

ALBERTA FEDERATION OF ROCK CLUBS
Annual General Meeting (AGM) by E-mail

MINUTES, Collated by John Cherwonogrodzky (MHRLC) Treasurer, 7 December 2020

Due to COVID-19, Face-to-face meetings and the 2020 AGM, normally scheduled in May during May Daze, were not possible. The Directors agreed that the AGM would be conducted by email.

1a) The President sent out a tentative AGENDA (**APPENDIX 1**).

- Insights, discussions and documents were submitted.
- The Treasurer volunteered to collate these as MINUTES. These were sent to the Directors/Delegates/Representatives for their assessment and response. These correspondences have been used for the "E-mail 2020 AGM". Response was not mandatory as it was assumed that without dissent that "silence means consent".

Due to the length of some documents, rather than insert these into the Agenda items, these are at the back of these Minutes as APPENDIX 1,2, etc.

b) **AFRC President's Message** (see **APPENDIX 2**). As an Addendum, the President conveyed "*I sure would like to hear from the other clubs as to how they are coping under these trying conditions. How can we support our clubs so that we do not lose any more?*"

2. Roll Call (Directors/Delegates of Clubs):

I have had email responses from directors/delegates of all clubs with regards to approval of Agenda or discussion of related issues. I view this as **equivalent to attendance**. Clubs that replied were:

- Calgary Faceters Guild
- Calgary Rock and Lapidary Club
- Edmonton Tumblewood Lapidary Club
- Lacombe Handicraft and Lapidary Guild
- Medicine Hat Rock and Lapidary Club
- Southern Alberta Rock Hounds Association

3. Consideration of Agenda (Adopted, emails were viewed as consideration)

4. In Memoriam:

- John Dowler, Medicine Hat Rock & Lapidary Club
- Michael Evick, former mineralogy curator of Glenbow Museum, noted by Holger Hartmaier (Calgary Rock and Lapidary Club)
- Bill Michel and Bruce Smith, Southern Alberta Rock Hounds Association

Please take a **minute of silence** to remember these and others that have left our company. Many have lived exceptionally diverse, social and adventurous lives.

5. Minutes of the May 19, 2019 Annual General Meeting (hosted by Medicine Hat Rock & Lapidary Club) (corrections were submitted and have been made, see **APPENDIX 3**)

6. Business Arising from the Minutes: See Committee Reports

7. Correspondence: Although informal communications have taken place during COVID-19, there is no official correspondence dealing with any business matters.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

8.1: Treasurer's Reports:

a) **2019 Audit**, profit and loss statements (see **APPENDIX 4**). The auditors (MHRLC) were thorough, took about 2 hours to go over all records and receipts. In their view, the Treasurer was meticulous, all records balanced and were verified. However, they did find it tedious, as I included in a binder every transaction, receipt, note, copies of correspondences, sometimes duplicated items if these related to different topics. Also, the sections do not follow what a book-keeper or an accountant would do (e.g. my documents are arranged from oldest to newest, rather than the other way around.)

(It was asked by one of the Directors if I was planning to change the system to follow standard book-keeping practices, as recommended by the auditors. I am not a book-keeper and do not pretend to be. Also, overall the auditors were very satisfied with the documents, receipts, calculations and organization. Their booking keeping note was more of a comment than a recommendation or requirement.)

b) **2020 Financial Statements**, transactions 1 January - 5 December 2020 (see **APPENDIX 5**). One can see that AFRC is in very good financial shape. Yes, with memberships down and no live auction, the income was down (major expenses were Director's Insurance, membership cards, net loss of \$236.70) but with interest on the GIC (plus \$852.14), overall we were ahead (\$615.44).

8.1.1 Motions presented by the Treasurer:

Motion 1: approve 2019 audit

1st, "I so move", Holger Hartmaier (CRLC), 9 Dec 2020

2nd, "We second", Carolyn and Tony Cave (LHLC), 12 Dec 2020

others approved, no dissent - **CARRIED**

Motion 2: approval of auditors for year Jan-Dec 2020 (i.e. tentative auditors are Bil Wilson and Nick Davy of MHRLC. Audit to be done before May 2021)

1st, "I so move", Holger Hartmaier (CRLC), 9 Dec 2020

2nd, "I second", Carolyn and Tony Cave (LHLC), 12 Dec 2020

others approved, no dissent - **CARRIED**

Motion 3: approve proposed budget projected for Jan-Dec 2021 (Due to COVID-19, next year is largely unknown. When in doubt, do as before. It is recommended that we continue as for 2020, do transactions as we have done, follow last year's budget.)

1st, "I so move", Holger Hartmaier (CRLC), 9 Dec 2020

2nd, "I second", Carolyn and Tony Cave (LHLC), 12 Dec 2020

others approved, no dissent - **CARRIED**

Motion 4: approve AFRC membership dues to remain the same as since 1991.
Family/Couple \$5, Adult/Single \$4.50, Student (over 18) \$4. From this, we will pay GMFC memberships of \$4.06, \$3.56, \$3.06 respectively.

1st, "I so move", Holger Hartmaier (CRLC), 9 Dec 2020

2nd, "We second", Carolyn and Tony Cave (LHLC), 12 Dec 2020

others approved, no dissent - **CARRIED**

Motion 5: approve Directors/Delegates

Due to COVID-19, and the Christmas Season, most clubs have either not elected or not submitted their 2021 AFRC Directors/Delegates/Representatives.

MOTION **TABLED** UNTIL NEXT MEETING.

8.2: Custodian and Librarian Report, traveling memento

Nothing to report other than Karen-Anne Cherwonogrodzky (MHRLC) 14 Dec 2020: "It may be good to add as an update to the last AGM minutes that the Traveling Memento has the name plates up to date".

8.3: GMFC Report

Due to COVID-19, its activities were greatly curtailed. There were no meetings. The AFRC President conveyed that that he did email to discuss with Don and Laurie Fabrick, the scholarship committee chair and treasurer, respectively, about this program.

8.4: Alberta Rockhounds Newsletter

- Note: Pauline and Ed Zeschuk (ETLC) have retired from being the editors of the ARN.
(see **APPENDIX 6**)

The AFRC President has conveyed "Newsletter editor – We desperately need one".

8.5: AFRC rejuvenation, (comments from John Cherwonogrodzky, MHRLC)

It may seem bizarre during COVID-19 to look ahead, but as in Lewis Carroll's "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" (1865), often we need to run twice as hard to stay in the same place.

Before COVID-19 hit, it was discussed about contacting military posts where some may have field trip or lapidary clubs for recreation. It was recommended that for the time being just to send any newsletters for their information and a source of help in their activities.

At about this time, also there were some positive observations:

- It is odd that rock and lapidary interests go in phases. Kids love rocks, often come home with their pockets stuffed with those picked along the walk way. As adults they become too busy for this, but later in life, when things have settled or they have retired, many wish to continue learning about rocks and lapidary.

A BIG problem and need is communications, namely social media to attract those interested. Clubs live or die depending on how well they do this. How many of us have talked to people that were unaware that a rock/lapidary club was in their community and had been for decades? Having someone skilled in do this may turn things around.

- On TV they interviewed the lapidary expert at Calgary's Visual College of Art and Design. Are their colleges (similar to this) and community arts and craft clubs (similar

to Lacombe Handicraft and Lapidary Guild) that could be new members?

- Chris and Melissa Robak, and their team at Silver Cove, spend several hour giving tours and classes to school children when they have Gem Shows in their cities. When I set up a grinder and make cabachons during their show, it usually attracts a few that become new club members.

When they were in Medicine Hat over a year ago, I talked with Chris and he said he had 50 children and young adults sign up to become "Young Geologists". This may be a model for the rest of us to follow.

With regards to the rejuvenation (more members and possibly new clubs for AFRC), due to COVID-19, this initiative has been TABLED for the time being. Nothing has been done to rejuvenate interest in our or new clubs, but the above should be noted for different times.

COMMENTS: Holger Hartmaier (CRLC) sent an email on this topic on 10 Dec 2020. Due to its length and several insights, it is now added to the list as **APPENDIX 10**.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1: Archives, documents, files – storage, access, potential loss of history: Pauline and Ed Zeschuk (ETLC) with comments from John Cherwonogrodzky (MHRLC)

Serious issues that have arisen.

As noted at the bottom of Pauline and Ed Zeschuk's (ETLC) Alberta Rockhound Newsletter, they have important AFRC records that they cannot keep due to their retirement from AFRC.

In his office area at home, John Cherwonogrodzky has boxes of old finances, minutes, reports and issues from the former AFRC Treasurer, Irene Novlan (CRLC) that need to be kept somewhere.

For the time being the CRLC is storing 2 cabinets full of AFRC records.

Although it is in the Bylaws, and I believe in the Society's Act of Alberta, that the Secretary hold onto these documents. This responsibility for holding the record repository has resulted in AFRC not having a Secretary.

Where will these go? How will these be kept? Are we in danger of losing these?

Comments and ideas are welcome.

COMMENTS:

Holger Hartmaier (CRLC), 9 Dec 2020: *"The first place to start is what the Society's Act actually requires. Usually there is a reasonable time limit, i.e. for personal income tax returns [holding documents] is 6 years. Perhaps we can start by getting rid of actual receipts older than a certain year, archive the annual financial statements. I suggest some type of inventory may be necessary so we know what we have and then make a decision on what to keep."*

Pauline Zeschuk (ETLC), 14 Dec 2020: Her notes are **APPENDIX 11**. Briefly she suggests that the issue *"be discussed by the AFRC Executive, and if needed, the delegates."*

Karen-Anne Cherwonogrodzky (MHRLC): 14 Dec 2020 (regarding note to Pauline, 21 April 2020: *"Thank you for sharing the correspondence you received from the staff person at the*

archives. As I mentioned earlier, as I have used the archives to do research in my current position, the more information the better.

Personally, I would like to see the documents, that have been suggested we include, donated. Especially the newsletters as they contain the minutes and note the various activities that the AFRC have been involved with.

I agree though, the decision has to be made at a Director's meeting. Thanks for doing the background work so we will be prepared for that discussion when the opportunity comes to have our next in person meeting."

SUMMARY: **ONGOING**

9.2: May Daze 2021:

With a vaccine and new therapeutics on the way, things may change with regards to social gatherings, such as COVID-19. Even if these stay the same, the President in his message noted that, following restrictions and requirements, there were estate sales hosted by SARHA, that were remarkably similar May Daze live auctions. I heard that there were 45 bidders at one sale, which is about the same as what we normally get at AFRC's function.

The President conveyed that perhaps *"I think we should plan on having it"*.

Comment: Holger Hartmaier (CRLC) 9 Dec 2020: *"It should be up to the host club to decide. It relies on volunteers, so they need to feel safe, then attendance will depend on whether attendees will feel safe"*.

a) **Hall rental:** Ron Biel (LHLC) conveyed that the Lacombe Handicraft and Lapidary Guild is committed to being hosts of the next May daze. There is still so much in the air because of COVID-19. They previously made tentative arrangements for a hall, will have to determine when a deposit is needed, when cancellation has to be done to avoid losing the deposit.

Comment: Holger Hartmaier (CRLC) 9 Dec 2020: *"Does Ron have the commitments of the volunteers necessary to run this"?*

b) **Auction lots:** Karen-Anne Cherwonogrodzky (MHRLC) has asked that if May Daze 2021 does occur, how will lots for sale be arranged? John still has a record of those that signed up for lots in 2019. Do these still stand? Does he re-contact all those that signed up to see if they wish to hold or forgo their spot? Do we start all over and compile a new list?

Comment: Holger Hartmaier (CRLC) 9 Dec 2020: *"I would suggest that those on the list be contacted to see if they would still attend and bring their lots. If not, their space would be allocated to the next person on the waiting list."*

MOTION: Karen-Anne Cherwonogrodzky (MHRLC) 14 Dec 2020: *I would like to make a motion that John Cherwonogrodzky contact those who had booked lots for the 2020 May Daze to see if they would still like to hold their spot for lots. If any become available those on the waiting list would have the next chance. If after that process any lots become available the Executive would choose a date as to when members could submit a request. That date*

would be circulated to all AFRC members in the newsletter."

Additional comment, from John C (MHRLC), Treasurer. *First we need to know if there will be a 2021 May Daze. Next, to date there is no Newsletter to circulate this item.*

c) Vests: Karen-Anne Cherwonogrodzky (MHRLC) has acquired a dozen burgundy vest for AFRC (free of charge). It is envisioned that these will be used to distinguish volunteers helping with the May Daze auction. Afterwards, these vest could be stored with the other May Daze items (signs, guest book, Traveling Memento, etc.).

Comment, Holger Hartmaier (CRLC), 9 Dec 2020: *"AFRC would have to be responsible for cleaning and sanitizing the vests, assuming COVID is a concern. This would need to be included in the budget for May Daze."*

9.3: AFRC review of existing regulations regarding collection, cataloguing, polishing/working and sale of fossils, gems, minerals.

Ron Biel (LHLG), Holger Hartmaier (CRLC), Karen-Anne Cherwonogrodzky and John Cherwonogrodzky (MHRLC)

- Previously, Ron Biel discussed this matter with a Minister, and their response is attached (**APPENDIX 7**).
- In looking over old minutes passed from Irene Novlan to JohnC, the latter found that in the early 1960s, AFRC was concerned about strangers hauling away tons of fossils in large transports out of the province, some using dynamite to blast out fossils for their collection. They recommended to the politicians some control and restrictions to curtail this looting, but they also recommended collection and hobbies to promote what was "in the public interest". (**APPENDIX 8**).
- At the last AFRC meeting, Holger Hartmaier noted that there may be poor understanding of the rules and regulations on this topic. For example, the Mines and Minerals Act notes restriction on sub-surface collection, but not on the overburden. Karen-Anne Cherwonogrodzky did further research and found other Acts related.
- To help on this issue, JohnC read the 100s of pages of regulations, and has picked out key items for a summary of those relevant to this issue. (**APPENDIX 9**) Does one really need to seek advice and policy from the politicians and experts, if it is already written?

Holger Hartmaier (CRLC), 9 Dec 2020, *"This issue was originally raised because Eric Gregson (CRLC) and Chris Robak were lobbying the government with suggested changes to the regulations on the basis that the government was open to receiving input from rock clubs. My correspondence with Dan Spivak indicated that the government was not entertaining any such review and if they were, AFRC would be contacted. The summary you tabled is comprehensive. It would appear that there have been recent changes to the Regulations. I don't know who they specifically contacted in the Alberta rockhound community,- perhaps APS? I would suggest AFRC updates its website with a summary of the key regulations that affect rockhounds collecting fossils in Alberta to eliminate any further confusion on issues."*

Holger Hartmaier also had some comments on the Tables of Province of Albert – Approved/Revised Acts (Appendix 9). These have been used to correct or add into the tables.

9.4: ELECTION OF AFRC EXECUTIVE OFFICERS:

To date we have the following candidates:

- President – Caitlyn Furby (SARHA)
- Vice-President - Vacant
- Past President – Brett Jensen (SARHA)
- Secretary - Vacant
- Treasurer – John Cherwonogrodzky (MHRLC)

Do we have approval of these offices by acclamation?

Holger Hartmaier (CRLC) 9 Dec 2020: 1st, *"I so move. I approve."*

Carolyn and Tony Cave (LHLG), 12 Dec. 2020, 2nd, *"I so move, I approve."*

APPROVED.

Are there any volunteers or nominees for the Vacant positions?

None to date.

10. Announcement of Club events, if any.

Holger Hartmaier (CRLC) 9 Dec. 2020: *"CRLC is doing virtual meetings. Perhaps notification of these could be passed through AFRC to distribute to other clubs that may want to tune in. Conversely, other clubs could do the same thing. That way any speakers can be shared."*

11. AFRC Lifetime Membership Award: recommendations if any.

Karen-Anne Cherwonogrodzky (MHRLC), 14 Dec 2020: 1st, *"I would like to nominate Pauline and Ed Zeschuk for the AFRC Lifetime member Award for 2020."*

12. Adjournment: Final version distributed by JohnC, 23 Dec 2020.

APPENDIX 1

AGENDA for the E-MAIL AGM

1. AFRC President's Message (see attachment)
2. Roll Call (Directors/Delegates of Clubs): Please provide name, email address, club for Directors/Delegates for January-December 2021
3. Consideration of Agenda
4. In Memorium:
5. Minutes of the May 19, 2019 Annual General meeting (hosted by Medicine Hat Rock & Lapidary Club) (see attachment)
6. Business Arising from the Minutes
7. Correspondence
8. COMMITTEE REPORTS.
 - 8.1: Treasurer's Reports:
 - a) 2019 Audit, profit and loss statements (see attachment)
 - b) 2020 Financial Statements, transactions 1 January - 5 December 2020 (see attachment). Due to COVID-19, it is recommended that the projected budget for 1 January – 31 December 2021 follow the transactions of 2020.
 - 8.1.1 Motions presented by the Treasurer:
 - Motion 1: approve 2019 audit
 - Motion 2: approval of auditors for year Jan-Dec 2020 (i.e. to be done before May 2021)
 - Motion 3: approve proposed budget projected for Jan-Dec 2021
 - Motion 4: approve AFRC membership dues to remain the same
 - Motion 5: approve Directors/Delegates (see item 2, Roll-call.
 - 8.2: Custodian and Librarian Report, traveling memento
 - 8.3: GMFC Report (see President's Message, attachment)
 - 8.4 Alberta Rockhounds Newsletter
 - Note: Pauline and Ed Zeschuk (ETLC) have retired from being the editors of the ARN.
 - 8.5: AFRC rejuvenation, comments from John Cherwonogrodzky (MHRLC)
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9.2: May Daze 2021:

a) Hall rental: Ron Biel (LHLC)

b) Auction lots: Karen-Anne Cherwonogrodzky and John Cherwonogrodzky (MHRLC)

c) Vests: Karen-Anne Cherwonogrodzky (MHRLC)

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10. Announcement of Club events

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12. Adjournment

APPENDIX 2: AFRC President's Message – November 2020

Greetings to all AFRC members throughout Alberta. I sincerely hope this message finds you safe, healthy and prospering in this extraordinary time. Six months ago I did not believe that we would still be in the throes of the Covid19 pandemic. Due to the increasing numbers of cases, hospitalizations and deaths John and I decided that we would not have face to face meetings for the directors meetings of AFRC in September or November. Instead we decided on the relatively low tech substitute of email meeting or exchanges. This is just the latest version of many president's messages that I have prepared for the email exchange and AFRC newsletter this fall. The bulk of my message will be a report on the activities of my club, the Southern Alberta Rock Hounds Association, in Lethbridge and a continuation of my take on trends in lapidary and jewellery making from previous messages.

Complying with provincial guidelines on responding to the Covid19 outbreak in March of this year, we suspended all activities of our club. We closed our clubhouse and canceled all field trips, monthly meetings, classes and work times. We really missed our annual trip to the Calgary Rock and Gem Show in May. In response to pressure from some members we started to allow small groups to work at the club under the conditions of sanitizing all commonly touched surfaces, mask wearing and physical distancing. In June, July and August we resumed our summer field trip schedule to local sites, assuming that we would be outside, traveling in our own vehicles and able to physically distance ourselves. We resumed monthly meetings in July when numbers appeared to decrease. We sanitized thoroughly and distanced the chairs as best we could. The number of members definitely decreased from an average attendance of 30 down to about 10. I can appreciate the caution exercised by many of our members who are in vulnerable groups of the elderly, those in continuing care and those with underlying conditions. Field trips were successful with 10 to 15 people attending. The August field trip unfortunately was cut short due to my wife sustaining serious injuries in a fall on Iron Ridge (blairmorite site) in the Crowsnest Pass. She has recovered well but will carry a reminder in the form of a prominent scar on her forehead. In late August we held a large (over 400 lots) auction for 3 families, 2 of which were members of our club. I thank all the Lethbridge club members who worked very hard to prepare for it and all the AFRC members who traveled from all over the province to attend. For many it was the first rock hound activity of the year. In September we held our annual tailgate sale at Peavey Mart with only 4 members choosing to be vendors. We resumed classes with successful flint knapping, earring making and stone carving classes. Unfortunately with the large surge in Covid19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths even in Lethbridge, we have had to suspend all club activities again for at least 3 weeks. We hope to resume in the new year. Our casino which is our major fund raiser for the year is still up in the air.

As far as trends in lapidary and jewellery making, I refer you to my previous messages. From the fall haute couture fashion shows the trends in jewellery making for the spring of 2021 appear to be: an emphasis on shiny metals but especially silver, textured (hammered) metals, chain link pieces from oversized to fine, mixed media with stones, shells, coins or industrial components, pearls (a continuing trend with all colours, shapes and sizes), large rounded organic shapes, signature earrings (single or asymmetric sets) and opulent rhinestones. I would love to see an exchange of pictures of the creations of AFRC members. I am not sure what the vehicle would be. I have asked SARHA members to post pictures on our Facebook page. We have yet to see if that will happen. Check out our new website redesigned by our new president, Caitlyn: www.rockhounds.ca

I sincerely hope that we all, both personally and collectively, have the resilience and perseverance to survive these challenging times. I don't envy the political leaders at all levels who have to make the difficult decisions balancing the health and safety of individuals with the health of the economy. I pledge my support to do what I can to stay safe and protect the health of all of our members. Please keep in touch and let us do what we can to support one another.

– **Brett Jensen**

APPENDIX 3

ALBERTA FEDERATION OF ROCK CLUBS (AFRC) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Seven Persons Community Hall (Medicine Hat), Alberta

Sunday, May 19th, 2019, 10:00 a.m.

MINUTES OF MEETING (noted by Karen-Anne Cherwonogrodzky, written by JohnC)

1. INTRODUCTION AND GREETING BY MEDICINE HAT ROC & LAPIDARY

PRESIDENT:

Rodney Zaugg gave a brief welcome to all members, recognizing that many travelled a great distance (e.g. Edmonton) in poor weather (rain, cold, sleet). Given the great deal of work, organization and contacts that the MHRLC May Daze Committee (chaired by Karen-Anne Cherwonogrodzky), did for the event and especially AFRC members, he was confident that it was going to be very impressive.

2. AFRC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Brett Jensen began by saying that after the rain and cold experienced on Saturday's amber hunt near Grassy Lake, the sunshine and warmth typical of the area near Medicine Hat was sure to make everyone appreciative. For the various clubs and members, there were 2 points he wanted to make. The first was to make sure the Alberta Rockhound News (ARN) was being received and read. There is a fair amount of information in that newsletter, notably the AGM Minutes will be in the next issue. The second was to make sure that the clubs are active, to do things (such as have classes, workshops, field trips, training on equipment, etc.) to attract and hold members. Don't be afraid to take on new things to keep things interesting.

3. CONSIDERATION OF THE AGENDA: No revisions, APPROVED by general consensus

4. ROLL CALL:

Roll Call:	Calgary Faceters Guild	Calgary Rock & Lapidary Club
	Edmonton Tumblewood Lapidary Club	Medicine Hat Rock & Lapidary Club
	Lacombe Handicraft & Lapidary Guild	Southern Alberta Rock Hounds Association

All clubs were present and represented. The Grande Prairie club was not active.

5. IN MEMORIUM

A moment of silence was observed in memory for Rose-Marie Laidlaw (MHRLC), Gunther Kuhnlein (CRLC), Alice Jaquish (CRLC), Dave Biro (CFC/CRLC/LHLG) and any others that may have been missed.

6. THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 20, 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

Following the 2018 AGM, these were published in the May 2018 ARN (volume 48, no. 2). These were read by Karen-Anne Cherwonogrodzky. The Minutes were APPROVED by consensus with no revisions.

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

There was a brief discussion on potential Clubs. The Novlans forwarded information on how to start up a club to Grande Prairie. This was also forwarded to Lorne Alcock (CRLC) who requested a copy. The group in Lloyd Minister requested and received a copy, but did not want to join AFRC.

8. CORRESPONDENCE:

Lorne Alcock (CRLC), previous AFRC Secretary, had to resign due to family circumstances.

There was a request from the President to appoint someone as Secretary. Lavern Novlan made the motion to appoint someone, outside the by-laws process, until the Delegates could officially elect a Secretary (with the required duties and responsibilities) at a quarterly meeting. Seconded by Doug Schatz (LHLG), DEFEATED.

John Cherwonogrodzky (Treasurer) volunteered to take and record the Minutes of the AGM. Nick Davy (MHRLC) moved that JohnC be a “Temporary Minute Taker”. This was seconded by Lavern Novlan, APPROVED.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

9.1 Treasurer's Report and 2018 Financial Statements:

John Cherwonogrodzky made available hard copies of the summary of finances that included a copy of the audit (which included the Profit and Loss Statement, AFRC inventory), the budget for 2019 (based on Income and Expenditures of 2016, 2017, 2018 or 3 years), an Update of AFRC bank statements up to 17 May 2019), memberships summation and proposed list of delegates.

- The auditors did a thorough professional review (2.5 hours) of AFRC's financial accounts for 1 Jan. to 31 Dec. 2018. All was in order and they signed/supported the document that was then submitted to Alberta Societies Registries.
- There was a net profit in 2018 of \$1306.39
- The Treasurer submitted a detailed budget for 2019 with a projected small surplus of \$53.93. Although expenses are up (e.g. Director's Insurance of \$500, projected 2 Workshop Grants of \$250 each) this is offset by the interest of the Alberta Treasury Branch GIC (\$743.84 for 2019). JohnC noted that the latter was to the credit of the Novlans while Irene was Treasurer and Lavern was President. Upon transferring Treasurer responsibilities to JohnC, the bank had to be changed to one in Medicine Hat and they arranged for the ATB. The Alberta Treasury Branch was very friendly and accommodating, was of Alberta and hence in line with AFRC provincial support, and offered a better return on a GIC investment than other banks.
- An update was given on AFRC bank accounts as of 17 May 2019. The amounts were presented at the AGM, but due to security cannot be revealed in this report. In summary, the GIC is doing well, the chequing account (based on annual expenditures) has enough to meet expenses for at least 3 years.

9.1.1 Treasurer's Report of the current 2019 May Daze.

As of 4:00 a.m., Heads and Tails brought in \$67, the Silent Auction (donations) \$687, the Live Auction \$714.45 (15% of \$4763 sold), a membership for \$5, for a total of \$1473.45. Additional revenues would be 10% of tailgate sales following the AGM. As the Hall rental was \$600 for the 3 days, it was projected that there would be no deficit, and likely a profit, for AFRC at the end of May Daze.

9.1.2 Motions presented by the Treasurer:

In accordance with the Alberta Societies Registry, and AFRC by-laws, there were motions that had to be passed at the AGM:

- **Motion 1:** That the Treasurer's AFRC Annual Financial Report be approved. Moved by Terry Routledge, seconded by Rodney Zaugg, CARRIED.
- **Motion 2:** That the auditors be Peggy and Keith Keck for the 2019 audit. Moved by Lavern Novlan, seconded by Nick Davy, CARRIED.

- **Motion 3:** That the Proposed Budget for 2019 be approved. Moved by Nick Davy, seconded by Lynn Strom, CARRIED.
- **Motion 4:** Given the excellent state of AFRC finances, that the Membership fees be the same as that since 1991, namely \$5 per family, \$4.50 for an adult, \$4 for a student. Moved by Christina Elsdor-Davy, seconded by Karen-Anne Cherwonogrodzky, CARRIED.
- **Motion 5:** That the noted Delegates of the Clubs to AFRC, with possible corrections, be approved. Moved by Lavern Novlan, seconded by Marilyn Jetter, CARRIED.

On the last motion, CRLC noted that Lorne Alcock should not be one of their listed delegates as he resigned. As Motion 5 stated “with possible corrections”, there was no need for another motion. All that was required was for that club to submit a replacement as soon as possible to the Treasurer who would submit this to the Alberta Societies Registry.

9.1.3 Discussion of the Auction:

- **WENT WELL:** The Treasurer discussed how well the auction went. There were 50 donations for the Silent Auction. For the Live Auction, the auctioneers were talented and knowledgeable, the clerks were phenomenal – the amount collected from all the buyers EXACTLY (to the penny) matched the total of all sales. There was sufficient cash on hand to pay all sellers their 85% of sales immediately after the auction or the next day before the AGM.
- **VALUE:** The Treasurer noted that the AFRC Auction was an incredible opportunity for Clubs and individuals to start their rock and lapidary hobbies. It was an ideal annual event where one could acquire machinery and materials for a fraction of the cost (1/4 to 1/10 regular value). Often one could get up-and-running, not for several \$1000s but for a few \$100s.
- **BREAK:** Mid-way through the auction there was a 10-minute break. One opinion from the floor was that this was a mistake, that it encouraged people to leave the auction to the disappointment of the sellers. In contrast, another opinion was that it allowed some buyers to make a last assessment on the items left and that this may have helped sales.
- **DESCRIPTIONS:** One opinion was that as everyone had a chance to look at the items and record which they were going to bid upon, the auction could be done a lot quicker by not reviewing the items. Another view was that the buyers wanted and needed the auctioneers to give some insights into the lot, point out why these had high value, quality or rarity, why they should bid higher.
- **SILENT AUCTIONS:** Pauline Zeschuk complemented the entire “AFRC Auction Volunteer Committee”, especially the auctioneers, runners and clerks for a successful auction. As donations to the Medicine Hat Rock & Lapidary Club (about 40 items) and donations to the AFRC (50 items) were done before the Live Auction, this saved about 1.5 hours. Thanks goes to Karen-Anne Cherwonogrodzky for this innovation.
- **DONATIONS:** Karen-Anne in turn thanked all the help from the “MHRLC May Daze Committee” who donated their time and support for a long list of activities (e.g. items for gift bags, hall opening/closing/care, meal and refreshment preparation, table/chairs/display case set-up and take-down, trailer and tenting registration, etc.). She encouraged AFRC members to support where possible all the sponsors that donated to the gift bags. Of special note was the unique contribution of Louise Wutzke and family of 60 door prize gift bags (fossils, minerals) to commemorate her late husband, Bill Wutzke. Karen-Anne noted that there were enough gift bags and door prizes for all to be winners.
- **LOT SIGN-UP:** The Treasurer heard positive comments that the quality of the lots had gone up for this auction. It was thought that as lots were limited 10, and because more sellers were involved, they brought their best. There was a brief discussion on whether to lower the number of allowed lots, but the consensus was that this would not make it worthwhile for sellers to participate. A problem that the Treasurer was beginning to observe that members were beginning to register to sell their lots for years ahead and where was the limit?

Mike O'Toole made the motion; "*I move that [the] reservations list for the next May Daze Auction be opened at the conclusion of the current May Daze Annual General Meeting*". Seconded by Rod Zaugg, CARRIED.

9.2 Custodian's and Librarian Report, and the Traveling Memento:

Doug Schatz, the Librarian, said that the Lacombe club had the Traveling Library for the past year, and that all was well. The DVDs are particularly good and useful. (Note, one of the DVDs on wire-wrapping had become corrupted. Fortunately there was a backup disc that JohnC gave to the club at the AGM). If anyone has any ideas or requests concerning the library, please let Doug know. As it was not decided who would take the library next, it will currently stay with the Lacombe club.

The Traveling Memento (petrified wood, donated by the Clubs, combined in the shape of Alberta, with name plates of May Daze hosts) had been located in BC and had been returned. Due to its travels, it needs to have name plates of May Daze hosts (2017-2019) added. It will be decided at the next AFRC Delegates meeting who will pay for and get these done.

(Note: These name plates have subsequently been done, paid for by AFRC.)

9.3 AFRC Delegates from member Clubs for 2019-2020.

This was covered under 9.1.2, Treasurer, Motion 5.

9.4 GMFC Report:

Brett Jensen is the Delegate who reports on the GMFC. He noted that the GMFC meeting and election of the Executive will be in BC in June.

This year, Brett is also the AFRC President, the GMFC President and the SARHA President. As the GMFC AGM and National Show will be in Lethbridge (first weekend in October 2019), he is the perfect bridge between all parties. He noted:

- They are accepting Vendor applications for the Show, and already appear to be financially in the black. Club members can be vendors, one can rent 1-16 tables, booths could likely be any size wanted. Grouping of vendors could be done, there will be a room for display cases.
- As about 80% of AGM membership goes towards GMFC membership, all can attend the AGM. The location of the AGM and banquet have yet to be determined.
- Camping may be a problem and they are looking into sites for out-of-town buyers.

The GMFC Tumbling Book is out, but Brett has still not seen the digital form.

The AFRC could have up to 6 members on the GMFC Board, but has only 3 (Brett Jensen, Doug Schatz, Holger Hartmaier). In past years, Maureen Dowler made the motion that a member not a Delegate/Director could be a GMFC delegate so long as (1) they attended AFRC meetings to be knowledgeable about the organization, (2) they voted at the GMFC in accordance with AFRC policy and interests. Pauline Zeschuk noted that being a GMFC delegate is a very positive experience, being welcomed to their meetings, activities, barbecue and rock hounding. The GMFC also provides an annual scholarship for a member's child attending post-secondary education. At present, there was no one volunteering to be a GMFC delegate.

9.5 ARN Newsletter report:

Pauline and Ed Zeschuk thanked those that contributed articles to the newsletter, whether it related to club events or even individuals doing unique things. Another topic was "The Human Factor". They enjoy editing the Newsletter, usually get it done in a few weeks, but it is essential that it be distributed, that every member get a copy forwarded by the club director tasked to do so. They also discussed that there was a "Buy and Sell" part in the Newsletter that is free advertisement for AFRC members doing this for lapidary related items.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

To date, there was no Club that stepped forward to host the 2010 May Daze. Dale Nielsen (CRLC) asked if by convention there was a rotation among the clubs to be hosts. It was noted that usually May Daze alternates from a southern location to a northern one. However, no club volunteered as host.

Brett recommended that this be thought over the summer for a decision, and that planning should begin at least at the September AFRC meeting.

11. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLUB EVENTS:

- Lethbridge will be hosting its annual tailgate at the Peavy Mart parking lot, on the 2nd Saturday in September (14th).
- As discussed before, Lethbridge will be hosting the GMFC AGM and National Show the first weekend of October.
- Calgary RLC will be holding its Christmas Fair, with 30 tables, likely on November 2nd, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

12. AFRC LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP AWARD:

Ed Zeschuk was the MC for the occasion, and noted that there was not one, but at least 3 reasons for giving them the award(s). First, they were the driving force that kept the AFRC active and alive over the decades that they took part. Second, their handling tasks that needed to be done and responsible positions (Irene was Treasurer for 14-16 years, Lavern was President 3-times) was the glue that held it together. And third, they were “walking encyclopedias” of information of what that rock, mineral or gem was, where it came from (indeed, often the mine and its owners), and any unusual history, use or property of a specimen. They were always, friendly, helpful and accommodating; always the perfect example of what an AFRC member should be.

Brett Jensen, the President, awarded plaques to Irene Novlan and Lavern Novlan to honour their many contributions to the AFRC. As they did so both as individuals and as a team, a plaque was given to each, and a third plaque was given to both of them together.

ADJOURNMENT: It had been a long productive meeting with several issues addressed, and the meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

**APPENDIX 4 (AUDIT)
ALBERTA FEDERATION OF ROCK CLUBS**

For the Year Ending 31 December 2019

BALANCE SHEET

As of 31 December 2019

Category, Description	Amount
ASSETS	
1. Cash and Bank Accounts, as of 31 December 2019	
(Note: Regarding the ATB Community Spirit Acc, chequing: Because the bank statement for December 2019 was for transactions until 7 December, for transactions up to 31 December, use the bank statement for 7 January 2020, provided.)	
ATB Business Savings Account (left over interest when account closed)	2.27
ATB Springboard GIC (matured 23 Sept. 2019)	42,068.68
ATB Community Spirit Acc. (chequing, see 7 January 2020 statement)	6,106.22
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	48,177.17
2. Other Assets (see attached INVENTORY)	
a) Traveling Library (books + videos)	1,344.85
b) GMFC booklets	0
c) Signs	417.63
d) Pins	0
e) Miscellaneous (traveling memento, seal/die, stamp, stapler)	460.00
TOTAL Other Assets*	2,222.48
<i>*See attached Inventory sheets.</i>	
TOTAL ASSETS (1 + 2) =	\$50,399.65
3. LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
a. LIABILITIES	0
b. EQUITY (ASSETS)	50,399.65
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY (3b. - 3a)	\$50,399.65

We, the undersigned, certify the validity of this statement through inspection of receipts and expenditures for the year ending on 31 December 2019

Peggy E.M. Keck

Keith N. Keck

ALBERTA FEDERATION OF ROCK CLUBS
PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT: For 1 January 2019 - 31 December 2019

Category, Description	Amount
a) INCOME: Bank Interest (GIC 3rd-year interest at 1.8%)	743.85
b) INCOME: MAY DAZE	
- Heads-and-Tails	67.00
- Rock Auction – donated lots	687.00
- 15% of consignment lots (\$4763)	714.45
- Tailgating (10% of \$2,377.50)	237.75
- Membership renewals during the event	<u>5.00</u>
TOTAL:	1711.20
c) INCOME: OTHER: AFRC Memberships: CF (\$55), CRLC (\$1200), ETLC (\$189), LHLC (\$64), MHRCLC (\$193), SARA (\$221) =	1922.00
Alberta Rockhounds Newsletter Subscriptions (now distributed by E-mails)	0
INCOME SUBTOTAL: 743.85 + 1711.20 + 1922 =	4377.05
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EXPENSES	
MAY DAZE- Hall rental	(-) 600.00
- Hall insurance	0
- Friday BBQ (loss)	(-) 23.71
- Saturday bus trip	(-) 252.50
- Sunday breakfast	(-) 319.86
- Refreshments (coffee, tea, water, juices)	(-) 70.94
- Donation to St. Patrick's, for church tour	(-) 20.00
- Photocopying, AGM report by Treasurer, to be paid at a later date	<u>-</u>
TOTAL:	(-1,287.01)
Bank charges on business account (-\$1), purchase of cheques 65.74	(-) 66.74
Printing of AFRC/GMFC cards (Feb. \$136.50, Dec. \$126.00)	(-) 262.50
Director's Meetings, rent+coffee (CRLC cashed Oct 2018 in 2020, three in 2019= 4 X \$75)	(-) 300.00
Miscellaneous: Tape-recorder for Secretary for AFRC meetings	(-) 62.99
AFRC Educational Workshop Funding	0
GMFC dues/insurance	(-) 1316.30
Alberta Rockhounds Newsletter expenses	0
AFRC Directors/Volunteer Insurance	(-) 500.00
Miscellaneous (Reimburse Treasurer: Jan. \$354.88, Dec. \$520.34)	<u>(-) 875.22</u>
TOTAL:	(-) 3383.75
EXPENSES SUBTOTAL: (-)1287.01 + (-) 3383.75 =	(-) 4,670.76
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NET INCOME for 2019: Income – Expenses = 4,377.05 – 4,670.76 =	(-) 293.71

TREASURER'S "REGISTER REPORT" for 1 January 2019 to 31 December 2019
TRANSACTIONS: AFRC Community Spirit Savings (Chequing) Account

(Note: Does not include GIC interest)

TABLE 1: Deposits/Income (refer to ATB Deposit Record book)			
5 April 2019			25 May 2019
SARA (Lethbridge) memberships	175.50		Med. Hat R&L C memberships:
Med. Hat R&L C memberships:	<u>165.50</u>		27.50
TOTAL:	341.00		25 May 2019 (MAY DAZE)
15 April 2019			Buyers' cheques, total:
Calgary R & L C memberships:	1,200.00		1,458.00
Lacombe H & L C memberships:	64.00		Buyer's cash (after payout to vendors):
Edmonton T L C memberships:	189.00		<u>253.20</u>
Calgary F C memberships (cash):	<u>55.00</u>		TOTAL:
TOTAL:	1508.00		1711.20
2 September 2019			SARA (Lethbridge) memberships:
TOTAL:	1508.00		45.50
SUBTOTAL: \$3633.20			

(Dates aligns with bank statements rather than when cheque were issued.)			
TABLE 2: Cheques/Expenses (refer to cheque stubs in Treasurer's binder)			
Cheque #41 , 29 January 2019	354.88	Cheque #46 , 17 May 2019	1316.30
Reimburse Treasurer (Domain, Website, stamps, photocopy AGM report, ink, receipt book)		GMFC membership fees by AFRC	
Cheque #42 , 13 February 2019	136.50	Cheque #47 , 17 June 2019	1287.01
Sure-Print AFRC cards for 2019		Med Hat R&L C, May Daze expenses	
Cheque #40 (cashed late) 22 April 2019	75.00	10 Sept. 2019, purchase cheques	65.74
, CRLC clubroom rental + coffee fund		Cheque #48 , 16 September 2019	75.00
Cheque #43 , 22 April 2019	75.00	CRLC, clubroom rental (\$65) + coffee fund(\$10)	
CRLC, clubroom rental (\$65) + coffee fund(\$10)		Cheque #49 , 2 December 2019	75.00
Cheque #45 , 22 April 2019	500.00	CRLC, clubroom rental (\$65) + coffee fund(\$10)	
Intact Insurance for AFRC Directors/ Volunteers		Cheque #51 , 16 December 2019	520.34
Cheque #44 , 10 May 2019	62.99	Reimburse Treasurer (Domain, Website, badges, printer ink for May Daze, reports)	
Reimburse Secretary for tape-recorder.		Cheque #50 , 11 December 2019	126.00
		Sure-Print AFRC cards for 2020	
SUBTOTAL: \$4669.76			
NET FINANCES: DEPOSITS – CHEQUES = 3633.20 - 4669.76 = (-) 1036.56			
NOTE: 7 Jan. 2020 statement – 7 Jan. 2019 statement = 6106.22 - 7142.78 = (-) 1036.56			

NOTE: Nov. 2018 cheque \$75 cashed April 2019; 2020 cards printed early \$126; Website (2018) paid in 2019 for \$172.17; GIC earned \$743.85; business account lost \$1.

If only 2019 transaction were done in 2019, **balance would have been:**

(-1036.56 deficit + (75 + 126 + 172.17 + 743.85 = 1117.02) - 1 = (+) **79.46**

INVENTORY FOR THE ALBERTA FEDERATION OF ROCK CLUBS
(updated by AFRC Treasurer, for year ending 31 December 2018)

a) TRAVELING LIBRARY OF BOOKS AND DVDs

i. BOOKS (3 and 13 went missing in 2014)

1. A History of Jewelry, Five Thousand Years	43.29*
2. Ammolite (2 copies: 2A, 2B)	32.05
4. Bones Rock! Everything You Need to Know to be a Paleontologist	39.20*
5. Easy Beaded Jewelry	5.00
6. Geological Wonders in Alberta (2 copies, 6A, 6B)	26.70
7. In Search of Ancient Alberta	28.83
8. Jade	85.00
9. Organic Beaded Jewellery	5.00
10. Petrified Wood, The World of Fossilized Wood	115.90
11. Practical Casting	10.00
12. Robert's Rules of Order	13.92
14. The River Runs North	114.94*
15. Within the Stone	36.67
16. The Book of Stones	38.00
17. Guide to Common Vertebrate Fossils from the Cretaceous of Alberta	30.00
18. Creative Gold and Silversmithing	28.93*
19. The Complete Book of Jewelry Making	33.92*
20. The Book of Beads	23.64*

* signifies current value on Amazon (some have gone down in price due to discontinuation or being available on line, some have gone up in price due to popularity and rarity.)

TOTAL VALUE: **\$ 710.99**

ii) DVDs (also with Lacombe H&L Guild).

1. Wire-Sculpture Complete Beginner Series:	179.85 (Cdn)
2. Wire Sculpture Complete Ring Series:	300.95
3. Wire-Sculpture Complete Intermediate Wire Wrap Series	153.06

TOTAL: **\$ 633.86**

(NOTE: There is a duplicate set of the DVD Originals kept separate with AFRC Treasurer, for safety)

SUBTOTAL: BOOKS + DVDs = 710.99 + 633.86 = **\$1,344.85**

b) GMFC BOOKLETS (DEVALUATION):

- 15 copies, "Collecting, Micromounting, Prep. Specimens, Fossils", 1990	-
- 9 copies, "Health and Safety", 1985	-
- 2 copies, "Cartography, Wilderness Survival, Basic First Aid", 1988	-
- 2 copies, "Yesterday – Today – Tomorrow", no date	-
- 1 copy "Officers & Directors Manual", 1985	-
- 1 copy, "Objectives of the GMFC, By-Laws, Rules, etc."	-
- 67 copies, Information pamphlet	-
TOTAL: no value due to their age, the booklets are for free distribution	0

c) AFRC OUTDOOR SIGNS FOR ANNUAL MEETING

- One large AFRC sign for Outdoors (estimate)	50.00
- One Annual Meeting Sign (estimate)	50.00
- Two 2'X3' Corplast A Frame Signs:	128.63
- Three new signs for May Daze, Hirsch Signs 7 Silk Screening	189.00
TOTAL:	417.63

d) AFRC PINS (As of 31 December 2019)(with AFRC Treasurer) (DEVALUATION)

- ARFC Provincial Club Pins (purchased March 2004) (149 X \$1.01)	
- 50 th Anniversary Pins (purchased September 2012) (21 X \$1.01)	
TOTAL: no value, there is little interest in these and previously the pins were just used as free items in gift bags at May Daze.	0

e) MISCELLANEOUS:

- Traveling Memento (different petrified woods from different clubs, a portrayal of Alberta,	200.00
- AFRC Seal and Die (aluminum block, AFRC logo), with JohnC	100.00
- Box of past minutes, 2 boxes of past Treasurer's reports and finances	-
- Box of notes, history (from R.S./I.N) given to JohnC, May 2015)	-
- Treasurer's briefcase	-
- Stamp (Alberta Federation of Rock Clubs, for cards), ink pad (estimate)	100.00
- Stapler	10.00
OTHER:	
- 4 drawer upright filing cabinet with past minutes, correspondence, etc., with P.Z.	-
- AFRC's Wooden Gavel (made/donated by R.B., Lacombe HLG, 2005)	50.00
TOTAL:	460.00

INVENTORY SUBTOTAL (a + b + c + d + e)

$$\begin{aligned} &= (1,344.85 + 0 + 417.63 + 0 + 460.00) \\ &= \$2,222.48 \end{aligned}$$

ALBERTA FEDERATION OF ROCK CLUBS
BUDGET: Projected Income and Expenditures for 2020

Table 1: Income, Expenses	2017	2018	2019	2020 Projected¹
<u>Income</u>				
Bank Interest	(1.46%) 585.01	(1.65%) 670.79	(1.8%) 743.85	(2.20%) 850.00
AFRC Memberships*	1935.00	2347.50	1922.00	1271.50
ARNewsletter Subscriptions	0	0	0	0
May Daze	1739.10	2019.15	1711.20	None/breaks.even
Pins & Crests	0	0	Discontinued	Discontinued
Miscellaneous, Donations	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	4259.11	5037.44	4377.05	2121.50
<u>Expenses</u>				
Bank Charges (\$1), cheques	0	0	66.74	0
May Daze	619.65	1300.00	1287.01	None/Break even
AFRC Membership Cards	96.08	103.95	262.50	130.00
GMFC Dues	157.04	1677.10	1316.30	1000.00
ARNewsletter Expenses	0	0	0	0
Directors' Meetings (\$75 each)	225.00	150.00	(4) 300.00	(2) 150.00
Miscellaneous		0		
- website, web domain,	139.28	(paid in 2019)	344.34	172.17
- printing, photocopy			130.58	60.00
- name tags/badges, plaques			273.89	100.00
- other			189.40	200.00
AFRC Workshop Grant	(1 club) 250.00	0	0	(1 club) 250.00
Directors' Insurance	-	500.00	500.00	550.00
TOTAL	2487.05	3731.05	4670.76	2612.17
<u>(Income - Expenses)</u>	+1772.06	+1306.39	(-) 293.71	(-) 490.67

¹A Projected Budget for 2020 is difficult due to the effects of COVID-19.

- May Daze (AGM) has been postponed and may be cancelled
- AFRC Director/Delegate meetings have started being done by emails
- The Editors for the Alberta Rockhound Newsletter are retiring
- The interest on the GIC (2.02% for 2020) may not take place due to the economic impact on banks

Regardless, only a modest deficit is projected for 2020. With about \$6000 in the chequing account, AFRC is in good financial shape.

ADDITIONAL INSIGHTS, Listing of Profit and Loss Statements Over the Years

INTRODUCTION: The Profit and Loss Statement gives only limited insight into where the Club's finances are heading over the course of the audited year (2019), whether there is growth or decline. Where the balance sheet begins at the beginning of the year (1 January 2019) also reflects where the last audited year ended (31 December 2018). One can therefore have a cursory look at trends. Unfortunately, the figures can be misleading as sometimes income and expenditures are not confined to a given year. Hence a club may pay its membership early, appearing as though it paid twice in one year, and then late in the following year so that it appears not to have paid at all. A better assessment of the Club's finances is the following table that notes Balance Sheet figures from several audits.

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
ATB Business Savings	38,030.57	3.27	3.27	3.27	2.27
ATB Springboard GIC	-	40,069.03	40,654.04	41,324.83	42,068.68
ATB Community Spirit Acc. (chequing)	6,867.07	5,320.13	6,507.18	7,142.78	6,106.22
Assets	3,150.59	2,991.04	2,394.08	2,394.18	2,222.48
Liabilities	0	0	0	0	0
SUBTOTAL	48,048.23	48,383.47	49,558.67	50,865.06	50,399.65

As can be seen, even with the devaluation of assets and an increase in costs (e.g. the Club acquired Director's Insurance), overall there is no decline in the Club's finances over the past 5 years.

Table 2: Background information on AFRC memberships

Number of AFRC members	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019 (Family, Adult, Student)
Family (X2)	134 X 2	125 X 2	112 X 2	154 x 2	245X2	CFG: 2F, 10A
Adult	202	162	170	221	258	CRLC: 87F, 170A
Student	1	0	0	0	0	ETLC: 18F, 22A
						LHLG: 2F, 12A
TOTAL	471	412	396	521	748	MHRL: 16F, 27A
						SARHA: 11F, 25A, 2S
						TOTAL: 136F(X2), 266A, 2S
						SUBTOTAL: 540

APPENDIX 5

ALBERTA FEDERATION OF ROCK CLUBS
 Email Annual General Meeting (Due to COVID-19)

TREASURER'S REPORT for 1 Jan. - 7 Dec. 2020 (John Cherwonogrodzky)

1. SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS	December 2019	December 2020
ATB Business Savings Account	\$2.27	\$2.27
ATB Springboard GIC	\$42,068.68	\$42,920.82 (+852.14)
ATB Community Spirit Account (Chequing)	\$6,106.22	\$5,869.52 (-236.70)
TOTAL:	\$48,177.17	\$48,792.61 (+615.44)

2. TRANSACTIONS: 1 January – 7 December 2020

CHEQUING ACCOUNT		USINESS ACC.	GIC ACCOUNT
DEPOSITS	WITHDRAWALS/ CHEQUES		
18 Feb: MHRLC late memberships (mem.): \$9 - CRLC mem.: \$1200	29 March, chq #52 Dir. Insurance \$550 9 April, chq #53 Refund to CRLC due to lower memberships (no Gem Show) \$558.50	(Lag in interest when account closed) \$2.27	23 Sept 2020: 2019-2020 interest \$852.14 TOTAL NOW \$42,920.82
21 Apr.: ETLC mem.: \$237 - SARHA mem.: \$166.50 - MHRLC mem. \$178.50 (total: \$582)	(19 Oct, chq. #54, withdrawn due to calculation error) 19 Oct., chq #55 GMFC dues: \$958.98		NOTE: Amount redeposited on 23 Sept. 2019 Interest: 2019-20, Year 1, 2.02% 2020-21, Year 2, 2.06% 2021-22, Year 3, 2.10%
9 Nov.: MHRLC late mem. \$10 - LHLG mem.: \$68.50	21 Oct., chq. #56 GMFC dues (late memberships) \$38.72		
TOTAL: + \$1869.50	TOTAL: - \$2106.20		
SUBTOTAL: \$1869.50 - \$2106.20 = -\$236.70			

APPENDIX 6: Edward and Pauline Zeschuk's participation in the AFRC:

1. Pauline and Edward have decided it is time to resign as Edmonton Tumblewood Lapidary Club (ETLC) delegates to the Alberta Federation of Rock Clubs (AFRC). Traveling to meetings was one of the major factors. The responsibility of a delegate is to attend three executive meetings in Calgary and an AGM in the province annually. Pauline and Edward Zeschuk were noted as ETLC delegates to the AFRC in the minutes of the May 19, 2002, Annual General Meeting. Their participation continued until notice was given of their resignation in November, 2020. The comradery and participating in discussions will be missed.

2. Pauline and Edward Zeschuk were announced as Alberta Rockhound News editors in the minutes of the May 19, 2001, AGM. The last issue of the Alberta Rockhound News published by Pauline and Edward in April, 2020.

3. Pauline Zeschuk was elected as the Secretary for AFRC on December 01, 2002, the date in which she wrote the first AFRC meeting minutes. The last minutes written were for the Annual General Meeting that was held at the Woodbend Hall on Sunday, May 17, 2015. Secretary responsibilities included compiling minutes for three AFRC Executive meetings and one AGM annually. Letter communication was also one of the Secretarial responsibilities.

It may be interesting to note that there was an extensive exchange of letters with the Tyrell Museum regarding fossils recorded in the minutes before Pauline became secretary. This continued, as noted in the minutes, after Pauline became secretary. For a short time Ammonite was declared to be treated as a fossil. The exchange of letters and other communication with Tyrell Museum regarding fossils and ammonite continues to this day.

4. Pauline and Edward Zeschuk were named as two of several AFRC delegates to the Gem and Mineral Federation of Canada (GMFC) as noted in the AFRC AGM minutes dated May 18, 2003. Each annual meeting was hosted by a club in western Canada. Delegate responsibilities included attending annual GMFC AGMs where views were shared and a report was brought back to AFRC. The main goal of the GMFC is to support clubs. Two of the ways this is done is by making insurance available for clubs and providing educational scholarships for children of club members. Attending the meetings was an opportunity to meet fellow rock hounds, visit rock shows held in various areas, participate in fieldtrips and hunt rocks in new locations. Some of the places where Pauline and Edward visited to attend the GMFC AGMs and regional shows included Campbell River, Kamloops, Castlegar, Coquitlam, Regina and Prince Albert. Alberta locations such as Edmonton, Calgary, Lethbridge and St. Albert have hosted the GMFC AGMs during the past twenty years.

Being a rock hound is a lifestyle. Once you begin collecting rocks, you are a rock enthusiast for the rest of your life. Participating in the ETLC, the AFRC and the GMFC was educational and enriched our lives. We would not change anything regarding our participation in our club activities.

Hi John,

I am attaching a summary of Ed and my involvement with the AFRC. All is verified by what was in the minutes over the many years.

At another time when the meeting issues are out of the way, I would like to discuss how to handle the many years of minutes that I have in my possession. We once had a historian for the club. Also, we have a file at the Alberta Archives. This topic can wait for now unless you would like to have that on the AGM agenda.

Thanks for your work with AFRC!

Pauline

APPENDIX 7: Letter to Ron Biel

Unfortunately, the letter has a restriction at the end. It cannot be released in entirety without the approval of the Minister.

However, the restriction deals with the entire email and not parts already in the public domain. Within government, there is the clause "Protected B when complete". There is the statement at the bottom of the letter that confidential information cannot be released. I interpret this to mean that non-confidential information, that which is in the general public domain, can be shared.

Also, within the Freedom of Information and Private Protection Act of Canada, "that which is in the interest of the public" MUST be disclosed.

----- Original Message -----

Subject:Disposition of Alberta Fossils (AR46981)

Date:2019-11-01 14:26

From: Minister Culture Multiculturalism and Status of Women
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Cc:'Lacombe-Ponoka' <Lacombe.Ponoka@assembly.ab.ca>

Dear Mr. Biel:

... Lacombe Culture and Harvest Festival... respond to your October 6, 2019 follow-up letter where you express an interest in amendments to the Disposition (Ministerial) Regulation to enable greater flexibility in the management of Alberta's fossil heritage.

... Should you have any questions on this issue, please contact Mr. Dan Spivak, Head of the Resource Management Program at the Royal Tyrrell Museum of Palaeontology, at 403-820-6210 (toll-free by first dialing 310-0000) or dan.spivak@gov.ab.ca.

Thank you for your dedication to Alberta's natural heritage.

Sincerely,

Leela Sharon Aheer
Minister of Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women

cc: Ronald Orr, MLA
Lacombe-Ponoka

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APPENDIX 8: THE BEGINNINGS OF AFRC (THE FIRST 10 YEARS, 1963/1964-1974)

a) INTRODUCTION:

A few years ago, Karen-Anne and I were at a Saturday Farmer's Market in Swift Current Saskatchewan. There, an elderly man noticed that she was selling jewelry and started a conversation.

"I used to belong to the Cypress Lapidary Club some 50 years ago. Have you ever heard of it?" he said with a chuckle.

To which I replied, "*Why, but of course. The Alberta Federation of Rock Clubs was an idea that started in 1963, then became reality and registered in 1964. Once formed, rock and lapidary clubs throughout Alberta joined, and there was a welcome to other clubs as well. The Cypress Rock & Fossil Club (Maple Creek, Saskatchewan) in 1968 (and Whitehorse, Yukon, years later) wanted such affiliation and joined the AFRC.*"

The man's jaw dropped.

What I didn't reveal was that I had learned this only a few days earlier, having browsed through **Irene Novlan's** (Former Treasurer) historical records that she passed down to me. Much of this is interesting, and below is a summary of AFRC's beginnings.

b) BEGINNINGS:

The creation of AFRC appears to me to have been passive rather than active. Rock and lapidary clubs were present throughout the province in the early 1960s, and some that knew each other wanted to get together to share their interests by forming a Society. On 23 February 1963, members of the **Edmonton Lapidary Club**, the **Gateway Rockhounds** (Edmonton), **Red Deer Lapidary Club** and the **Calgary Rockcrafters** met in Edmonton to discuss advantages and opportunities if such a Federation was formed. Mr. Del Harrison (Red Deer) and Mrs. Robinson (Gateway Rockhounds) were chosen to act as Chairman and Secretary, respectively.

The meeting was successful, and it was decided to hold another meeting a few months later, combining a "Rockhound Roundup and Campout" (May 11-12, 1963) at a camping park west of Red Deer, with a meeting on May 11 at the Recreation Building. An invitation was extended to rockhounds in Alberta, but also to those in the Northwest Territories. Don Harrison (Red Deer) was chosen as President, Dan McAllister (Edmonton) as Vice-President, Doreen Boucher (Red Deer) as Secretary, and Thomas Clark (Red Deer) as Treasurer.

The noted clubs, as well as the **Wetaskiwin Lapidary Club**, attended this event. It was moved that for this association that was beginning to form, membership fees would be 50 cents, with associated members paying \$1. It was moved and carried that a club had to have at least 5 members, in which case they could send 2 delegates with voting rights to the Federation of Rock Clubs. It was also moved that dealers could not be part of the Executive.

(1964) As the federation began to form, some of the meetings were arranged in Calgary so that the members could both attend the Calgary Rock and Lapidary Club's May **Rock and Gem Show** (began in 1961) and meet other rockhounds/lapidarians. (No, not Laplanders.)

Also in the beginning, the Federation took a little time to sort out its name. It varied from the "Alberta Federation of Lapidary Clubs" to the "Lapidary, Rock and Mineral Society of Alberta". On **16 March 1964**, the Federation was registered as the latter. Part of its Objectives were "(d) *To provide equipment, machinery and educational, scientific and recreational facilities for the use and benefit of members and persons interested in lapidary work and for their instruction and enjoyment*".

At the Annual Meeting of 23 May 1964, it was noted that potential clubs might be in Drumheller, Three Hills, Ponoka, Hanna and other places in northern Alberta. In 1964, the **Tumblewood Rock and Gem Club** (Edmonton) joined.

(Please note that clubs arose, joined, split and renamed themselves. In my view this is a reflection of

how dynamic, energetic and open to improvements that these were/are.)

On 26 September 1964, the Treasurer reported that the club was viable and had a balance of **\$51.90**.

However, the registered name didn't sit well with most of the members. There was a consensus and then a petition to the Province of Alberta, under the Societies Act, on July 8, 1966, to change the name to the "**Alberta Federation of Rock Clubs**". It was granted on 27 July 1966, though the date of the first registry (16 March 1964) is taken as the official beginning.

(1965) One of the first issues that the Federation undertook was to clarify, improve and where possible exempt paying taxes, duties and tariffs imposed on importing rough rock from the USA and other countries. (Then at 7.5% "*ad velorum*" which is just fancy Latin for "of value"). They sent a formal letter on 15 September 1964 and received a reply on 3 June 1965. The "Dominion Customs Appraiser" (for the Ministry of "National Revenue, Customs and Excise") agreed that "*rough rock with quartz, jasper, agate, amethyst, onyx, black onyx, petrified wood, marble...obsidian...fossils unmanufactured...mineralogical specimens*" would be tariff free and free of customs duty. However "*serpentine, chrysotile, talc or soapstone*" would have a tariff of 15% and "*jewellery findings, jewellery or ornaments for the adornment of the person*" would have a tariff of 20%. Importing precious stones was a mixed bag in that these were subject to 11% sales tax but not the Excise Tax.

Also in 1965, the University of Alberta offered a short course on prospecting (November – December) and the **Camrose & District Lapidary Club**, as well as the **Nanton Club** (50 km south of Calgary), wanted to observe at a Federation meeting.

(1966) There was a report of 26 members attending their field trip "Flight North" to the great St. Louis Fault (extreme NW Saskatchewan) and plans for the 1966 trip to Yellowknife. An issue discussed, brought forward by Red Deer was the popularity of the clubs and how to accommodate children younger than 16 years of age that were interested in rockhounding and lapidary.

(1967) In this year, the first "**Federation Newsletter**" was begun (Vi Brogan, Innisfail near Red Deer, Secretary and Editor) with articles on the contest for the design of the AFRC crest, the "Mammoth Rock Swap" and invite from the Cold Creek Conservation Park near Toronto., and an article on Jade. Letters of communication also indicate that other clubs (e.g. **Rocky Mountain House**) were interested in the AFRC because of their field trips, camping events, exchange of materials and associated events.

(1968) At the 20 April meeting, there were mixed feelings. Although new clubs in northern and central Alberta had joined (e.g. the Red Deer club had helped the **Stettler Club** get started and were helping one form in **Olds**), there was concern that those in southern Alberta were unknowns. Also, the AFRC had members in Saskatchewan who would have troubles travelling to and attending some of the events. At the 15 September meeting, the **Ponoka Lapidary Club** attended. Mrs. Alice Fairburn (Wetaskiwin Club) won a wallet for her winning **crest for AFRC**. There was also a decision for the Club to have its own liability insurance for members on an organized field trip (void if a member strays from the group). The 17 November meeting was attended by the Red Deer Rock & Gem Club, the Edmonton Gateway Rockhounds, the Wetaskiwin Rock and Lapidary Club, Rocky Gem Club (Rocky Mountain House), and also the **Drumheller Rock & Fossil Club**, Stettler Rockateers, **Eastend Rock Club** (Saskatchewan), **Cypress Rock & Fossil Club** (Saskatchewan).

(1969) At the 15 February 1969 meeting, AFRC addressed several issues. One was recommendations for a Provincial stone, but there were diverse opinions on whether this should be dinosaur bone, feldspar or others. Concern was raised on the abuse (hence leading to conservation, preservation and protection) of fossils, minerals and rocks, and discussions followed. A letter of inquiry was sent to the

Head Curator of Natural History, Provincial Museum and Archives of Alberta, who suggested that specific concerns and recommendations be sent to the Minister of the Department of Mines and Minerals.

The name for the **Newsletter** was changed to “*Fossil Trails*” (Orton Dodds, new Editor, Ponoka). Also in that year, the **Grande Prairie Rock & Lapidary Club** (34 members) was asked to join AFRC but declined. For rockhounds, they volunteered that in their area there were iron concretions, siderite iron ore, chert, jaspers, petrified wood (plentiful, all types, best in the east at Hardistry), dinosaur bone, cave onyx (west at Cadomin Caves), calcite, selenite, selenite, quartz crystals, carnelian agate, banded agate, franklinite, porphory copper, magnetite and flour gold. The Cypress Rock & Fossil Club also shared that in their area (especially in pits and gravel beds) were varieties of petrified wood (dark brown, agatized), ammonite, baculite, clams, dinosaur bone (at Eastend), agate (clear golden and occasionally banded) and for the herbalist there was buffalo currant/wood and juniper roots.

At the 17 May meeting, concern was raised on seeing people taking away dinosaur bones by the truckload. In the discussion, the view was that there should be legislation that would restrict someone to collect only what they could use. A motion was passed to provide a brief to the Attorney General on the topic and recommendations.

At the 19 October meeting, an **AFRC scholarship fund** was set up.

(1970) The scholarship fund was not supported by some clubs and so was placed on hold.

The Provincial Government did not feel qualified to make judgement on either dinosaur bone or petrified wood as the provincial stone, as there were some opinions that these fossils were not stones. It asked AFRC to find expert advice to support any decision on their stone of choice.

The **Leduc Lapidary Club** attended the 29 June 1970 AFRC meeting.

In May of this year, the Saskatchewan clubs invited Albertan clubs to join their “cavalcade” to the September Great Falls show. There was a little more to this than just a trip as there were thoughts on both sides of the border in forming a “North-West Federation” together.

It was raised that the **expenses of the Directors** to attend AFRC meetings (e.g. gas for their cars) should be reimbursed. This was tabled until a future meeting, but in the mean time it was viewed that individual clubs or members were responsible for their own expenses.

(1971) In the letter of 1 September, the Provincial Museum and Archives of Alberta contacted AFRC so as to include them in the List of Natural History Societies.

At the 5 December meeting, it was decided to have **membership cards** made with a member’s affiliation on one side, a code of ethics on the other.

At the same meeting there was discussion for a **Beauty Queen** to represent AFRC at events and Annual Shows. Requirements were that she be female, a member of a rock club that in turn is a member of AFRC, be over 50 years of age, be able to give speeches on rocks and lapidary, and be hospitable. At the 12 March 1972 meeting, the Edmonton Lapidary Club said that they initially had troubles choosing a contestant for the Queen contest but that one was eventually selected.

(1972) There had been some unusual items.

The Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies (USA) replied to AFRC asking how a federation manages club participation when great distances are involved. In their letter of 9 February, they stated they had difficulties as their clubs were in Alaska, Utah, Montana and Oregon, and they did the best they could with mail and telephone calls to keep them involved.

On 29 February, the Vice-President responded to a letter asking about the choice of the Provincial Stone. She stated that after 3 years and discussions between the **16 clubs** (additional clubs were the **Cardium Rock & Gem Club/Drayton Valley, Lloydminster Rock & Gem Club**), the consensus was that it should be petrified wood. The reason for this was that it was “*found province wide, visiting*”

rockhounds could collect this on their vacations, it can be easily made into jewellery...by local hobbyists for sale through retail outlets to tourists as mementos of their visit to our Province”.

A boat trip was being planned, and members wanted to know the type and size of the boats to be used. There was the suggestion that a camp be set up as a base so that boats could go up and down the river. Some clubs expressed no interest in the boat trip. It did take place on July 8-9, 5 people attended, and the excursion between Tolman and Morrin Bridges (near Three Hills) took 9 hours.

The Federation’s “Code of Ethics” for the membership cards was passed at the meeting. It read:

*“I pledge as a Canadian to keep the lands clean and free from litter. I will seek permission of the owner before hunting on private property and will respect and treat the land as my own. To leave fences and gates as I find them. To obey game and fish laws. **To use no explosives in collecting areas** [my bold texting] and to be careful with fires.”*

Despite the passing of this motion, there were continued correspondence of opinions and suggested changes to the wording by members.

There were 3 notable motions at the March 12 meeting, the first being the order **lapel pins**, the second to acquire an **official die**, and to purchase **name tags** for the members.

(1973) In this year, the 4 March meeting was fairly busy.

There was an invite from the Geelong & District Gem & Mineral Club of Victoria, Australia for members and clubs to send in cabochons to their International Cutting Competition (deadline for submission 31 August, event for 26-28 October).

The motion for AFRC to receive material from the Geophysical Society was approved (?).

Another motion approved was for a letter to be sent to the provincial government to consider giving rockhounding areas when new parks are being planned.

At the 19 May AGM it was noted that the Provincial stone (petrified wood) could not be decided by the government because they were waiting for the **Bird Watchers** to choose a Provincial Bird (!!).

The motion for the AFRC to join the American Federation was tabled.

At the 2 December meeting, there was discussion of the AFRC, the Lapidary Rock and Mineral Society of British Columbia, and the Central Canadian Federation of Mineralogical Societies (Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec) joining to form the **Canadian Federation of Rock Clubs/Rockhounds**. (Was this the creation of the GMFC, or had this Federation been in existence already?)

The **Rimbey Rockhounds** joined the Federation. This club was given special permission from **Encyclopaedia Britannica** to reprint its articles on metamorphism, petrology and sedimentary rocks.

The AFRC also proudly announced that it had a **Gestetner** (Gesundheit to you too), a copier that used wax-coated paper to make 10-50 copies of a document.

On 21 November, AFRC provided the Calgary Eco-Centre Society a list of its clubs. Most have been noted previously but for the **Fort Saskatchewan Rock and Lapidary Club** (21 clubs in total).

(1974) The AFRC was still awaiting the Bird Watchers to decide on the Provincial Bird before the Legislative Assembly would address the recommendation for a Provincial Stone.

The Canadian Federation was becoming a reality, Alberta, B.C., Manitoba and Ontario attended the first meeting at the Winnipeg Rock and Gem Show. And B.C. offered the Canadian Rockhound Magazine to be their official publication.

At the 10 March meeting, there was a discussion about the **Travelling Bookends** that appeared to have been misplaced, then found and returned a few months later to the Cypress Rock & Fossil Club.

The Lacombe Handicraft and Lapidary Club was noted as a member in the 29 September minutes.

After waiting years for the Province to decide on an official stone, AFRC got their answer on 4 December (3 weeks before Christmas). The Solicitor General wrote that to accept this, they would have to amend The Provincial Emblems Act and there was no interest in doing so.

APPENDIX 9: PROVINCE OF ALBERTA – APPROVED/REVISED ACTS

MINES AND MINERALS ACT – Current as of 23 July 2020	
QUOTES	DISCUSSION
Regulations 5(1): The Lieutenant Governor in Council may make regulations	There is no need for an act in the Legislative Assembly. Both the Lieutenant Governor and the Minister can make the rules, or rescind these as they wish. Technically, their opinion at a mall is a legal declaration
(w.5)authorizing the Minister to establish rules respecting the acknowledgment of receipt of approved electronic documents	The Minister can receive and rule on emails or other communications or requests.
(6) Orders by the Lieutenant Governor in Council...shall be published in the Alberta Gazette	A declaration by the Lieutenant Governor or Minister in the Alberta Gazette is all that is required for a legal ruling.
<p>Ministerial powers: 8(1) the Minister may (a) exchange any Crown mineral or a product obtained from a Crown mineral for another mineral or another product from a mineral. (h) ...if the Minister is satisfied that it is in the public interest to do so</p>	<p>NOTE: (1) Both here and in other Acts, if the province decides to take one's minerals or specimens, they should replace or exchange these with something of equal value. (Holger Hartmaier : <i>No. This has nothing to do with individual mineral specimens. It has to do with Crown minerals that are being mined under agreements with the Crown – i.e. commercial mineral extraction/minin/oil and gas, not individual mineral collectors.</i>) (2) Both here and in other Acts, there is a key guidance for the Minister to do what is “in the public interest”. The AFRC, the clubs and its members are the public. (Holger Hartmaier: <i>For example, the Crown may rescind a coal mining lease if there are too many environmental impacts. In that case they may “exchange” that commodity with another commodity if in the public interest.</i></p>
(p) page 13 (ii) ...cites a list of precious metals, petroleum, industrial compounds such as quartz, talc, etc.	Fossils, petrified wood, shells, ammonite are not noted in this Act. Please see other Acts for these.
<p>102 (1) ..The Minister may...enter into an agreement for.. (a) the recovery of the mineral from the subsurface reservoir</p>	NOTE: Both here and in other Acts, it notes “subsurface”, and does not relate to surface, items.

SURFACE RIGHTS ACT: Current as of 23 July 2020

This Act relates to the right of entry, roads, construction, damage and alteration of surface owned by the provincial, historical or private property. There is nothing I saw related to items on the surface.

HISTORICAL RESOURCES ACT:

ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND PALAEOONTOLOGICAL RESEARCH, Reference 133/2013

This only deals with permit acquisition and restrictions for research groups needing to excavate for these subjects.

MINES AND MINERALS ACT:

AMENDMENT: AMMONITE SHELL REGULATION, Current as of 25 Sept. 2019

QUOTES	DISCUSSION
<p>Definitions:</p> <p>1. (f) “HRA exemption” of the Historical Resources Act...permits...exemption...to make an excavation for the purpose of seeking or collecting ammonite shell.</p> <p>(g) “non-exposed ammonite shell” means ammonite shell that is not exposed on the ground surface</p>	<p>There is no restriction on collecting ammonite shell that is exposed on the ground surface. (Holger Hartmaier: <i>Finally – this is great news.</i>)</p>
<p>Recovery of ammonite shell</p> <p>2. No person shall recover non-exposed ammonite shell unless the person is the holder of an agreement</p>	<p>There is no restriction on collecting ammonite shell that is exposed on the ground surface.</p>

HISTORICAL RESOURCES ACT: Current as of 31 March 2020

QUOTES	DISCUSSION
<p>Definitions:</p> <p>1 (a) “archaeological resource” means a work of humans...</p> <p>(e) “historic resource” means any work of nature or of humans that is primarily of value for its palaeontological, archaeological, prehistoric, cultural, natural, scientific or aesthetic interest including, but not limited to, a palaeontological, archaeological, prehistoric, historic or natural site, structure or object</p> <p>(h) “palaeontological resource” means a work of nature consisting of or containing evidence of extinct multicellular beings...</p>	<p>Much of this part is noted for info for the reader. For the AFRC, part (h) is the most relevant and would relate to petrified wood, ammonite, shells, fossils</p>
<p><u>Acquisition of property</u>: 5 (1) The Minister may acquire/sell/lend on any terms the Minister considers appropriate</p>	<p>The final call is the Minister's, whatever they decide.</p>
<p><u>Museum objects</u> (9), Part 3: Historic Resources Management</p>	<p>The final call is the Minister's, whatever</p>

<p>16 (a) designates and protects historic resources</p> <p><u>Designation as Registered Historic Resource</u> 19(1)...designate any historic resource the preservation of which the Minister considers to be in the public interest.</p>	<p>they decide, but their guidance is to do what is “in the public interest”. On the one side, museum objects are in the public interest. On the other, items not in the public interest are unrestricted.</p>
<p><u>Experts and advisors:</u> 4(1) The Minister may from time to time engage the services of experts or persons having special technical or other knowledge to advise the Minister to to inquire into and report to the Minister on matters under this Act.</p>	<p>The Minister cannot be an expert on all issues, and so will rely on special agencies such as the Tyrell Museum. Although they are supposed to, do they actually report all their decisions to the Minister? Given the special technical and knowledge of AFRC members, would they qualify as experts, could they offer advice and recommendations to the Minister?</p>
<p>5 (a) No person shall destroy, disturb, alter, restore or repair any historic resource or land that has been designated under this section.</p>	<p>If an item or finding has not been “designated” then there are no restrictions.</p>
<p><u>Designation of Provincial Historic Resource:</u> 20(1) The Minister may by order designate any historic resource the preservation of which the Minister considers to be in the public interest.</p>	<p>Items that are not “designated” are not restricted. The guidance of the Minister is to consider what is in the public, not commercial, interest.</p>
<p>20, 2(b) ...publish notice of the Minister's intention to make an order under subsection (1) in the Alberta Gazette. 15(b) ...publish a notice of rescinding order in the Alberta Gazette.</p>	<p>The Minister can designate or make a decision that is legal, or change their mind, simply by posting a notice in the Alberta Gazette.</p>
<p>22 (c) No sale or other disposition of property that is the subject of an order under section 20(1) may be made without giving the Minister at least 60 days notice.</p>	<p>- (Holger Hartmaier wording: <i>This applies only to property that has been designated.</i>). - If 60 days has lapsed, the owner could theoretically sell or dispose of the item.</p>
<p>Excavation permit: 30(1)</p>	<p>This relates to excavation. No excavating, no permit is needed.</p>
<p><u>Transport of historic resources out of Alberta</u> 33(1) ...No person shall transport...out of Alberta without the written permission of the Minister: (a) archaeological resource (b) palaeontology resource (c) historic resource (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to archaeological or palaeontological resource that has been sold, leased, exchanged or otherwise disposed of by the Minister.</p>	<p>One needs disposition to transport any of these items outside of Alberta. Once one has this, one can do as one pleases. Note that one of the options, if the Minister wishes to obtain the specimen is to exchange the item with another (of equal value?).</p>
<p><u>Damage prohibited:</u> 34 (1) Subject to subsection (2), no person shall alter, mark or damage an archaeological resource or palaeontological</p>	<p>One needs disposition to work on an item. Once one has this, one can do as one pleases</p>

<p>resource unless the person is the holder of a valid permit under section 30 or has the written permission of the Minister to do so.</p> <p>(2) subsection (1) does not apply to an archaeological or palaeontological resource that has been sold, leased, exchanged or otherwise disposed of by the Minister pursuant to section 32 (3)</p>	
<p>Compensation: 50(1) The Minister may authorize the payment or compensation .. to any person who has suffered loss as the result of the application of this Act.</p>	<p>If one suffers a loss (confiscation of an item?), then that person can be compensated.</p>

APPENDIX 10: Rejuvenation, comments by Holger Hartmaier (CRLC), 10 Dec 2020

Hi John,

In your email agenda there was a request for input on two items:

-Brett Jensen asked "How can we support our clubs so we don't lose more?"

- Rejuvenation of AFRC.

The two items are closely related. It starts at the club level when asking for members to volunteer as delegates to AFRC. Someone has to explain to the membership what AFRC's mandate is and what the delegates role is supposed to be. There seems to be an increasing gulf between individual club membership's understanding of the relevancy of AFRC and AFRC's perceived mandate. Even further removed from general club membership is the relevancy of GMFC. About all that we can say is that AFRC is the umbrella organization for Alberta clubs, organizing the annual May Daze event and GMFC provides the insurance for club members for field trips and club activities. However, we have the Alberta Palaeontological Society (APS), a Calgary based club operating completely independently of AFRC/GMFC and organizing their own insurance, so why do we need AFRC/GMFC and why do we need to volunteer our time to these organizations?

We need to review the aims of AFRC as posted on the website, which are:

1. To encourage and promote the close association with and exchange of information between member clubs.
2. To promote and encourage the study, cutting, polishing and engraving of gemstones and minerals, rocks and other geological materials and lapidary works as a hobby.
3. To stimulate interest in the study of rocks, minerals, gems, fossils and artifacts of Alberta and elsewhere.
4. To provide member clubs with a list of available instructors for workshops and/or tutoring sessions.
5. To encourage the appreciation and conservation of our natural resources.

We have to decide if these aims are still relevant. If they are, how well have they been met and what more has to be done (e.g. I've never seen anything related to item 4). If not, develop new ones to address current issues and needs. All of this requires a committed base of volunteers that unfortunately are in short supply. Social media has provided a broad array of opportunities for the general public to become involved in "rockhound/lapidary" interests without committing to club membership and the usual expectation of volunteering to fill club positions. At CRLC we have noticed interest in joining because of the access to the workshop and equipment, classes and field trips. There is less interest in taking up volunteer

positions which involve the administration of club activities. With COVID, we have carried on with virtual meetings. I see a role for AFRC to provide links between clubs whenever there is an online program available, or some instructor that is willing to provide an online class.

Personally, I have stepped back from volunteering with AFRC/GMFC to focus on my own hobby interests and giving back as I can with talks and classes. In my time as an AFRC delegate, I saw an important role for AFRC as an advocate for the rockhound community to government (e.g. fossil regulation review), which has precedent as per the old minutes you provided of AFRC up to 1974. I also see that there is a heavy focus on lapidary arts across AFRC and the member clubs and less focus on geological sciences instruction and resources related to the hobby. Correspondence with APS earlier this year also pointed that out as a reason for them not joining AFRC. Despite AFRC's mandate that includes fossils, APS is the organization that is recognized by both professionals and amateurs as the lead palaeontological society.

There is talk in the media about some type of "global reset" after COVID-19. I think now is the time for AFRC/GMFC to consult with clubs to determine what needs to be "reset" and become relevant to rejuvenate our organizations and promote new ones. I will continue to work with the CRLC delegates to AFRC and hope to support their efforts however I can.

I hope this provides some useful feedback. Please feel free to circulate among the group as you see fit.

Regards,
Holger Hartmaier

APPENDIX 11, notes from Pauline Zeschuk, regarding archiving AFRC documents

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Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 11:38:00 AM
Subject: FW: Inquiry

Hi John and Karen-Anne,

I am sending a copy of my communication and the reply that I received from Tom Anderson from the Provincial Archives of Alberta. He states that the Archives is closed at present, so we cannot submit items until the Archives opens. The important information in the reply I received today is that the Archives is open to acquiring information about our club.

The question I had when I email you previously: Is there a privacy issue if we submit minutes, or newsletters with minutes, which have people's name and addresses?

This should probably be discussed by the AFRC Executive, and if needed, the delegates. If the question of privacy needs to be discussed, the AGM would be the place to discuss it and pass a motion.

The matter is quite simple. The AFRC (rock club) information has a historical value for Alberta. The minutes and newsletters have been adjusted over time to reflect the issues of concern at certain time periods. Checking through the minutes, many of the people who were active in the rock clubs have passed away. I think it is valuable and an honour to the pioneers of our hobby to have a record of their contributions.

The records in the Archives are available to the public, but they are not totally open to the public. About a year ago, I used the Archives for some family research. I had to sign, show my driver's licence and pay a fee to search for information. I had to say what I was looking for to be directed to the right area. There were employees to help with the research. I think it is quite unlikely that people who have ill intentions of getting personal information would take this route since their name is recorded as a visitor.

Also, much of the personal information in our minutes and newsletters is now outdated. For example: our address has changed since 2002.

I hope this information and discussion is helpful. I am available to help as needed.

Pauline Zeschuk

From: Tom Anderson [mailto:Tom.Anderson@gov.ab.ca]
Sent: April 21, 2020 10:12 AM
To: Pauline Zeschuk
Subject: RE: Inquiry

Hello!

Yes there have been three donations from the federation, in 1972, 1988 and last in 2003. Ideally, the federation executive donates the materials – if it includes your records, that is great. It would be good to get the executive back on a schedule of donation (once things are sort of back to normal!). While you do not need to donate every year, it might be beneficial to do so every two years. You will have seen from the description I sent you that we look to acquire records that document the group, so AGM materials, newsletters, executive and committee records.

Anyway, it is something to bring up. Keep in mind that the records that are donated become the property of the crown. We have the legacy of the group all the way back to the start, so it would be very good to have records of the decisions and activities for the most recent years. The Archives is closed right now, but we can discuss what other records you have. At some point we will be accepting donations again!

Please let me know if you have any questions, or the executive wants anything answered. Thank you for thinking of the Archives!

Tom

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From: Tom Anderson [mailto:Tom.Anderson@gov.ab.ca]
Sent: April 16, 2020 4:33 PM
To: Pauline Zeschuk
Subject: Re: Inquiry

Hello! I will have a look at our files and get back to you with more detail next week, but I can confirm that we hold records up to 2002: You can see what we hold through the collections database here (<https://hermis.alberta.ca/paa/Default.aspx?CollectionID=1>), please do a search for the club in the search field, there should be results....

From: Pauline Zeschuk <paulinez8@shaw.ca>

Sent: April 16, 2020 4:26 PM

To: Tom Anderson

Subject: Inquiry

Hello,

I phoned the Provincial Archives of Alberta with a question and was referred to your phone. Your phone message suggested that I email you with my inquiry.

My name is Pauline Zeschuk. I am a member of the Edmonton Tumblewood Lapidary Club (ETLC), which, along with five other clubs make up the Alberta Federation of Rock Clubs (AFRC). The other clubs are from Lacombe, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat and two from Calgary: The Calgary Facetor's Guild and the Calgary Rock & Lapidary Club.

My husband, Edward Zeschuk, and I are delegates from the ETLC to make the directors of the AFRC along with representatives from the other five club. We are also the newsletter editors for the AFRC. I served as Secretary for the AFRC from 2002 to 2015.

I have recently reviewed the motions that had been made while I was secretary. Below is a motion made by Grace Leeuw on September 8, 2002.

Motion Made On Sept. 8, 2002: *Grace Leeuw moved that each year, we give the Provincial Archives in Edmonton an update including a list of the executive, member clubs of Alberta and the year's minutes. This is to be the responsibility of the Alberta Rockhound News. It is to be done in January. The motion was seconded by Ed Zeschuk and carried.*

The questions that I have are:

Does the AFRC have a file at the Provincial Archives of Alberta?

I think that the AFRC has been negligent in updating the information as requested in the above motion.

My husband has retained a copy of each newsletter that has been published since 2002 to the present date.

Would it be possible to supply the Provincial Archives of Alberta with this information to add to the AFRC file if it still exists?

I will inform the AFRC Executive of the motions that was made by Grace Leeuw (now deceased) and my inquiry.

I am looking forward to your reply.

Sincerely,
Pauline Zeschuk