

ALBERTA FEDERATION OF ROCK CLUBS (AFRC)

MINUTES OF AGM

Conducted by Zoom on Sunday, November 5, 2023

Attendance:

Tony Cave, Carolyn Cave, Doug Schatz, Ron Biel (Lacombe)

Michelle Morin (Edmonton)

Dale Nielsen, Mike O'Toole (Calgary)

Brad Lyons + nameless cat (Faceters' Guild)

Karen-Anne and John Cherwonogrodzky (Medicine Hat)

Brett Jensen, Henry Komandowski, Jonathan Legg (Southern Alberta Rock Hounds Association)

The Meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm

Variations/Additions to Agenda

A correction was made to the spelling of Jonathan Legg's name

President's Message

Tony did not have much to say.

Directors will be elected at this meeting.

Tony wanted to know how we could encourage engagement at the AFRC level to obtain directors for the AGM.

- Dale said that a member in her club has started a volunteer board. It has only commenced but so far so good. She was hoping it will encourage people to become more involved
- Jonathan said that a member in their club made phone calls to members who were inactive to encourage and perhaps "lobby" a little. This person explained the expectations for various jobs for the club because people don't know what is involved and therefore might be afraid to take on a role.

Many clubs, not just rock Clubs, seem to have this problem.

Deaths

Mike Komarevich's mother Stella passed away. She was member of CRLC for a number of years

Evelyn Jarvis of the Medicine Hat club passed away, which should have been notated in last meeting

Minutes by Brett

A date error was found -- 2022 should be 2023

Ongoing business Point 4 should be LHLG.

Motion: That the minutes be approved, with changes as above.

- put forward by Karen-Ann
- seconded by John

Vote: unanimous

Business arising from Minutes

6.1 - Henry was to get info from website contacts. He has done this. Tony needs to put into document onto the website

Jonathan has updated the minutes from the January meeting. They were e-mailed to Karen Ann and received

6.2.1 – This was done.

6.3.1 – With regards to contacting Isaac about website e-mail, Tony tried both e-mail addresses but there was no response. Dale said he was busy with their show and that could be the reason.

Comments: None

New Business

7.1 - Election of Officers for this year:

President: Tony is prepared to stay on.

Vice President: Dale prepared to stay on, but without pressure to become president. The Delegates agreed to her request.

Secretary: Karen Ann acting as the Secretary, but so far no volunteers have come forward.

This raised a question -- can the Secretary be a non board member? The Delegates thought so. In the age of Zoom meetings it is easier to be a Secretary since much of the role can be done digitally and without travel.

Perhaps this point should be updated in the bylaws but not today

Ideally the Secretary should be a member of AFRC, but conversely by being secretary, this person could automatically become a member of the Board

It was agreed to raise the issue of lack of secretary at the local level

Treasurer: John will continue on for this year. He is willing to hold the position for a while but not too much longer. Irene Novlan holds the record and he can't break it.

All positions declared filled by acclamation.

Karen Ann will take minutes of the next meeting, in February, 2024

Miscellaneous

Zoom meetings can be recorded and Jonathan found this to be a huge benefit.

John discovered that selenium looks like it cures LUPUS. 400ug optimal dose.

Correspondence

Insurance will cover if you are being sued while doing duties with AFRC or GMFC.

Volunteers are also covered as long as there is public disclosure at the event.

As a general rule, never admit guilt.

The new company is Shiels, not McBurney and uses the same address and same agents. It is only the name that is new.

Treasurer's Report

The GIC was locked in at 4% one year and this turned out to be good. AFRC was given customer personal rates at 5.2%.

John felt awkward having to pay himself for various Treasurer-related reimbursements. He wishes to get permission from the group to write these cheques, for the sake of transparency.

The float for May Daze was done using a \$500 cheque written to himself, cashed and then re-deposited.

Jonathan suggested giving John an expense account, but he would rather not, for the sake of being transparent. John prefers to keep track of his expenses for the year and be reimbursed as a lump sum.

Motion: that John be reimbursed \$601.30 for expenses during year

put forward by Dale

Seconded by Brett

Vote: approved

Motion: that the Treasurer's Report as sent by e-mail, be approved

put forward by John

seconded by Brett

Vote: approved

Librarian's Report

Doug – Medicine Hat has library

- Doug added booklet from Edmonton that Karen Ann received

GMFC

Brett – there was nothing to report as there had been no meeting since September

AFRC Website

Tony tried to contact Isaac, as was already mentioned.

Ongoing Business

AFRC Rejuvenation – MH had open house for rock and ID workshop, got 3 new members, people enjoyed it, had microscope set up, testers, scratch testers, diamond testers, coffee, cookies – had it on FB, local newspaper

May Daze 2024

Michelle has secured the Woodbend Community Hall.

The Hosting club has the binders and are working through them

Thankfully these binders have re-appeared, so Lacombe and Medicine Hat could add their info from the last two years to the binders

John had encouraging words about how clubs innovate each year.

There was a suggestion to divide auction into two segments so that there would be more time for tailgating. In the 1970s the AGM and auction were the main events, so tailgating was extra.

It was suggested to have May Daze and Tailgating as two events, for the Northern and Southern clubs.

John would like to have the tailgating people pay their auction items first.

Sometimes tailgating goes on before or during auction. There is a concern that people wouldn't spend at auction.

Dale said the Calgary club is considering doing tailgating once a month, in-house.

10.3 Lifetime Achievement Award

This award is presented at May Daze. There was a discussion about who might be a recipient but no one's name was put forward.

Brett was considered but declined a while back.

The members asked that Brett be considered again and that he not refuse. His arm was suitably twisted, and he will stand for nomination.

Thefts at the Last May Daze

There were a few items stolen at the May Daze in Lethbridge – a piece of jet, UV lamps and a pen. Were other items taken?

Should cheques be issued for reimbursement on a case-by-case basis? Compensation could be made after assessing the value of the items.

Still awaiting reply from Adam Lagace on this matter.

Further correspondence about this will be sent by via e-mail.

Club Events

Calgary's May Show will be in the Genesis Centre on May 3, 4 and 5, 2024. This is a new building so hopefully a better facility. It is in the NE near Saddle Ridge.

The Club would like to know if anyone has contact info for the gold panners.

Jonathan said that Fort Steel in BC has a gold panner group, maybe contact them.

Calgary just had an artisan sale with a toys/collectibles group in the same venue. About 3000 people came. Everyone who had a stall had sales. Last year was not as successful where 3 stalls didn't get sales.

Calgary will have a presenter come who wrote a book on minerals in BC, from the point of view of the mineral which sounds fun, informative, interesting all at once.

Lethbridge has a new executive and Jonathan is the President.

At their December meeting, light refreshments were served at an event they called Table Gating.

Members had a table where they were able to sell items.

The club's lease is up next year but it looks like they will stay in the same place with a 10% rent increase.

Medicine Hat is trying to have a monthly speaker at their meetings. Recent guests included a gold miner in South Africa and a speaker about fossils.

Next meeting in February will be 11 Feb 2024

End 2:37 pm