

AFRC DIRECTORS/DELEGATES MEETING

Sunday, **18 September 2022**; 10:30 a.m.

CRLC Club premises at Bay #13, 3650 – 19 Street NE, Calgary, AB

- 1. Consideration of Agenda** (additions to the agenda and appointing a secretary)
Appointment of Secretary: JohnC (MHRLC) agreed to take minutes for this meeting.

2. AFRC President's Message (**APPENDIX A**)

3. Roll Call:

Calgary Faceters Guild Mark Williams	Calgary Rock & Lapidary Club Dale Nielsen (Vice President) Dave Fong Linda Brydon
Edmonton Tumblewood Lapidary Club unable to attend due to a lack of ZOOM	Lacombe Handicraft & Lapidary Guild Doug Schatz
Medicine Hat Rock & Lapidary Club Karen-Anne Cherwonogrodzky John Cherwonogrodzky (Treasurer)	Southern Alberta Rockhounds Association Brett Jensen (President) Jonathan Legg Henry Komadowski

- 4. In Memoriam** (bereavements, 1 minute of silence)
None reported.

5. Minutes of the April 10, 2022 meeting (**APPENDIX B**).

Motion to approve Minutes by Karen-Anne C (MHRLC), 2nd by Mark (CFG), approved by all.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes:

6.1 – Follow-up on May Daze 2022.

The Treasurer, JohnC (MHRLC) presented detailed accounts of the transactions of Buyers and Sellers, donations, the live auction and tailgating, expenses and income. He commented that given that at the time we had not cleared the impact of COVID-19 on activities and participation, that many of the members were selling and downsizing rather than buying, and that signs had to be replaced, he estimated that AFRC would lose about \$700 at the May Daze. However, all went well, people attended, and there had been a net profit of \$7.20 (see Summary, **APPENDIX C**).

In April 2022, AFRC at the request of LHLG, changed the schedule of May Daze.

- Friday was still set-up, meet and greet, and the BBQ.
- Saturday morning was the pancake breakfast, then field trips and demonstrations and a potluck for supper. However, the AGM was moved from Sunday after the auction to Saturday after the potluck supper.
- The live auction was moved from Saturday evening to Sunday morning and afternoon.
Tailgating was as before, Sunday afternoon.

By making these changes, the attendance at the AGM was about 30, rather than the usual dozen. It was great to hear the views and suggestions of the younger members. People did not have to stay to midnight for the auction then travel on dangerous roads, but instead could attend the auction, have a lunch and washroom break, and leave after tailgating in the afternoon for home.

Dale N. (CRLC) noted concern that Tailgating was too rushed. In addition, Karen-Anne C (MHRLC) noted that there was an issue of the sorting of purchases and sales that took too much time away from tailgating on Sunday. Instead of starting the auction at 10 a.m., it should perhaps start at 9 a.m. or earlier.

She also wondered if some time could be saved by having the donations to the Host Club and AFRC as silent auctions, rather than live auctions before the SELLERS live auction.

Brett Jensen noted that there were many benefits to the reschedule, and SARHA will likely use the a similar format for its May Daze at Lethbridge 2023. However, they may also add field trips on the Monday, to make May Daze a day longer.

(Author's note: According to historical AFRC notes given by Irene Novlan to JohnC, in the 1970s, the AGM and events did indeed extend into the Monday. This was to allow field trips, additional overnight camping, and an extra day to travel home.)

Doug S. (LHLG) noted that they were pleased with all the support given from AFRC. In the past, there was more of a burden to their club.

6.2 - Follow-up on the **handling of historical documentation including storage, access, digitization and donating materials to the Provincial Archives.**

The point was made that donating documents, or copies of documents, to the Provincial Archives, may not be as difficult as one might think, that access to these documents would be more available than thought, and it was better than losing these should a club fold.

There was a discussion that there would still have to be some review, organization and selection of documents, before these are sent to Provincial Archives.

Some documents that AFRC might send to the Provincial Archives could be the Bylaws, Minutes and past Newsletters.

Concern was expressed that some of the information could not be sent (e.g. financial transactions and accounts, names and contact information, confidential opinions on issues and required actions).

Karen-Anne C (MHRLC) noted that in the Record of AFRC Motions, there was a motion that: *“we give the Provincial Archives an update including a list of executive. member clubs of Alberta and the year's minutes.”* (Motion carried on Sept. 8, 2002)

Brett J (SARHA) noted he would follow-up with Pauline Z, former Secretary of the AFRC.
Topic ongoing.

6.3 - AFRC rejuvenation

Brett J (SARHA) noted that if we have healthy clubs, then the AFRC will be healthy as well. May daze is AFRC's only event and this is open to the public. It was clarified that AFRC cards are not required to attend the event. Guests are allowed to go on field trips as long as they are on the sign-up list.

He noted that although some clubs are struggling, some clubs are beginning to get better. With regards to doing better, **events open to the public** draw interested people to the club, some take memberships, and a few of these do show interest in helping out the club. A large draw for the CRLC is the annual May Gem Show open to the public in Calgary. Lethbridge has its September tailgate at the Peavy Mart.

For the younger generation, **social media** is a major draw, but this changes rapidly. What someone might use this year, may be out of favour and not used the following year.

Jonathan Legg (SARHA) noted that there may be **clubs of a related theme** (e.g. Northern Rockhounds, Southern Rockhounds) that might have members interested in our own. The key part is for AFRC to get known through social media. He also noted that there may be some clubs in BC (e.g. in Fernie) that may be interested in connecting with AFRC because some of our clubs are closer to them than some clubs in BC. Also, if useful information is shared through our website(s), there might

be additional connections made such as joint field trips.

JohnC (MHRLC) asked if there might be mutual benefit between some **clubs and university or college faculties**, such as the Calgary Faceters Guild and the Lapidary Dept of the Alberta University of the Arts (formerly Alberta College of Art and Design at SAIT). Mark (CFG) advised that it might be worth trying to set up a collaboration, but that in the past most new members were “tire kickers”, interested in the hobby but not willing to spend 6 hours faceting a stone.

Topic ongoing.

7.0 New Business:

7.1 – Appoint delegates to the GMFC

When a club sends its membership payment to AFRC, the Treasurer of AFRC in turn pays about 80-90% of this for members to also become members of GMFC, with all its rights and privileges. As AFRC is greatly under-represented in the GMFC, Brett asked if any on the Board of AFRC would be willing to be GMFC reps. He said it usually means only light duties, meeting once every few months by conference call. Last time, even its AGM was a teleconference. There is the benefit of connecting with other clubs in BC, and once a year it has “*BC Rendezvous*”, which is similar to AFRC’s May Daze, and unfortunately occurs on the same days,

AFRC Delegates who volunteered to be GMFC reps were:

- Henry Komadowski (SARHA)
- Dale Nielsen (CRLC)
- Karen-Anne Cherwonogrodzky (MHRLC)
- John Cherwonogrodzky (MHRLC)

On further discussion, various ideas were shared on how to make greater connection with the BC clubs.

- Dale N noted that some of their CRLC members were formally BC club members and they may be able to help bridge clubs in the two provinces.
- Jonathan L (SARHA) noted we should start sharing events together to build relations.
- Karen-Anne C (MHRLC) suggested a GMFC auction as a way to work and meet together.
- Doug S (LHLG) suggested sharing newsletters among clubs.
- There was general discussion to use ZOOM to share guest speakers. In short, he noted that it might be easier to share info than create new events.
- A question arose about the GMFC **colouring books** and if any were available for sharing. Brett J (SARHA) said he would track these down.

7.2 – Nominations for Executive for 2023 AFRC for November elections.

After several years as President of AFRC, Brett Jensen was stepping down. However, no-one came forward to fill this and other positions.

- President: VACANT
- Vice President – Dale Nielsen (CRLC) agreed to continue this role.
- Secretary – VACANT
- Treasurer – JohnC (MHRLC) said that he would continue in this role (now in his 8th year) to get AFRC through its difficult times. He is encouraged that some clubs appear to have survived and are doing better after COVID-19, that there seems to be renewed public interest in rocks and lapidary.

Karen-Anne C (MHRLC) suggested that if AFRC cannot get delegates to take these positions for a year, perhaps we could rotate directors on a monthly basis to occupy these positions

7.3 - Additional AFRC ZOOM meeting in January 2023

Dale Nielsen (CRLC) advised that there appears to be too much of a gap between the November AFRC meeting and May Daze. There is usually one just before May Daze, in April, but by then there is very little time to organize issues. She recommended that there be an additional AFRC meeting in January or February for better planning.

It was decided that **the next AFRC meetings would be on Sunday 13 November 2022 and then Sunday, 12 February 2023 by ZOOM.**

8.0 Correspondence:

Nothing to report.

9.0 Committee Reports:

9.1 – Treasurer's Report: John Cherwonogrodzky

- a) The finances regarding May Daze 2022 were already reviewed under Section 6.1 (APPENDIX C). Instead of the Treasurer's estimate that there would be a loss of about \$700, there was actually a **PROFIT of \$7.20**. Some of the Directors chuckled at the amount and cheered at having finances in the positive, no matter how small.
 - b) Because the Treasurer had already given the Summary of Accounts and Transactions from 1 January 2022 – 14 May 2022 at the May Daze AGM, he provided these for 14 May 2022 to 18 September 2022. This was given as **APPENDIX D**.
 - c) On 23 September 2022, the GIC matures and needs to be renewed. Previously, our GIC earned about 2% a year. However, with the jump in bank interest rates, it can now earn far more. There are different options:
 - If one has the fund as **accessible**, the rate is low, 0.5-0.75% over 3 years.
 - If one locks these into a fixed **inaccessible** GIC, it then becomes 4.2 – 4.4% over 3 years.
 - There is also the option of having a fixed inaccessible rate of 3.8% for 1 year.
 - However, the Bank of Canada announced that it will increase interest rates later on to fight inflation.
 - AFRC's expenses have increased, with almost a doubling of the Director's Insurance, the potential of giving clubs \$250 Workshop support, and perhaps paying for technical and media support by a service that charges for doing this. There is about \$4000 in the chequing account. The Treasurer recommended that
 1. About \$2000 be transferred from the matured GIC into the chequing account to have about \$6000 in the account.
 2. That in anticipation of increased interest rates, that the remainder of the GIC be put into an inaccessible account for 1 year, then when it matures to be put into a 3-year inaccessible term.
- **Mark (CFG) so moved for both items, 2nd by Henry (SARHA), all approved.**

The Treasurer requested that the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

Moved by Dale (CRLC), 2nd by Doug (LHLG), approved by all

9.2 Custodian/Librarian's Report (by Doug S, LHLG)

Location of Traveling Library

- This is currently at the Lacombe Club and there is nothing new in the library.
- Dale (CRLC) noted that their club now has another 15 books in its library. Perhaps some could be donated to the AFRC but they would first have to look through these.

- JohnC (MHRLC) noted that if there are any donations to the AFRC library, he needs to add these to the Inventory that is submitted to the Alberta Societies Registry every year.

Location of the Traveling Memento, May Daze Guest Book and signs – Brett has taken these to SARHA

9.3. GMFC Report: Brett Jensen

The appointment of AFRC Directors to be GMFC Directors has already been discussed as Item 7.1 Brett (SARHA), the current President of GMFC informed the group that GMFC is having serious problems:

- There are about 2 dozen clubs that form the British Columbia Lapidary Clubs. They also have a very large and successful Rock & Gem Show in Abbotsford every year, which clears about \$60,000 for them. They have little interest in GMFC, and view it as irrelevant.
- Two of the GMFC Executives have very serious health problems and cannot continue.
- The role of GMFC is to promote rock and lapidary clubs across western Canada (in the 1970s there was an eastern GMFC that wanted nothing to do with the other) and to take the financial risk of funding AGMs and Rock & Gem shows. However, there have been false claims that it takes the profits of these shows away from the host club, without doing or investing anything.

As a result of these, GMFC may not be viable for much longer.

9.4. AFRC Website/Newsletter ?

There was a brief discussion that the AFRC Newsletter has evolved into being a part of the Website, having past Newsletters deposited there. (During a past meeting, Mike O’Toole, CRLC, said he had many back issues.) Past Newsletters had AFRC Minutes, club activity announcements and topics of interest, and certainly these could be entered onto the Website.

SARHA noted that it has 3 accounts on Facebook, one only for its club members, another that it allows the public to access with confidential information removed, and another linking to other websites such as “ www.rockhounds.ca “

Henry K (SARHA) noted that the website could possibly have links to other, international sites that would be of interest to our members, such as an archaeological site that shows excavations in Brazil.

Tony C (LHLG) in past meetings volunteered to develop and update the website(s) but he could only enter that which has been contributed.

It was agreed that, although there is no Newsletter at present, the Minutes once passed should be added to the website. Tony C will be asked to post the Minutes on the website.

This topic is ongoing.

10. On-Going Business:

10.1 - May Daze 2023

Brett (SARHA) stated that May Daze will be held at Diamond City just north of Lethbridge. Due to planned renovations of the Hall, this year may be the last year for a while that the Hall can be rented. At the Hall, there is very limited parking, but off site, a few miles away, there is Park Lake that one could reserve camping and RV parking. Field trips will be planned for the Saturday and Monday.

Ongoing.

10.2 – AFRC Lifetime Achievement Award nominations

- Given his years of dedication and commitment to SARHA, AFRC and GMFC, it was put forward that Brett Jensen be nominated for this award.
- In turn, Brett acknowledged that Ron Biel (LHLG) has spent decades supporting and contributing to

his club and AFRC.

- It was put forward that Marilyn and Adam Jetter, and Maureen and John (posthumously) Dowler (all of MHRLC) greatly contributed and were Executives of AFRC for several decades in the past.

Ongoing.

10.3 – Announcement of Club events

CFC: On October 10th, the club will be having a workshop given by Alex of Indie Gems. The cost for those attending is \$30 for a half-hour session where materials and instructions are provided.

CRLC: Dave Fong discussed Raleighville (about 10 km east of Leduc) where there is a farm where the owner has been gathering rocks and specimens for decades. He is selling some of this now, about 1000 lb, and the specimens can be sold by the pound (2\$) or by the 50 lb pail. There is quite a collection to sort through, and within some of the piles can be found petrified wood, geodes, slabs and cabochons, agatized fossils, fire agate, selenite, trilobites, etc. He only accommodates groups, and so one has to join these and book ahead. Those that went previously found excellent specimens (there may be less to choose from now), and he was hospitable, serving bison meat for lunch.

Dale Nielsen noted that their Christmas market (30 tables) will be on November 5th at Thorncliffe

As before, the club will be having the Rock and Gem show in May, and this is mostly handled by Silver Cove.

MHRLC: On Saturday, October 1st, 2022, the Police Point Park Interpretive Centre will be hosting a geology/archaeology lectures in the morning, and a field trip looking at the geology (e.g. sediment strata) of the area at Echo Dale Park in the afternoon.

LHLG: The Harvest Festival will be occurring at Lacombe in October.

Silver Cove will be hosting a large Gem Show in nearby Red Deer, also in the beginning of October.

SARHA: Their club is planning 3 field trips.

- One is at Scabby Buff near Nobleford. and Kehoe Lake. There are 2 properties in the area. The smaller one (1/8th) has less material but the owner is obliging, the larger one (7/8ths) has better material but the owner refuses anyone on the latter property.
- An all-day trip is planned for Castle River at Crowsnest.
- The other is at Manyberries to look for surface ammonite and clamshell fossils.

In Lethbridge, there are 2 women who have a website (Twin Auctions) where they sell specimens on-line. The items are high quality and varied, posting estate sales where they get a commission of the sales.

11. Scheduling next AFRC meetings

As noted before, there will be ZOOM meetings on Sunday, 13 November 2022, and Sunday, 12 February 2023.

12. Adjournment

The meeting ended at 1:40 pm and was adjourned by the President.

However, JohnC also moved, and David Fong 2nd, adjournment.

APPENDIX A: AFRC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (16 Sept. 2022)

Greetings to all AFRC members throughout the province. I hope you had a great summer with lots of opportunities to go rockhounding. I personally was not able to do much rockhounding. I injured my back helping my daughter and son-in-law build their new house. I was laid up for 3 weeks unable to do much of anything. As a result, we are very much looking forward to going south to Quartzite, Arizona for the winter.

I want to first and foremost thank the great group from Lacombe for a very successful May Daze in Tees, Alberta. The community hall was lovely and the activities were well planned and executed. The change to schedule putting the auction on Sunday and the Annual General Meeting on Saturday night worked very well and was well received.

Next year May Daze will be sponsored by the Southern Alberta Rock Hounds Association and will be held at the community hall in Diamond City, the site of many successful May Daze events in the past. This may be the last May Daze at that building, because they are planning on replacing that facility with a new one in the future.

I would like to address some common questions that I am often asked.

1. What are the trends in rock collecting and lapidary arts? The advice that I have often given here about rocks continues to be true – the best lapidary materials display color and/or pattern. Having both bright, contrasting colors and geometric patterns makes for the best lapidary media. Each year new rocks or minerals appear and are all the rage. Older popular materials fade in popularity but also decrease in price. Last year one of the newer popular rocks was turquoise colored dolomite from Pakistan.
2. What are the trends in rock clubs and rock shows? From my own experience in my own club, the membership is trending younger. The older stalwarts and founders of the clubs back in the '60's and '70's are passing away. Although the knowledge and experience of the older members are sadly missed, newer members also bring some benefits. They bring enthusiasm for the hobby and for activities that older members may find mundane. They haven't tried everything and been everywhere umpteen dozen times already. Old collecting sites are new to them and they can't wait to go places and try new things. They are receptive to new ideas and new methods, e.g., alternative settings for stones, new stabilizing and finishing compounds, new metals, etc. Rock shows are no longer just for even cater to rockhounds. Some shows have little rough rock, slabs or findings for lapidarists but market more to the general public with finished jewelry and finished display specimens. There are fewer small rock shops and supplies are ordered online from large suppliers.
3. What is a rock, mineral or fossil or finished product worth? My standard answer for this question is, "It is worth whatever someone is willing to pay for it." For most people that is not a very satisfying answer. If you think inflation has hit only your grocery bill, you have not been buying lapis lazuli at a reasonable price (i.e. Close to what I have paid in the past (\$5 to \$8/lb.) I waited and bought some at a rock auction for just over \$10/lb but had to settle for a lower quality than what I really wanted. You can still occasionally find \$1 slabs and rough rocks for less than 3 or \$4 a pound. You will most likely have to buy a larger quantity (at least a 5-gallon pail full or more) to qualify for a lower price. Many dealers complain that now in order to find a lower price they have to buy a whole container load of some material. The newer and younger dealers tend to have higher markups. The standard use to be 100% markup (i.e. Materials were sold at twice the price paid for them.) Now they tell me that 500% to 900% are the new standard markups.

This will probably be my last president's message and so I would be totally amiss if I did not thank all of you for your support over the last few years. I would like to thank all the old-timers for the sage advice and counsel but I would especially like to thank John and Karen-Anne Cherwonogrodzky from Medicine Hat. The AFRC would not still be here if it were not for their dedicated service.

APPENDIX B: MINUTES (next 5 pages):

(With thanks to Karen-Anne Cherwonogrodzky, MHRLC, for the writeup)

ALBERTA FEDERATION OF ROCK CLUBS DIRECTORS MEETING

Sunday, April 10, 2022 10:30 a.m.

Held at the CRLC Club premises - #13 3650 – 19 Street NE, Calgary, AB
& Virtual via Zoom

Meeting began at 10:35 a.m.

1. AFRC President's Message:

Brett Jensen (SARHA), summarized his AFRC President's Message noting that due to COVID, events, fundraising and memberships were affected. Therefore, he was looking forward to the Calgary Show and May Daze to rejuvenate memberships. He noted some of the new material he would be bringing from Quartzsite for the May Daze auction. He stressed that in order to rejuvenate our memberships, clubs need to be active and accepting of new people. It is important to promote classes and share knowledge. We don't have to be experts, even watching an instructional video together for a class will work.

2. Roll Call:

As there were some new Directors present, there was a round table of introductions. Calgary Faceters Guild (1 present in person) Calgary Rock & Lapidary Club (4 present in person) Edmonton Tumblewood Lapidary Club (2 present via Zoom) Lacombe Handicraft & Lapidary Club (3 present in person and 1 present via Zoom) Medicine Hat Rock & Lapidary Club (2 present in person) Southern Alberta Rockhounds Association (3 present in person).

3. Consideration of Agenda:

- 6.1. May Daze added to Business Arising from the minutes.
- 10.0 Added New Business as Dale Nielsen (CRLC) suggested we discuss having a Zoom meeting mid-winter.

4. In Memorium:

A moment of silence was observed for Mary Ufland (last surviving original member of the CRLC), E. David Blair (long standing member of CRLC), Julius Kovacs (SARHA) and Bea Ganter (LHLG).

5. Minutes of 7 November 2021, meeting:

– Under 8.4, Alberta Rockhound Newsletter, Karen-Anne Cherwonogrodzky (MHRLC) noted, and Dale Nielsen recalled as well, that Karen-Anne suggested that although we had no newsletter, the minutes should be posted on the website. The minutes were approved with this amendment.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes:

– **6.1 May Daze:** Tony Cave from the host club (LHLG) for May Daze 2022, provided an update on the plans to date for May Daze 2022 that will be held at the hall in Tees, AB (18 km east of Lacombe) from May 20 - 22nd. Anyone who is interested in setting up a display case is to contact Ron Biel.

He raised that they would like to make some changes to the past schedule in that they would like to hold the AGM on Saturday evening and the Auction on Sunday morning. Following some discussion, Tony Cave moved: **That the AGM be moved from Sunday at 10 am to Saturday at 7 pm for 2022**

and that the Auction begin Sunday at 10 am. Seconded by Doug Schatz (LHLG), Carried unanimously.

John Cherwonogrodzky (MHRLC) as Treasurer and responsible for the auction, suggested that Heads and Tails could be held during the AGM. He noted that Silver Cove had donated a piece of Indonesian Agatized Coral for the Heads & Tails. He also encouraged Directors to approach their clubs for donations for the AFRC donated lots. Both these and the lots of Lacombe would be auctioned off before the 200 general lots.

It was also discussed that the AFRC Lifetime Achievement Award be presented to Ed and Pauline Zeschuk at the AGM .

Tony Cave (LHLG) noted that finalized plans for May Daze will be e-mailed to the clubs and it will also be posted on the AFRC website.

– **6.2 Archives, Historical Documentation:** Following from previous discussions on the topic and sharing information, Directors were to gather from their clubs on this topic, Jonathan Legg (SARHA) started off by noting that there was talk in the past to possibly purchase a scanner to digitize historical records. He originally thought a suitable scanner would cost close to \$800 but, through research, he learned one could be purchased for about \$300. It was noted that the most time-consuming aspect of such a project is the time taken to determine what to scan.

Dale Nielsen (CRLC) noted that most of their records are already in digital form so they have no need for a scanner. She then raised the question as to whether or not AFRC's Bylaws were on the website. Following some discussion after determining the most recent AFRC bylaws were not on the website, Dale Nielsen made the following motion: **That the AFRC Bylaws be posted on the AFRC website indicating the date of the Bylaws.** Seconded by Tony Cave (LHLG) Carried; two opposed.

Doug Schatz (LHLG) wondered what digital storage space AFRC currently has and what is our file limit. He noted that he has lots of AFRC newsletters digitized starting from the 1969 Fossil Trails.

Jonathan Legg (SARHA) raised the question about website security and discussion followed. There is the need to decide what information should be shared on the website and what should be stored separately for members. There was concern especially about sharing financial information.

Dale Nielsen (CRLC) noted that most historical information can eventually be shared with the public.

Directors from both the MHRLC and SARHA noted that there was little interest by their clubs to digitize their records.

Dale Nielsen (CRLC) expressed concern for the need for more volunteers. She noted too that, with COVID, their membership had gone from 300 down to about 175 members.

Michelle Morin (ETLC) also expressed concern for the need for more volunteers to help with administrative duties. They are interested in digitizing records but their interest at the moment is to keep their club going. Two individuals offered to help with collecting and compiling records and they have a large hard drive to store information, but this project has been stalled. They will be approaching Pauline and Ed to see what records they have. It was decided to table further discussion re digitizing

records to the next meeting and keep as an ongoing topic.

7. Correspondence:

Brett Jensen, President, noted that the AFRC received correspondence to ask if we were in support or against Ammolite being adopted as the official gemstone of Alberta. Brett noted that he submitted a reply to Tyrell Museum that the AFRC was supportive. Ammolite has since been approved as Alberta's Official Gemstone.

8.0. Committee Reports:

– **8.1 Treasurer's Report:** As there is a legal requirement for the Treasurer to give a hard copy printout of the Bank Statements since the last meeting to the Executive, John Cherwonogrodzky (MHRLC) provided them for the period of 7 November, 2021 to 10 April, 2022. He kept a copy and gave a copy to the President and Vice-President. He noted that most membership dues have been paid and he will follow-up with those who have not yet paid.

- The Treasurer distributed the financial summation sheet that disclosed the amount in the GIC, the chequing account, amounts deposited by cash and cheques, and amounts withdrawn by cheques. Due to confidentiality the amounts cannot be noted here.

Following, John Cherwonogrodzky **Moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented.** Seconded by Michelle Morin. Carried.

John Cherwonogrodzky noted that he would be renewing Director's insurance soon and that he would update the list of Director's and as requested would take Judy off the list.

As an aside regarding the website, it was mentioned by Tony Cave (LHLG) that it would be helpful as a way to increase membership, to forward him information to keep the website updated. He also noted a way to promote our clubs is to attend Silver Cove events. In addition, he said that personal e-mails should not be posted, rather a general e-mail for the club's contact person.

– **8.2 Custodian and Librarian Report, Traveling Memento:** Doug Schatz (LHLG) reported that he has the Traveling Memento and he thought the Signs and Banner are in Leduc

It was also noted the Calgary has the travelling library and it will be passed on at May Daze

– **8.3 GMFC Report:** Brett Jensen, GMFC President, noted that the organization is hanging together by a thread. The GMFC Treasurer has had family demands due to health issues, therefore Brett was going to make a valiant effort to get someone from BC to join to help with the administrative duties. He explained that the GMFC is basically clubs from western Canada. He said more AFRC reps are needed as well. He noted that last year they did not even host a Zoom meeting, so they did not meet the legal requirements of the Bylaws.

On a positive note, the CRLC had two recipients of GMFC scholarships. Ben Zuidema and Aidan Ogilvie each received \$500 scholarships.

– **8.4: Alberta Rockhound News:** Brett noted that there is no editor at present. He said the newsletter basically consisted of the minutes, the President's Message, notes and submitted articles.

Karen-Anne Cherwonogrodzky (MHRLC) noted that they received a call from someone interested in selling equipment and she wondered if there was a way to advertise this now that there was no newsletter. It was suggested that the seller could bring their equipment to May Daze to sell in the

auction or to Tailgate. Other options are Facebook and Kijiji. Dale Nielson (CRLC) noted online auctions on Facebook but there are pros and cons.

– **8.5: AFRC Rejuvenation:** Ideas were shared to encourage rejuvenation as follows: Ask at the AGM if anyone is interested in volunteering to be the editor for the newsletter.

Michelle Morin (ETLC) noted they see lots of interest in rock hounding activities such as gold panning excursions. Therefore, she is wondering if clubs could collaborate on this. Brett Jensen (SARHA) noted that their club is willing to invite other club members. They are hoping to have a field trip once a month in the summer and they will share their schedule, but they will not share publicly. Michelle Morin noted that they would only pass on the information to their members.

As Karen-Anne Cherwonogrodzky (MHRLC) noted that they will have a speaker from Police Point, Michelle Morin wondered if the presentation could be shared via Zoom. Michelle noted they had a presenter on Western Ethiopian Opals.

Ways to share resources will continue as an ongoing item.

9.0 On-Going Business:

– **9.1 Archives, documents, files – storage, access, potential loss of history:**

As discussed in 6.2, there was no additional discussion. Further discussion tabled until the next meeting.

10. New Business:

The item added to the agenda regarding a Zoom meeting mid-winter was not discussed.

11.0 AFRC Lifetime Achievement Award:

The award will be presented at May Daze. Michelle Morin (ETLC) will contact Pauline and Ed Zeschuk to see if they will attend. The LHLG club is open to having the presentation made anytime during the weekend.

Brett Zeschuk asked those present to think about future recipients. He also reminded the Directors that in addition to the GMFC Undergraduate Scholarship, there is also an Honourary Scholarship Award that can be awarded in recognition for outstanding contributions to the field of Earth Sciences. The recipient is able to make a donation to a post-secondary institution of their choice.

12. Announcement of Club Events:

- **Lethbridge (SARHA):** Brett Jensen noted that they currently have 24 members and people come to the shop 4 days per week. In addition to members, they are struggling with their website. No one is dedicated to it. In addition, their new Treasurer is leaving. On a positive note, due to the casino they do every three years, they are good with funds. They plan to do one field trip per month with the first in May likely being a trip to Grassy Lake to look for Amber.

Their Tailgate will be the second weekend of September.

They have had a few classes; one on using cactus juice as an epoxy and one on flint knapping.

- **Calgary Faceters Guild (CFG):** Mark Williams noted that they currently have 8 members. Their new member is Brian Olson from Maple Creek, SK. They will have some members on hand to

demonstrate at the Calgary Show in May. They are working on getting the correct names on the website and obtaining a generic e-mail address for contacts. They are also pairing down their archived material and going strictly digital. They are trying to get down to a few boxes of hardcopies.

- **Lacombe Handicraft and Lapidary Guild (LHLG):** They would be happy to have individuals offer demonstrations at May Daze, so anyone interested is to contact Ron Biel. They will announce that next year May Daze will be in Lethbridge. Brett added that it will be held in Diamond City.

- **Calgary Rock and Lapidary Club (CRLC):** It was noted that their online auction in February was well received. Their Annual show is scheduled for April 29th – May 1st . Directors were encouraged to take copies of the cards that advertise their show to distribute at their clubs. They will be holding an Artisan Show on November 5, 2022.

It was noted that two of their members are on the wait list for auction lots: Barry Rogers and Adam Lagace.

They recently held their first in-person meeting since COVID and 35 were present in addition to 6 kids. In addition, 8 to 12 attended online and the topic was BC Jade. In total they currently have 179 memberships.

Their next meeting will be a live auction of donated material. The meeting will be the second Friday of May.

- **Medicine Hat Rock and Lapidary Club (MHRLC):** The only upcoming events planned is the Sign Unveiling for the Rock Learning Circle at Police Point Park. No sale or BBQ is planned for this summer.

- **Edmonton Tumblewood Lapidary Club (ETLC):** They noted that they have a number of activities planned as follows:

- Rock picking at an acreage of a friend of the club. They let members come and pick at a cost of \$2 per pound. No date had been set yet, but likely the end of May.
- Gold panning. No date set yet.
- Club auction of donated materials.
- Annual potluck in June and Tailgate sessions
- Participating in the Silver Cove Show
- Working on updating their website as well as Facebook and Instagram.

13. Adjournment: 12:54 pm.

APPENDIX C: TREASURER'S REPORT

1. MAY DAZE SUMMARY:

As AFRC did not meet since the AGM, the Treasurer distributed an itemized account of finances related to May Daze, Friday 20 May 2022 to Sunday 22 May 2022.

A summary of these is now presented:

INCOME:

Saturday 21 May 2022, AGM, Heads-and-Tails	\$ 36.00
Membership (family)	\$ 5.00
Sunday, 22 May 2022, Auction of donations for AFRC	\$322.50
Live auction for AFRC (15% of \$4683.00 sales)	\$702.20
Donations (\$10 + \$4.35 loose change)	\$ 14.35
Tailgate (10% of \$2270)	\$227.00
TOTAL:	\$1307.05

EXPENSES:

Tees Hall Rental	\$600.00
Hall insurance (waivered, no cost)	
Coffee and Tea	\$ 51.56
Sunday Pancake Breakfast	\$187.07
AFRC Signs (4 signs)	\$301.69
AFRC "Slow, Pedestrian" and "Pedestrian Crossing" signs	\$ 28.28
Portable toilet for weekend + GST	\$131.25
TOTAL:	\$1299.85

Income – Expenses = \$1307.05 - \$1299.85 = net profit of \$ 7.20

APPENDIX D: TREASURER'S REPORT, for 14 May 2022 – 18 September 2022

TABLE 1:

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS	14 May (2022)	18 September (2022)
ATB Springboard GIC	\$43,804.99	\$43,804.99
ATB Community Spirit Account (Chequing)	\$ 3,963.85	\$ 4,215.82
TOTAL	\$47,771.11	\$48,020.81

TABLE 2:

CHEQUING ACCOUNT TRANSACTIONS: 14 May 2022 – 18 September 2022

DEPOSITS:	WITHDRAWALS PAYMENTS, CHEQUES
2 June 2022 Transfer \$2.27 straggling in the closed Business Account, put into Chequing Account	Chq \$68, John C \$500 for BMO, for float for May Daze Twenty \$5. Twenty \$10. Ten \$20
2 June 2022 MAY DAZE BUYERS cheques: \$80.50 \$130.00 \$572.00 \$1610.00 TOTAL: \$2392.50 CASH: \$530.00 (note: \$500 of this is return of \$500 float) SUBTOTAL: \$2922.50	22 May 2022 MAY DAZE SELLERS chq # 69 to LN, \$223.15 chq #70 to IN, \$201.90 chq #71 to LN, \$235.90 chq # 72, LHLG donations \$454.50 Chq #73, LHLG expenses \$1299.85 SUBTOTAL: \$2415.30
3 June 2022 MHRLC Memberships: \$46.00	
23 August 2022 CRLC Memberships; \$196.50	
TOTAL: \$3167.27	TOTAL: \$2915.30

Cross-Check:

TABLE 1: The difference between 14 May and 18 September was \$251.97
 TABLE 2: The difference between Deposits and Cheque Withdrawals was \$251.97