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## President's Report

Greetings to all members, old and new alike, of the Alberta Federation of Rock Clubs (AFRC) from your new president, Brett Jensen. It is a privilege and an honor to represent you and the federation in all places and circumstances. At present I am also serving as president of my local club, the Southern Alberta Rock Hounds Association, and as president of the national organization, the Gem and Mineral Federation of Canada (GMFC). I sincerely hope that this will result in only a beneficial synergy and not any conflicts of interest. So far there have been no problems. In the past it was tradition that the province hosting the national show and annual meeting provided the president of the GMFC. The Southern Alberta Rock Hounds Association

is very excited to host the national rock and gem show and the annual general meeting of the Gem and Mineral Federation of Canada (GMFC) on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> of this year in Lethbridge, Alberta. Our club has not hosted a show in 18 years and there are no active members of the club from the last time the club hosted a show. In spite of this the upcoming event has already generated much interest and an excitement among club members.

Through my travels throughout Western Canada and the Western United States I see a renewed interest in our rock related hobbies. In Alberta we hope to add 2 new clubs to our previously dwindling list of 6 active, registered clubs. In British Columbia there are presently 31 officially listed clubs in the British Columbia Lapidary Society, up from a previous 22 clubs. Each month our club in Lethbridge sees new people joining the club and participating in club activities. I believe that a good way to ensure enthusiasm in club membership is to have a good variety of club activities, such as many and varied classes, many and flexible club work times, field trips, tailgate sales, open houses, school room visits, children's activities, club membership promotion at private and public events, and hosted shows. We need to have faith in our club members, their abilities and commitment, and faith in the appeal of our many lapidary related interests. The most common comment that we hear at private shows and public events where we have the opportunity to promote our existence is, "I didn't know that there was a local rock club here." And then the next usual reply is, "How wonderful that there are other people who love rocks like I do!!"

We need the provincial and national bodies to bring us together and give us a louder voice in keeping our hobby alive and growing and keeping public lands public and open to collecting. There is strength in numbers; the larger the number and louder the voice the better. There is a tendency among governments at all levels to reduce the area of public lands and to restrict the uses of those public lands. Please speak out at any opportunity and let your provincial and national officials (like me) know of any opportunities to present our views. Let's share our club activities through your club delegates to the AFRC and through our outstanding AFRC newsletter, Alberta Rockhound News. Hope to see you all at the Calgary club show and May Daze in Seven Persons in May and at the National Rock and Gem Show in Lethbridge in October.

- Brett Jensen (dedicated rock hound and president of everything)

## **ALBERTA FEDERATION OF ROCK CLUBS**

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*Southern Alberta Rockhounds:* Kendra Grams

## **OBJECTIVES OF THE ALBERTA FEDERATION OF ROCK CLUBS**

1. To promote and encourage the study, cutting, polishing and engraving of gemstones and rocks and other geological materials and lapidary work as a hobby other than for the purpose of trade, industry or business.
2. To encourage the exploration of Alberta for lapidary materials, and to promote and create a greater interest in Alberta finished and unfinished rocks and minerals.
3. To encourage and promote the close association with, and exchange of information between rock hobbyists and lapidary groups to stimulate interest in and disseminate knowledge about mineralogy and earth sciences.
4. The Alberta Federation sponsors a website which its members may use to promote the activities and events of their club.
5. The operations of the Alberta Federation are to be mainly carried out in the Province of Alberta, under the Canadian Rockhound Code of Ethics.

THE ALBERTA FEDERATION OF ROCK CLUBS is a member of THE GEM AND MINERAL FEDERATION OF CANADA. Each club pays their members dues to the AFRC Treasurer by February 1<sup>st</sup> and each paid up member is entitled to 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Liability Insurance which covers events such as field trips, rock and gem shows, and other organized events.

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**DISCOVER THE  
WONDERS OF  
THE EARTH**

59th CRLC Gem, Mineral  
& Fossil Show

**MAY 3-5, 2019**



56 Vendors selling material from all around the world, including specialty rocks, gems, minerals, crystals,

Door Prizes, Silent Auction, and more

Demonstrations: faceting, beading, silver clay, geology, identification

For sale: Minerals, Crystals, Rough Rock, Jewellery, Tools/Equipment

Free sapphire mining for kids!

This 59th annual show is a major fundraiser for The Calgary Rock and Lapidary Club and is Calgary's only gem show operated by a non-profit.

**Hours**

May 3-5, 2019  
Friday: 1pm – 9pm  
Saturday: 10am – 6pm  
Sunday: 10am – 5pm

**Location**

VIVO for Healthier Generations  
11950 Country Village Link NE  
Calgary, Alberta

**Admission**

Adults: \$7 (3 days \$10)  
Seniors/Students: \$5 (3 days \$7)  
Children 12 & under: Free  
Free Parking

## ROYAL ALBERTA MUSEUM

Edmonton's new Royal Alberta Museum would be of much interest for the lapidary person. Going back to the beginning the original Provincial Museum and Archives of Alberta had opened in 1962 with 43,000 square feet of exhibit floor space. Shortly after it changed its name to Royal Alberta Museum.



The new museum is located at 9810-103a Ave NW. Check their website, [www.royalalbertamuseum.ca](http://www.royalalbertamuseum.ca) for details. Parking can be an issue.

The new museum opened in October, 2018. Interesting to note that the original museum in 1962 cost \$5 million and the new museum cost \$375.5 million with 82,000 square feet and the total building has 419,000 square feet.



The new building is the largest museum in western Canada. It features four extensive Collections: Cultural Studies, Earth Sciences, Life Sciences and Conservation. Generally the lapidary

community would be most interested in the Earth Sciences which houses the various collections in the lapidary field. Many of the lapidary display items were brought over from the old museum but there were many new on display which were originally stored in the old building. As the saying goes "pictures are worth a thousand words" so a small display of pictures should whet your appetite to visit the museum when you have the opportunity.

## CULTURAL COLLECTION



# EARTH SCIENCES



## LIFE SCIENCES



## CONSERVATION





# Alberta Federation of Rock Clubs

presents

## 56<sup>th</sup> May Daze

hosted by the



## Medicine Hat Rock & Lapidary Club

to be held at the



## Seven Persons Community Hall

**May 17, 18 & 19, 2019**



Approximate distances:

Medicine Hat to Seven Persons – 24 km

Seven Persons to Red Rock Coulee – 27 km

Seven Persons to Grassy Lake – 59 km

Seven Persons to Etzikom Museum – 66 km

## Schedule for May Daze 2019

### Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>

1:00 pm **Hall opens for setup** of show cases and bringing in AFRC Silent Auction and Live Auction items. Set up for AFRC auctions will continue no later than Saturday at 4 pm. (**Note:** All those with items for the Live Auction need to have reserved their lots with John Cherwonogrodzky prior. For more information you may contact John at (403) 548-5964). Donations for the AFRC Silent Auction will be received **up until 4 pm on Saturday**.

**RV Parking and set up of tents.** There will be no sleeping in the hall.

(**Note:** Keith and Peggy Keck will be the hosts and will collect the **\$10.00** fee per night (cash or cheque made out to the Seven Persons Community Association) for those with **power sites; first come first served**. Tenting and parking trailers on site with no hook-ups is **free**.) Camping is allowed on the Thursday to Sunday evenings, however there will be no hall access on Thursday and Sunday evenings. Please note that the outdoor washroom facilities may not be open on the Thursday and Sunday evenings.

4:00 pm – 7:30 pm **Sign the guest book and Registration** (receive 1 goodie bag per family for 1<sup>st</sup> 100 **AFRC** members) and each individual **AFRC** member receives a door prize ticket. (Note: Door prize draws will be on Saturday before supper and after the AGM; you must be present to win.) **NOTE: You will be asked to show your AFRC card at the Registration Desk to receive a gift bag and your door prize ticket.**

**Begin sign-up for field trips** (AFRC members only) and **bidding on Medicine Hat Rock & Lapidary Club's silent auction items.**

6:00 pm **Meet & Greet** – Hamburgers, salads, dessert and pop/juice/coffee/tea; plates and cutlery provided (Minimal charge)

7:30 pm. **Speakers on carving** - Mel Derzaph - *How do you get to know a rock?* & Reg Merkley - *Carving with natural materials*

9:00 pm **Cookhouse visiting**

10:30 pm. **Hall locked** for the night. Toilets available in outdoor washrooms near cookhouse.

### Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>

7:30 am **Hall doors open.** Coffee, Tea, Juice & Water available for free all day.

Please note breakfast is not available in the hall on Saturday & there are no restaurants in Seven Persons. (See info on last page re restaurants.)

7:30 – 9:00 am **Registration**, receive goodie bag, door prize ticket, **continue to sign-up for field trip or city tour (AFRC members only)** & bid on silent auctions.

**NOTE: Bidding on MHR&LC's silent auction items till 4:30 pm** (Proceeds go to Medicine Hat Rock & Lapidary Club to help cover the costs of hosting May Daze).

**Bidding on AFRC's Silent Auction items till 6:00 pm** (Proceeds go to AFRC).

Looking over 200 lots for live auction continues until Auction begins at 6:30 pm.

**Please remember to bring a toonie to play Head's and Tails just prior to the live auction.**

9:00 am – 1:00 pm **Field trips and city tour.** Everyone is responsible for their own lunch.

1) **Grassy Lake** to look for Amber led by **Brett Jensen.**

9:00 am – 1:00 pm. Car pool – no washroom facilities.

2) Dunmore to search through an unexplored **Gravel Pit** led by **Bill Wilson.**

9:00 am – noon. Car pool – no washroom facilities.

3) **City Historical Bus Tour** led by **Karen-Anne Cherwonogrodzky.**

9:00 am – noon. School bus with washroom stops; limited seating so sign-up early.

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm **AFRC members registration** & receive goodie bag & door prize ticket.

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm **Demonstrations**

1) Slim Metz - Mammoth tusk inlay

2) Judy Jensen - Faceting

3) Ed Zeschuk - Wire-wrapping

4) Dale Nielsen – Silver or Bronze Clay

5) Jim Routledge – Wire-wrapping

6) SARHA Club members – Ammonite stabilization

4:45 pm **Medicine Hat Rock & Lapidary Club 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Presentation**

followed by **announcing successful bidders on MHR&LClub's Silent Auction**, collection of bids and handing out of items (ID required).

5:00 pm **Calling first 25 door prize numbers;** must show ticket & be present to win.

5:15 pm **Potluck Supper** – everyone to bring an item as well as their own cutlery and plate.

6:00 pm **End of bidding on AFRC silent auction items.**

6:00 pm – 6:30 pm **Signing out paddles for Silent Auction and making change for Heads & tails.**

6:30 pm. **Winners of AFRC Silent Auction on donated items announced followed by Heads & Tails and Live Auction of 200 lots.**

**NOTE: Courtesy Desk will be open from 6:45 pm on to pick up and pay for Silent Auction**

**Items and Live Auction Items. ID required when claiming Silent Auction Item (s) and paddle to be returned when paying for Live Auction Item (s).**

After Auction ends, hall will be locked for the evening.

**Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 am **Free Pancake Breakfast.** Coffee,tea, juice & water provided until 1:00 pm.

10:00 am **AFRC Annual Meeting.** Everyone encouraged to attend. Following meeting **last 25 door prize numbers will be called**, must be present to win and show ticket.

12:00 noon **Potluck lunch** and clean-up to follow.

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm **Tailgating** outdoors or indoors if weather demands. The public will be encouraged to attend the tailgating.

4:00 pm Hall closed and locked.

**Additional Notes:**

**Alcohol:No consumption is allowed in the Seven Person's Hall or on the grounds. Thank You.**

**Closest restaurants (alphabetical), approximately 20 – 25 minute drive from Seven Persons:**

- 1) A & W 1300 Redcliff Dr. SW Opens at 6:00 am
- 2) Front Porch Classics Medicine Hat Airport Open 8 am – 4 pm
- 3) McDonald's 850 Redcliff Dr. SW Open 24 hrs
- 4) Ricky's All Day Grill 910 Redcliff Dr. SW Opens at 7 am
- 5) Subway 934 Redcliff Dr. SW Opens at 7 am
- 6) Tino's Drive-In 860 14<sup>th</sup> St. SW Opens at 10 am
- 7) Whiskey Creek Pub 937 13<sup>th</sup> St. SW Open Fri. 7 am; Sat. 8 am

**Hotels close to Highways 3 & 1 with easy access to Seven Persons (alphabetical):**

- 1) Clarion Hotel and Conference Centre 954 7<sup>th</sup> St. SW 1.403.527.8844  
E-mail: [guestservices@clarionmh.ca](mailto:guestservices@clarionmh.ca)
- 2) Quality Inn Medicine Hat 722 Redcliff Dr. SW 1.403.527.3700  
E-mail: [qualitymedicinehatfd@whg.com](mailto:qualitymedicinehatfd@whg.com)
- 3) Travelodge by Wyndham 1100 Redcliff Dr. SW 1.403.527.2275 E-mail: [frontdesktmh@cbrg.ca](mailto:frontdesktmh@cbrg.ca)

**Suggested activities in addition to the scheduled Field Trips are as follows; please check [www.TourismMedicineHat.com](http://www.TourismMedicineHat.com) for additional ideas:**

- 1) *Red Rock Coulee* ([www.albertaparks.ca/parks/south/red-rock-coulee](http://www.albertaparks.ca/parks/south/red-rock-coulee)) & *Etzikom Museum* ([www.facebook.com/etzikommuseum](http://www.facebook.com/etzikommuseum)) – As shown on the front page of the program, these are located south of Seven Persons. Take highway 887 off of highway 3 just north of Seven Persons. From highway 887 turn west onto highway 61 to head to Etzikom. At Red Rock you

will see red, round boulders, some over 2 metres in diameter. The Etzikom Museum has a number of early windmills on display outdoors and the indoor museum houses a variety of treasures and a library with rare books. You may also enjoy your lunch at the museum as they always serve pie, ice cream, sausage rolls, bun on a run and mushroom burgers.

2) *Medicine Hat Exhibition and Stampede Farmers' Market* - Saturday 9 am – 1 pm only (<https://www.mhstampede.com/annual-events/farmers-market>) The market on May 18<sup>th</sup> will be in conjunction with the Sunshine Skillet Competition. So, if you like food more than rocks, you may want to check it out.

3) The City of Medicine Hat Esplanade Arts & Heritage Centre ([www.esplanade.ca/](http://www.esplanade.ca/)) - Always lots happening at the Esplanade. Check website for hours and programs.

4) John's Butterfly House ( [www.stayinmedicinehat.com/butterflyhouse](http://www.stayinmedicinehat.com/butterflyhouse) ) - Tropical paradise with hundreds of exotic butterflies located inside the Windmill Garden Centre.

5) Echodale Park - [www.medicinehat.ca/government/departments/parks-andrecreation/parks-trails-playgrounds/echo-dale-regional-park](http://www.medicinehat.ca/government/departments/parks-andrecreation/parks-trails-playgrounds/echo-dale-regional-park)

6) Historic Downtown Medicine Hat – Follow a self-guided historic walking tour, relax in one of the coffee shops, check out the galleries, shops, or take in a movie at the Monarch Theatre, a Municipal Historic Resource ([www.themonarch.net/](http://www.themonarch.net/)).

7) Brewery Tour – Check out one of our breweries ([www.tourismmedicinehat.com/breweriestour](http://www.tourismmedicinehat.com/breweriestour) ).

## Thank You Thank You Thank You

We would like to express our sincere thanks to the following who have generously donated to May Daze 2019. Thank you as well to all our club members & visiting AFRC members who have donated their time, talents and various contributions including baking and donations to the AFRC silent auction to help make this event a success.

**Door Prizes** – Thank you to *Louise Wutzke* and *Lynn & Al Strom*, for donating 50 door prizes in memorium of Bill Wutzke.

**Gift Bags** – Thank you to the following who donated items for the gift bags (alphabetical order)

*ATB Financial* – 526 2<sup>nd</sup> St. SE & 2360 Division Ave NW Branches  
*City of Medicine Hat*  
*Copy Works Design & Gifts*  
*Cypress County*

*Dione Todd REALTOR*  
*Glyn Yuhas*  
*Jody Moch Metz REALTOR*  
*Medicine Hat Tourist Centre*  
*MLA Drew Barnes*  
*MTM Granite – (Also donated items for AFRC silent auction)*  
*Natalie Heidinger REALTOR*  
*Petro Canada Travel Center & A & W at 2900 Box Springs Blvd.*

**Medicine Hat Rock & Lapidary Club Silent & Live Auction Items** – Thank you to all of the following individuals, businesses & organizations who donated silent auction items. (alphabetical order)

*Adam Jetter*  
*Anne Bernhardt*  
*Art Trace*  
*Best Buy*  
*Blue Lotus (Rene Desjarlais)*  
*Canalta Centre*  
*Christina Elsdon-Davy*  
*City of Medicine Hat Esplanade Arts and Heritage Centre*  
*Copper Coulee Casino*  
*Cypress Insurance Services Ltd.*  
*Dolores & Roger Doucette*  
*Glenda Leitch*  
*John & Karen-Anne Cherwonogrodzky*  
*Peggy & Keith Keck*  
*Manfred Sievert*  
*Marilyn Jetter*  
*Maureen Dowler*  
*Medicine Hat Exhibition and Stampede Farmers' Market*  
*Medicine Hat Tigers*  
*MLA Bob Wanner*  
*Shirley Metz*  
*Slim Metz*

**Additional Thanks :** Thank you to our Friday night guest speakers, *Mel Derzaph* and *Reg Merkley*, as well as *Janice Andreas* and *Medalta* staff for assisting with the City Tour. Thank you to *Brett Jensen* and *Bill Wilson* for leading the field trips. Also, to all those who provided demonstrations as listed in the program or prepared a show case. Also to the *Real Canadian Superstore* for providing a gift certificate for us to purchase some of the refreshments and supplies, *Simply Water* for water bottles and *Premium*

*Sausage* for a discount. To *Princess Auto* for providing the trailer ball we needed to haul supplies. The *City of Medicine Hat* for allowing us to advertise the Tailgate event in the *Around Town Newsletter* (see page 2 at the following link).

<https://www.medicinehat.ca/home/showdocument?id=15087>

We also appreciate the generosity of *Copy Works* who allowed us to advertise via an article about our club and May Daze in their Spring issue of Copy Works Connection. You may find the article at the following link on pages 4 – 5.:

[https://issuu.com/copyworks/docs/spring\\_2019\\_connection/](https://issuu.com/copyworks/docs/spring_2019_connection/)

On behalf of the Medicine Hat Rock & Lapidary Club and the May Daze Sub-Committee, a sincere thank you for your support of May Daze 2019,  
Karen-Anne Cherwonogrodzky Chair, May Daze Sub-Committee

**PS – Reminder re big change this year:** To speed the AFRC auction process, a “**Silent Auction**” will be held for the AFRC donations (bids until Saturday until 6 p.m., winners announced 6:30 p.m.). **Heads & Tails** will follow and then the **AFRC Live Auction**.

All payments are to be made by cash or cheque only – **NO CREDIT OR DEBIT CARDS.**

Thank you for your understanding.

**CRLC** Calgary Rock & Lapidary Club  
**Christmas Artisan Fair**  
November 2nd, 2019 10am - 3pm  
Thornccliffe Community Hall  
5600 Centre St. N

Featuring Rocks, Gems, Jewelry & More!!!  
crlc.ca

## ALBERTA FEDERATION OF ROCK CLUBS

Minutes of the Directors Meeting, April 14, 2019.

The meeting was chaired by Brett Jensen, President. Minutes taken by Lorne Alcock, Secretary.

The Alberta Federation of Rock Clubs Directors meeting was held at the Calgary Rock and Lapidary Club, #13, 3650 19<sup>th</sup> Street NE, Calgary AB, on April 14, 2019, at 10:30 AM.

The in-coming President, Brett Jensen, welcomed everyone to the first meeting since elections last October.

### 1. CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

-The president presented the proposed meeting agenda. There being no changes or omissions, Brett Jensen moved to adopt the Agenda as presented. Seconded by Holger Hartmaier. Approved.

### 2. ROLL CALL

Calgary Faceters Guild - 2

Calgary Rock & Lapidary Club - 4

Edmonton Tumblewood Lapidary Club -2

Lacombe Handicraft & Lapidary Guild - 3

Medicine Hat Rock & Lapidary Club - 2

Southern Alberta Rockhounds Association – 3

An attendance sheet was passed, for all to fill in.

### 3. IN MEMORIUM

Rosemarie Laidlaw – Medicine Hat

Dave Biro – Lacombe, Calgary Faceters, CRLC

Gunther Kuhnlein – Calgary Rock and Lapidary

-A moment of silence was observed in remembrance.

### 4. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: BRETT JENSEN

-The full text of the President's Message has been prepared and will be submitted to Alberta Rockhound News for publication.

-Brett welcomed everyone to the meeting. He said that he is now President of the AFRC, as well as the Southern Alberta Rockhounds Association and the Gem & Mineral Federation of Canada. So far, there have been no conflicts in holding all three positions at once.

-The next GMFC National Rock and Gem Show will be held in Lethbridge, on October 4, 5 and 6, 2019, at the Exhibition Park West Pavilion, with the AGM to be held on Saturday evening.

-Brett has observed that there has been an increase in interest in rock related hobbies. He is hopeful that there will be an addition of one or two new rock clubs in Alberta, possibly at either Grande Prairie or Lloydminster.

-In B.C. there are 31 current active clubs. Their annual show is this weekend (April 13-14, 2019) in Abbotsford, BC.

-There are some new young members at the Southern Alberta Club. The club is very active, with many classes and new skills training (from Quartzite). The Southern Alberta Rockhounds have tried to promote their club through classes, field trips, tailgating, open houses, school room visits and shows.

-Southern Alberta Rockhounds had a table at Silver Cove's recent sale in Lethbridge.

-Some may question the need for Provincial and National federations. There is consensus that there is a need for a voice in promoting our hobby by keeping public lands accessible to the public, rather than having access and use more restricted. Rock clubs and their representatives need to contact Government representatives in order to share knowledge of our activities as much as possible. In order to do this, it helps to have the AFRC and GMFC as active bodies to represent our collective voice.

-Each province has their own rules and regulations as far as collecting goes. We should try to get guidelines

from each province, and also provide our AFRC/GMFC rules and guidelines with regards to collecting rocks and fossils. BC allows fossil hunting in the province except in certain designated areas. Perhaps we should try to influence the Alberta regulators to adopt similar rules.

-Holger recommended that AFRC contact the government with respect to the new protected area on the Eastern Slopes. Perhaps we can provide input into the proposed regulations.

-After lively discussion, the subject was moved on the agenda, to be covered under 9.3 in New Business.

## 5. MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 28, 2019 MEETING

-Lorne Alcock, Secretary, asked if there were any errors or omissions in the Minutes. There being none, Lorne Alcock made a Motion to accept the minutes. The Motion was seconded by Ed Zeschuk. Approved.

## 6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6.1 Secretary Lorne Alcock to purchase a small digital recorder to record the meeting, in order to facilitate writing the minutes. The recorder was purchased and is being used.

6.2 John Cherwonogrodzky, Treasurer, presented the 2017 Audit to the Alberta Societies Registry on March 15, 2018. It was approved on November 2, 2018.

-Membership numbers may be slightly inaccurate, due to late reporting by some clubs. John asked that all clubs please submit total memberships and cheques as soon as possible.

- John Cherwonogrodzky, Treasurer, suggested that the AFRC also prepare and submit the 2018 Audit this year, 2019, so that we are not so far behind in reporting. He suggested that the 2018 Audit be submitted after approval at the 2019 May Daze AGM. Motion was made by John Cherwonogrodzky to submit the 2018 Audit this year, 2019. The motion was seconded by Karen-Anne Cherwonogrodzky. Approved.

-One suggestion made by the Auditors was that the Membership Lists and Club payments should be strengthened. To that end, could all clubs please get their Memberships list and payments to the Treasurer as soon as possible.

-Treasurer John Cherwonogrodzky presented Current Income and Expense data, along with updated Inventory, and a Projected Budget for 2019. He made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Karen-Anne Cherwonogrodzky. Passed.

6.3 Treasurers update on outstanding payments due to Calgary Rock and Lapidary Club with respect to the 2018 May Daze. Calgary has closed the books on the May Daze expenses and will not be requesting any further repayment. John Cherwonogrodzky indicated that there seemed to be monies still owing to Calgary CRLC May Daze 2018, but that CRLC also owed a similar amount as a refund for AFRC monies supplied for an out-of-town speaker last year, but not all spent, nor refunded to AFRC.

6.4 Ron Biel to update the Directors regarding possible acquisition of a claim in BC, for use by all clubs as a gold panning or mineral collection site. Ron was not present, but Doug Schatz reported on his behalf. He said that Ron and Eric Gregson (Calgary member) had not yet made any progress on the possible acquisition. Holger Hartmaier recommended staying away from any claim acquisitions due to our inability to stop claim jumpers, potential liabilities including reclamation costs, and the costs involved in holding the claim. Either work must be done and reported, or yearly payment to the BC Department of Mines has to be made. Lorne Alcock also raised the issue of access to any claim due to opposition by surface land owners. Brett Jensen said that the clubs in the Quartzite area of Arizona, USA are getting away from claim ownership due to problems with claim jumpers mining their claims without permission. Others advised against attempting to get rights to mine ammolite in Alberta, as the claim/license process is expensive and time consuming.

6.5 Custodian/Librarian Report. Doug Schatz volunteered to be the AFRC Custodian/Librarian. Brett Jensen made a motion that Doug Schatz be acclaimed as AFRC Custodian/Librarian. Motion was seconded by Pauline Zeschuk. Approved.

-The Travelling Momento and the Guest Book from May Daze have not yet been located, but efforts are still being made by CRLC and Lethbridge in an effort to locate it.

#### 6.6 Social Media/Advertising Director

-Brett Jensen commented during the webpage discussion that AFRC does not currently have a presence on Facebook or any other social media, and recommended to stay with only a website for now.

#### 6.7 Rejuvenation Director/Committee.

-Brett Jensen reported that there has not been any report from Grande Prairie as to club start-up, in spite of attempts to contact them and encourage the organization of a club.

-Lavern and Irene Novlan (Calgary), some years ago, distributed a write-up outlining the steps involved in starting a club. This was forwarded to Grande Prairie. No one had a copy of this outline at the meeting. However, it is reported to be quite cut and dried in content, and would not make a logical first step in setting up a club.

-John Cherwonogrodzky offered the opinion that the formation of a new club should not be a centralized effort by AFRC members, but should be done more on a de-centralized way, by personal contact from current club members trying to create interest in starting clubs in new locations. Brett added that interest and work needs to be done on a local level at first, where interest is expressed, and that AFRC be prepared to offer assistance where possible.

-Brett Jensen will continue as the Rejuvenation Director.

#### 6.8 Website: update by Karen-Anne Cherwonogrodzky.

-Karen reported that she had obtained the password and began work on the AFRC website, but that it will be very difficult to update due to the coding language. She recommended that the AFRC website be re-created from scratch as an easier solution than trying to update the current site. Mike O'Toole recommended that there might need to be two people involved, one for the website and another for Facebook and other social media, as it is necessary to make updates quite often, perhaps as many as two or three times per week. A volunteer is needed, as it would be too expensive to hire a webmaster.

-Tony Cave has offered to look into the current web page and see what can be done. Karen-Anne Cherwonogrodzky, will assist in a possible handoff to him.

7. CORRESPONDENCE: none to report

### 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### 8.1 Treasurer's Report: John Cherwonogrodzky,

-Treasurer's report was distributed to the President and Treasurer.

-John presented the current finances. The AFRC is in good financial condition. Interest earnings from Term Deposits are adding to income.

-John asked that all clubs submit membership lists and renewal funds as soon as possible. At the end of the meeting, he announced that all clubs had submitted the necessary membership lists and funds.

-Lorne Alcock raised the question as to whether the AFRC Directors were being reimbursed for travel expenses by their various clubs. Most clubs do not appear to reimburse travel expenses. Lorne suggested that AFRC reimburse drivers for mileage costs to attend meetings. John Cherwonogrodzky recommended that AFRC should not reimburse expenses, as it would be very expensive to do so. During discussion, Ed Zeschuk suggested that most Directors paid their own expenses as a way of donating to their clubs. No motion was made that AFRC reimburse director travel expenses, as it would be too expensive to undertake for so many delegates. .

-May Daze 2019: Karen-Anne Cherwonogrodzky. Plans are coming along well. The hall and campsites are organized. A list of motels will be supplied. Two SPEAKERS have been lined up for Friday night. Three FIELD TRIPS are organized: amber at Grassy Lake, a gravel pit at Dunmore, and a bus tour of Medi-

cine Hat. Medicine Hat club may need to ask for AFRC assistance in paying for a bus for the city tour if they do not make sufficient profit at May Daze. Several people have volunteered to do DEMONSTRATIONS on Saturday afternoon, and Karen-Anne has asked if anyone would like SHOWCASES. Two SILENT AUCTIONS will run during the Weekend, along with the traditional Saturday night LIVE AUCTION. TAILGATING will take place as usual, on Sunday afternoon, after the AGM and potluck lunch. Please request that everyone in attendance is to bring AFRC Membership Cards. Further details are to be found in Karen-Anne's May Daze report in the Alberta Rockhound News.

#### 8.2 Gem and Mineral Federation of Canada (GMFC) Report: Brett Jensen

- Brett Jensen has been elected President of GMFC via conference call.
- The BC Rendezvous is being held at Rock Creek, B.C. on June 7, 8, 9 & 10. Emphasis will be on collecting field trips. Brett Jensen plans to attend this year. .
- This year, the National Rock and Gem Show will be held in Lethbridge on October 4, 5 and 6, 2019, at the Exhibition Park West Pavilion. Over twenty vendors will be in attendance. A package of posters and other information was distributed for each club.
- The National Show will be held in BC in 2020, and will be hosted by an Alberta or Saskatchewan club in 2021. The GMFC will take part of the profits if the National Show is profitable, but will also make a refund to the host club if money is lost on the show.

#### 8.3 Alberta Rockhound News: Ed and Pauline Zeschuk

- Ed and Pauline continue to act as Editors/Publishers.
- They would like to see articles submitted by club members.
- Other expected inputs from AFRC Medicine Hat May Daze Committee, Secretary Minutes of the April 14, 2019 meeting, and the AFRC President's Report.
- Please submit material as soon as possible, so that the newsletter can be published well before May Daze, May 17, 18 and 19, 2019.

### 9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1 Treasurer, John Cherwonogrodzky: Director's insurance is up for renewal in May. Volunteers at May Daze are covered by this insurance. Moved by John Cherwonogrodzky to pay for the insurance. Seconded by Pauline Zeschuk, passed unanimously.

9.2 Membership renewals, John Cherwonogrodzky, Calgary Rock and Lapidary Club and Calgary Faceters Guild are outstanding. Calgary paid at the meeting, as did Calgary Faceters. Both will provide Membership lists as soon as possible.

#### 9.3 Discussion of fossils and minerals in Alberta

- Prior to 1978, there was no need to obtain a Disposition for materials collected.
- Collection of surface minerals and fossils is still permitted, but subsurface material is not to be collected.
- Anyone selling material collected in Alberta should have a Certificate of Disposition.
- Any fossil material collected is still on the basis that the Tyrell Museum has the Right of First Refusal.
- Current rules cover Wood, Ammonite and Fossils.
- There is a need for better understanding and clarification as to what is allowed.
- Some just declare that material was collected from outside of Alberta.
- Indigenous Ammolite still requires a receipt, and the Certificate of Disposition, or Disposition Number. .
- Motion by Brett Jensen that the AFRC Executive contact the Government to present our views on access, and collection for hobby purposes, on Public Lands. Seconded by Holger Hartmaier. Passed.

## 10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

10.1 Next Directors Meeting: Scheduled for September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at 10:30am, at the CRLC Club

10.2 Announcements:

- Annual General Meeting of AFRC is scheduled for Medicine Hat May Daze, on May 19, 2019.
- Lethbridge Annual Tailgating event is on September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- Calgary Artisans Show will be on November 2, 2019
- Calgary Rock and Lapidary Club Show, at the VIVO Centre, on May 3, 4, and 5, 2019

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting was adjourned at 1:00pm. Potluck lunch followed.

Note: The Minutes contain an added level of detail due to being able to review the meeting from the Digital Recorder. The Secretary would like to thank the Directors for the purchase of the recorder.