

AFRC Annual General Meeting
Saturday, May 21, 2022 Tees, Alberta

Meeting preceded by Heads and Tails Competition
winner was Linda Brydon

Start 7:10

Brett Jensen presiding

Motion to approve agenda as distributed

- 1 Chad Snider
 - 2 Terry Routledge
- Unanimous, carried

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Roll Call was not done; those in attendance signed the attendance book.

In Memoriam

- Trudy Martin, Calgary
- E David Blair, Calgary
- Mary Ufland, Calgary
- Bea Ganter, Lacombe
- Julius Kovacs, Lethbridge

Minutes of last AGM by Zoom on 7 Nov 2021

Distributed to Executive and Board Members

Motion to move that the minutes be accepted.

- 1 Jim Routledge
 - 2 Jonathan Legg
- Unanimous, carried

Correspondence

Survey being taken by Tyrell Museum, distributed to Clubs

Do e-mails reach clubs? Several said yes, they do.

Change distribution List

Treasurer's Report by John C

Summary: The Club is doing fine, is in solid financial position

GMFC has all Club membership dues

Survived two years of COVID which is good seeing that 1 out of 6 businesses and same for charities have gone under

Audit required, full disclosure also required which is shown on the minutes

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report

- 1 John C
 - 2 Tony Cave
- Passed

Auditor required for next year. The usual one is moving to Calgary so a new one is not known at this time.

Motion to find a new auditor

- 1 John C
 - 2 Brian Thompson
- Passed

Motion to approve the dues

They have not changed since 1991.

Recommend that the fees remain the same
Motion that AFRC remain the same as they have been
1 John C
2 Adam Lagace
Passed unanimously

Motion to continue take a portion of AFRC membership dues to pay for in part as membership to GMFC,
as previously done
1 John C
2 Dale Nielsen
Approved

Proposed budget for 2022
Insurances have gone up, to \$955 from \$500 several years ago. Privacy protection was included
GICs held with AB Treasury Board, \$920 in interest this year, rolled over, but deposited into a GIC

Discussion on Budget:
Motion Proposed that budget, as shown, be approved
1 John C
2 Karen-Anne C
Approved

AB Societies Act says that all five motions that were just made and approved is what's needed as part of a
Society. So we have done what's needed. The are lax about upholding the rules.

Brett Jensen thanked John C for his work.
Brett made a Motion, to approve AFRC Delegates and Directors as listed in the minutes with the following
corrections: Henry Komadowski should be listed as a delegate for Lethbridge rather than Judy Jensen; the
correct spelling of Linda's last name is Brydon; and Terry Routledge should be removed as a delegate.
1 Brett Jensen
2 Joan Blize
Approved unanimously

Custodian Librarian Report
Doug Schatz - Traveling momento has new tags, will be forwarded to Lethbridge in September at next
meeting
Library is at this meeting, so the box can be taken to the next Club.

GMFC Report
Brett is still President, same Executive
Don had a bad stroke, his wife has taken over the role, she is administering the scholarship

The Honorarium has not been awarded for years. It is an opportunity to recognize a member of your club.
The member chosen uses the funds to give scholarship named after them to institution of choice.

It is a struggle to get BC Lapidary Society on board with us in Alberta.
"BC Rendevous" -- Brett attended meeting and it didn't go well
they thought GMFC Show would take over their show but this is not true
the show would have the name AFRC associated with it

they would negotiate a rate of the cut.
It was noted that it is BC's turn to host the show.
Still trying to get BC on board, have more clubs than AB and SK combined. They always pay their fees.
There are 22 active clubs, more are on the books but not active.

AFRC Communications

need a volunteer to take over newsletter – can be digital
four times a year, mainly the minutes of the meeting and presidents message
individual clubs can contribute
Ed Zeschuk commented on how easy it is to do
Pauline said there is a format in place to make it even easier

Also need a secretary, position to be filled from Delegates to the meetings
Laverne Novlan clarified that is not necessary for the Secretary to be a delegate, it only requires a motion.

AFRC rejuvenation, now that negative pressure from COVID is lessening
we should make better use of social media, digital media
all club memberships are down – would like to see more people join, esp young people

What does your club do to attract new members?

- Karen-Anne C's club has moved big rocks to a park, added a plaque, will have media there
- Jr Geology Club
- go to schools
- disconnect between interest and membership – how do we connect?
- FB – Lethbridge has public and private pages
- Doug Schatz – talked about BC Rock and Gem Show in Chilliwack
- Tony Cave – website links to each individual club, please send info and he'll link to other social media pages
- Vicky Pyle -- If you want families involved, they want to know where the ditches are and where they can pick rocks
 - hire a social media person – people think that you can't find cool rocks in AB
 - rebranding, not use Lapidary in the name
 - sell the experience
 - back to basics
- Make pamphlet to hand out at markets
- Jonathan Legg – types of communication, needs are varied
 - what exists and what works, what is the best form for the need and for your club
- Calgary is the only club that has a kids/families program – at one time they all had one
- Field trips can attract people
 - allows you to access private land in a group on a specific day at a given time
- Let Jonathan Legg know who is the point person for your club

Storage and Access to historical materials accumulated by the AFRC

Lots of discuss but no motions or concrete decisions made at any previous meetings
Can we use the Alberta Archives? Yes, they are willing to add it to their collection
Pauline Zeschuk not sure of the format they prefer to have all the materials – Alberta Archives leaves it up to the club, paper or digital

A thorough historical record of the club is an advantage

Terry Routledge – are you interested in financial records to be archived?

Pauline Zeschuk – financial records of clubs must be submitted, but where actually are they stored is unknown. Pauline is willing to gather more information and get back to Brett.

Upcoming events

Lacombe – would like to survive May Daze ☺

Calgary – some in house tours, Artisan show in November

Edmonton – Picnic in June, gold panning event, day trip to a gravel pit

Medicine Hat – sign unveiling for rock circle in July (idea was to make an area for picnicking)

Lethbridge – planned field trip has been cancelled, picnic not sure, annual tailgate 2nd Saturday in

September is the plan for Peavy Mart parking lot, field trips once a month

BC Prince George – has opened a Palentogolcial museum

Review of events for Sunday at May Daze, including the breakfast, the auction and tailgating. It was noted that no payments will be taken during the auction, rather only at the end.

Usually appoint up to six Delegates to the GMFC

– Laverne Novlan says they have to be appointed in attendance from the AFRC AGM, so they know what's going on within the organization

- Laverne Novlan pointed out that roll call had not been taken

Brett is volunteering to be a Delegate to the GMFC

Someone asked to please explain what the delegates have to do

is there much travel involved? Can be done by conference calls, on Zoom

can get around the cost

how many meetings? minimum of three, but the last couple years have had only two

Jonathan Legg volunteered

Advantages are meeting others from clubs around Canada, join in their field trips, make new friends

Pauline Zeschuk says it is a very rewarding experience, get to meet people from across Canada

Motion Move to AFRC delegates to GMFC tabled to next director's meeting, September

1. Lavern Novlan

2. Joanathan Legg

Carried

Recognition

Two long-time members of the AFRC, Ed and Pauline Zeschuck, were honored for their many years of service to the AFRC. Ed served 25 years as newsletter editor and Pauline was the secretary for 12 years – Presented a lifetime achievement award, beautifully framed

Enthusiastic response from members, Pauline and Ed each made a spontaneous speech by way of thanks.

Review of events for Sunday May Daze

Tail gate sale in grass across the street from Hall

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

