

## VANCOUVER ISLAND ZONE MEETING

Meeting held Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017, at the Island Gemboree at the Cluxewe Resort in Port McNeill.

### Delegates in attendance were:

Judy Moss, Island Zone Chairperson-Cowichan Valley Rockhounds

Angela Bailey-Cowichan Valley Rockhounds

John Bishop-Cowichan Valley Rockhounds

Paulette Egeli- Intermediate delegate-Courtenay Gem and Mineral Club

Terry Egeli-Courtenay Gem and Mineral Club

Peter Shuya- Senior delegate-Courtenay Gem and Mineral Club

Cynthia Jones- Senior delegate- Parksville and District Rock and Gem Club

Gord Burkholder- Ripple Rock Gem and Mineral Club

Jan Boyes- Senior delegate- Ripple Rock Gem and Mineral Club and acting secretary for the meeting

Vanessa Steffens-Senior delegate- Victoria Lapidary and Mineral Society

David Jackson-Junior delegate- Victoria Lapidary and Mineral Society

All Clubs were represented except for Alberni Valley Rock and Gem Club

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 hrs by Chairperson Judy Moss. Ripple Rock was recognized and thanked for hosting the very successful 2017 Gemboree.

A motion to accept the Minutes from the March 19<sup>th</sup> 2017 meeting was made by Gord Burkholder, seconded by Paulette Egeli, and the motion was carried.

## REPORTS

Zone Report Courtenay Gem and Mineral Club

Reps: Peter Shuya

Paulette Egeli

Jack Boyes

We are not sure who is senior, who is 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Jack Boyes is a life-time zone rep, but I am preparing this report (and running it by him). We all will be at the Gemboree and Jack and I will be at the zone meeting. Peter may be looking for rocks elsewhere.

We have 26 paid adult members and 6 youth.

**ACTIVITIES:**

Club members represented the Courtenay Rock and Gem Club at the Heritage Day Show in Cumberland in February. We had a display there and members demonstrated using a genie and talked up local collecting and what a person might find.

Lori and Russell went to the Nanaimo show and show-cased the club and their personal collection of Vancouver Island (and further away) fossils.

Club members are working on continuing to completion our new workshop on a trailer frame which is at Russ and Lori Ball's property. There are also plans to bring the saws that have been at the Boyes property and install them under Russ and Lori's new deck. Most of the work has been done by Russell and we as a club are lucky to have such a keener.

We have had a few club field trips to Hornby and Mabel's back yard (a not to be missed experience). There continues to be difficulty in accessing local logging back roads as there are locked gates and signs that say no trespassing. Ernie is looking at a gold-panning trip, location to be announced sometime this summer.

The club hosted an end of year picnic at Kin Beach on June 20<sup>th</sup>. We had a scavenger hunt that, yes required specific rocks as well as other beach items. There were prizes and laughter and the obligatory hot dogs and pot luck good stuff to eat.

Our wagonmaster is Ernie Carlson at [ccryley09@shaw.ca](mailto:ccryley09@shaw.ca)

Paulette and especially Ernie can make local collecting suggestions [jp\\_o@hotmail.com](mailto:jp_o@hotmail.com)

If you are going to be in our area call and see if any of us are going out exploring.

Lori and Russ are the fossil hounds in our club and are out searching the local rivers: [djfossil@hotmail.com](mailto:djfossil@hotmail.com)

Lori (who loves to bring kids to fossils) can be reached at [lori.close@live.ca](mailto:lori.close@live.ca)

Our Rock and Gem show was April 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> (in cooperation with the Parksville club). We received positive feedback and each rock club made 1300\$ profit. Our 2018 show will be in the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> (14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>) weekend in April. Next year, Parksville has indicated that they want to have their own, closer to home. Another rock show to put on your calendar!

I look forward to seeing everyone and slightly diminishing the mass of rocks at Merry Widow Mine.

Paulette

The Club presently has 54 Members.

The executive is the same. Judy Moss President, Michele Heath Secretary, and Ken Buchholz Treasurer.

We had our summer wind up BBQ on June 19<sup>th</sup> at the hone of Ken and Donna Buchholz.

Our new website is up and running thanks to Gail Robertson and Neil Bonner. The address is <http://cowichanvalleyrockhounds.wordpress.com>

We have had 2 fieldtrips. In May to Mt Tsouhalem for Herkimer diamonds and in June up to Hill 60 for rhodonite. Both were fairly well attended.

Neil Bonner and Jennifer Goodbrand have taken 2 groups of home school children and their parents out on fieldtrips. This has been well received and I hope is something that we can continue.

Our 2 workshops continue for now. We are going to have to find another location for our Friday workshop as the present Members no longer want to hold the workshop in their home. Hopefully we can find a solution at a reasonable cost.

At our last meeting before the summer in May we had a display of rocks from Grant and Angela Bailey's last winters finds from Arizona. They always have a wonderful selection of new rocks to keep us all drooling.

We are gearing up for the Cobble Hill Fair on August 26<sup>th</sup>. If any of you are in the area please drop in to our booth.

REPORT TO THE ZONE-APRIL,2017 TO JULY,2017

THE PARKSVILLE AND DISTRICT ROCK AND GEM CLUB

**Zone Reps:** Cynthia Jones, Doreen Patterson, Marion Barclay

\*It has been an eventful spring, beginning with our participation in the **joint gem show with Courtenay**. Thanks to great organization by Lori Ball, it was another successful year and we look forward to next year! There was lots of participation/volunteers and donations from our club and we had fun as well as raised some much needed money to support our club programs.

\*An **educational program for the Afterschool Program** was presented by members and the children were very engaged.

\*At our meeting we had a presentation from Eric Oscar from Duncan, **on fossil collecting and cataloguing (i.e. information cards, etc.)**. **Our rock of the month was garnet.**

\*In April Jim McKinnon led some members to the **Argonaut Mine near Campbell River**. Due to the fact that there was still snow, we stayed at the lower levels and were able to find some garnet scarn, magnetite and other things.

\***Our May rock of the month was jasper**, and many members were able to display wonderful samples from varied places. Tracy Gibbons of North Island College gave us a presentation on **Jewelry Design**, which was extremely well received by our Members.

\*Jim McKinnon led a **field trip to an old mine up on Mount Washington**. It afforded a spectacular view and members were able to find peacock ore, chalcopyrite and one lucky member even broke open a large boulder of massive quartz, with crystals inside.

\*In lieu of a regular meeting in June, we attended **our annual picnic**. Held in Marion Barclay's gorgeous yard, on a very pleasant, sunny day, it was attended by about 35 members and their families. The food, as always, was wonderful and we had a lot of fun bidding on a broad variety of items auctioned off by Claude Levesque. It also turned out to be a lucrative fund raiser for our club.

\*Our first **public awareness evening at the Craig Street Market** (which is held every Tues night in Parksville) was held and there was a lot of interest expressed by passers by.

\*This month July, we have begun our **summer sales events**, coordinated by Elaine Bohm. This year we have three venues and 10% of the proceeds will be donated to the club.

\*This weekend, 6 members will be manning an interactive booth at the **Qualicum Beach day**, something we have done for a number of years.

**Our club continues to grow, with new members signing up even at the last meeting in May. We now have a total of 71 membership: 33 family, 29 single, 9 family with juniors!**

Port Alberni Club was absent.

#### RIPPLE ROCK GEM AND MINERAL CLUB

Report given verbally by Gord Burkholder.

Gord was not sure of membership numbers. They have monthly field trips, one to Hope in the Spring.

They had their show at the Timberline Gym in June which seemed more popular this year.

Several of the Members do school visits.

Their big effort this year has been the Gemboree at the Cluxewe Resort. There were 3 field trips locations and over 100 people attended this event. More to come on this wonderful event.

VICTORIA ZONE REPORT- 2017/07/23

We would like to extend our thanks to the Ripple Rock Club for hosting such an excellent Island Gemboree. You have certainly set an example we could only hope to match when it comes to our turn next year.

Our membership is currently at more than 118 adult memberships with more new members expected joining when we resume club regular meeting in September. With so many junior members we will be offering a free one day beach wrap wire wrapping course to our junior members in the second to last Sat in Sept.

October we will be hosting our second annual Members show and sale, held again at the Leonardo DaVinci Centre on the weekend of October 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. This event is an opportunity for club members to show and sell their rock related hobby work with anything from rough material to ready to wear, or display products. Table space will be available to rent to all island club members at a first come basis, and requests can be submitted starting the 16<sup>th</sup> of September. Cost per 6 foot table has not been confirmed as yet but it is expected to be a moderate increase from last year's \$40 per table for the two days.

November we hope to host a Fraser River rockhounding excursion. Much like our Abbotsford trip this year, our club will arrange return bus transportation from the Tsawwassen side of the ferry terminal. Attendees are expected to cover their own ferry and food costs, as well as moderate remuneration towards the cost of the bus and river trip. The remuneration fee is expected to be announced by the end of Sept, once we have a better idea of the numbers of club members committed in attending. Any island club members interested in joining us will be invited to submit your names after our Sept 11<sup>th</sup> member's meeting.

Our club is also very fortunate to be able to make donations to non-profit and charitable organizations. In the past some of the donations have been received by the Thunderbird soccer club and local high school music programs. However, this year we put it out to our membership for their nominations of this charitable donation and the board unanimously agreed to Mike Hill's suggestion of the Island Zone as a recipient. With that, I am happy to submit with this report, a cheque to the Zone for five hundred dollars.

The cheque was graciously accepted by Judy Moss on behalf of the Zone

VANCOUVER ISLAND ZONE GEM AND MINERAL CLUB

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JULY 23,2017

Starting balance Mar 21 2017		\$3012.82
Bank charges to June 30 2017		\$10.00
Income from Nov 26 2016		\$0.00
4 cheques issued	#9 (Cost of Gemboree signs.cvrh)	\$47.02
	#10 (Travel expense Ripple Rock)	\$105.60
	#11 (Travel expense Parksville)	\$58.80

#12 (Cost of G Well cards (D Veitch)	\$13.42
Total expenditures	\$234.84
Balance to June 30 2017	\$2777.98

#### OLD BUSINESS

Travel allowance. No club present requested travel allowance.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Request from Victoria Club for Cowichan and Ripple Rock to send their financial reports for the Gemborees they hosted in 2016/2017 to assist Victoria in the planning for the 2018 Gemboree. Judy Moss and Gord Burkholder will look into this.

The Zone requested a date and location for the 2018 Gemboree ASAP. Vanessa will email this info when available.

Discussion about late memberships and if they are covered under BCLS insurance on field trips. Judy will contact BCLS for clarification of this matter.

Discussion on workshop options and how clubs handle their workshops.

Cowichan and Parksville have switched the years they will host the Gemboree. Cowichan will host in 2021 and Parksville will host in 2020. A new schedule will be created and circulated to the Clubs.

After discussion with Marion Barclay the next Zone Meeting will be held on Nov 25<sup>th</sup> 2017 at the home of Marion Barclay. Reminder will follow closer to the date.

Motion to adjourn by David Jackson and seconded by Vanessa Steffens and carried.