiting from Cowichan Club

Dave and Judy Moss, representing Cowichan Club

Marion Barclay representing Parksville Club

Paulette Egeli Int, and Peter Shuya, Sr, and Jack Boyes, Jr, representing Courtenay Club

Yvan and leni Gagnon, representing the Victoria Society.

John Bishop, guest from Cowichan Club.

Marilyn Machum , Guest from Courtenay Club.

Dave and Dot West were absent due to the FLU.

Pres Gord Burkholder spoke words of welcome to the delegates and guests, and thanked them for coming.

The Agenda was read and approved.

Minutes of the meeting of March 15th, 2015, in Victoria, were read. Gord moved acceptance and Leni seconded the motion. Minutes accepted.

Treasurer Ulla gave the financial report. Copy attached. The monthly bank fees are \$2.50. There is \$1328.59 in the bank to date. Ulla moved acceptance, Judi seconded. Passed.

CLUB REPORTS:

Alberni reps are absent. Phoned their regrets. They have the Flu.

Gord Burkholder gave the Ripple Rock Report.

August 2015 Ripple Rock Report;

membership of the club remains fairly constant at approximately 100 souls, with some members as others move on to new explorations. Our primary focus of lapidary skills continues and our shop is devoted to cutting, shaping, and polishing rock. Lessons on basic skills are provided to all new members prior to their accessing the shop independently. Members continue to provide classes on wire wrapping and we have carving workshops bi-annually.. We continue to strive to provide our members with activities that will improve and expand their knowledge and skills.

The Ripple Rock Gem and Mineral Club has had a busy spring and summer .

Our show went off in early June without any major problems. Vendors seemed to do well enough at selling and there were more people in attendance this year than last. There were many events and activities that are 'traditional' to the show; gold panning, soapstone carving, rock identification, ask and expert, silent auction, used equipment sales, gem tree making, to name a few. We went 'out of the club' for the concession this year and are uncertain how it was received or the level of success for the vendor but it will be revisited during our planning for next year's event.

The Club has done many field trips with our Wagon Master Shane Mawhinney. Merry Widow mine, Oyster River, Trent River, and Quadra Island were all on the list. Our big trip to Grand Forks was cancelled due to the forest fire situation which prevented the mine owner from blasting new rock.

As the club responsible for the Zone Executive for the next two years, we are busy planning the Zone Gemboree for this September.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon Burkholder, Senior delegate.

ZONE REPORT, COWICHAN VALLEY, August 9, 2015

We presently have 50 members.(13 family and 24 individuals) in our club.

We had a fairly well attended summer BBQ at the home of Ken and Donna Buchholz in June.

At present we have no wagon master but we have continued to have weekly field trips lead by Neil Bonner with slightly smaller attendance. These trips have been more difficult with the dry weather as we haven't been able to get into any gated areas. However neil has been creative in finding us places to explore.

Our two workshops have continued into the summer but will be closing down a bit in August to give our hosts a break. Over the past several weeks we have been busy working on rock items for the Cobble Hill Fair which is held on August 22nd at the Cobble Hill Fairground. This event is our main annual fundraiser and opportunity to let the public know what we do.

Our 2016 Gemboree Committee has met and we now have a registration form which we hope to have available at the September 2015 Gemboree. Lots of fun events planned and we look forward to a well attended weekend at Camp Creina July 8-10, 2016.

Our club hasn't had any meetings during the summer but an e-mail was distributed to try to determine numbers for this September's gemboree. There were very poor returns but I think that we will have approximately 10 of our members attend the days lunch and auction.

Submitted by Judi Moss of the Cowichan Club.

Peter Shuya submitted the report for the Courtenay Gem and Mineral Club.

The Club Show date has been changed from the 1st weekend of May to a weekend in April.

The show did well.

The discussions about moving the Club workshop continue. Russ ball is willing to have it in his back yard if a suitable 'moveable' building or trailer can be found within the budget. The end of year picnic was held at Kin Beach and was enjoyed by all who attended. There are 30 members of whom 14 are active.

Parksville & District Rock and Gem Club report was given by Marion Barclay.

Recent Club activities:

1. Sadly our lovely secretary, Marion Cameron, has died from Pancreatic cancer. She is greatly missed.
2. We had another great picnic hosted by Marion Barclay in June.
3. We are having our Mini-Show as part of the Coombs Fair, August 8-9. This is our tenth anniversary of participation with the Fair.
4. We have finished the renovations on the building at the Fairgrounds that will become our workshop and lapidary space. The next task is building benches and renovating equipment donated to the club. We are ready to have workshops and classes there.
5. We received a \$1500 grant from the District 69 Recreation Commission for funds to operate youth rockhounding programs.
6. We have applied for a Seniors Horizons Grant for new lapidary equipment. We will not know the outcome for some months.
7. We had great spring fieldtrips including a multi-day exploration of Texada with Amanda and Michael.
8. We continue to have varied and interesting programs at each meeting

Linda Strand vis Marion Barclay.

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Victoria Lapidary and Mineral Society by Leni Gagnon

Report covering March 15-August 7, 2015

Number of members, approximately 90 and growing.

General Observations: New members in Committee positions are doing a good job but some members are still reluctant in filling other positions.

Meetings: April—Show Summary

May- Club Auction, mostly equipment and Rocks. Jewellery from Pam Dyer

June: Strawberry Social

Members: Passing—Molly Beddington and Phyllis Hoffman. They were long time active members and will be missed.

Bursary: Sean Maier was the only applicant for the Pam Dyer Memorial Bursary and thereby won it again. The \$1000 will help buy his textbooks. I encourage other clubs to have their young members apply for it if they are continuing their education in the Earth Sciences field or Geology..

Events: VLMS SHOW- very successful, the new chair, Allah Shillito did a good job.

Club Picnic- Held at a member's home, attended by about 20 members. Enjoyed by all.

Workshop: Busy as usual. No new equipment bought. We are thinking about restructuring the user fees.

Field Trips: Island View Beach, Loss Creek, Mt Tzuhalem, and the Abbotsford BCLS Show.

Club Concerns: Attendance has been low lately at Club meetings. Need to get members to attend.

Submitted by Leni Gagnon.

Workshop Problems raised in conversations---People using the shop for their own commercial purposes. Ripple Rock decided that if those folks didn't use it, Who would?

Ripple Rock has a constitution that is changeable, so if future problems arise, they can be dealt with. The main problem is getting folks to share Genies and not hog them all evening.

Zone funds and Mileage costs.

Paulette feels it is good to have money available for those who may be "strapped" and need help with the gas money.

Ulla explained "why" the Zone was formed---to send VI delegates to the BCLS meetings.

Motion to be proposed—Gord Burkholder- Zone will continue to pay out travel expenses as per the existing formula to the senior attending delegate at \$0.20 per Km.

Marion Barclay seconded. Passed.

Judi Moss had never heard about mileage payments when she became a delegate.

GEMBOREE PROFITS currently are shared 50/50 with the host club.

Jan Moved that the current 50/50 split be maintained for 2 years when it will be re-visited.

Leni Gagnon Seconded, passed.

GEMBOREE 2015 Saturday 19 September.

Ulla has prepared a Form on which she has listed all possible Jobs for which volunteers are needed, and also all possible supplies for the Gemboree Lunch and Auction..

The delegates went through the form and made commitments for Jobs and to bring supplies.

There was a lot of discussion of the hows, whats and whys of the Gemboree, as well as the Where.

Ulla has planned the menu and will be bringing the food.

Volunteers have committed to bringing the necessities on her list.

New Business: Cedar Grove Has been booked. Leni Moved to pay cedar Grove \$100 for the 4 sites they have reserved for Gemboree use. Judi seconded. Passed.

My apologies for any mistakes and spelling errors, as I cannot see the screen to proofread this epistle.

Yours Truly, Janice Boyes.