

Vancouver Island Zone
Of the BCLS

Meeting held Sunday, March 18th, 2018, at the Burnside Lawn Bowling Club, 274 Hampton Road, Victoria, B.C.

Delegates in Attendance:

Judy Moss, Island Zone Chairperson - Cowichan Valley Rockhounds
Gary Veitch, Island Zone Treasurer - Cowichan Valley Rockhounds
Darlene Veitch, Island Zone Secretary - Cowichan Valley Rockhounds
Vanessa Steffens, Senior Delegate – Victoria Lapidary and Mineral Society
Cynthia Jones, Senior Delegate – Parksville and District Rock and Gem Club
Ronald Creber - Alberni Valley Rock and Gem Club
Francois Lavigne – Courtenay Rock and Gem Club

Meeting called to order at 1PM. Chairwoman Judy Moss welcomed everyone and thanked the Victoria club for hosting the meeting and providing lunch. A special welcome was given to Ron Creber from the Port Alberni club and Francois Lavigne from the Courtenay Club.

Minutes from the last meeting were adopted. Moved by Vanessa Steffens and seconded by Cynthia Jones.

Correspondence

No Correspondence

Treasurers Report submitted by Gary Veitch

Treasurers report for March 18 2018

Starting balance Nov. 25 2017	\$4167.98
Bank charges to March 17 2018	(\$10.00)
Income from Nov.25 2017)	\$0.00
3 cheques issued # 13	\$(22.39)
# 14	\$(29.20)
# 15	\$(29.20)
Totals expenditures	\$(80.79)
(Balance to June 30 2017	\$ 4077.19

Club Reports

Victoria (Will be forwarded when received)

Courtenay (Will be forwarded when received)

Alberni Valley – submitted by Ron Creber

Port Alberni currently has approximately 30 members. They were actively recruiting at their show last. The club has said goodbye recently to three long time members that passed away in the fall of 2017. Thoughts go out to the friends and family of Dot West, Fred Waiko, and Dan Mooney. A memorial showcase was included in the club show last week. The club has a new venue for meetings and shows. The Alberni Athletic Hall is now being used. This year's show saw a tremendous growth in vendors. The club focused on advertising which increased attendance by 25 percent over last year. Field trips have included Qualicum River for fossils, and China Creek for gold panning. The club has plenty of equipment and they are actively seeking workshop space so stay tuned .

Zone Report for Parksville & District **Rock & Gem Club** **March 17, 2018**

December, 2017: Early in the month we hosted an open house at our workshop, in conjunction with the Coombs Craft Fair on the Arrowsmith Fair Grounds. Seven participants displayed and sold items, which were handcrafted from rocks, including gems set in silver, wire-wrapping, book ends, coasters, inukshuks, beaded earrings and other things. It was very well attended. This was to raise awareness about our club and to raise funds (a percentage of the sales was donated to the club). Our club ended the calendar year with a Christmas celebration and dinner at a local restaurant, with 41 attendees.

January, 2018: We moved our meeting the MacMillan Arts Centre, from its former site at the Arrowsmith Hall in Errington. Members worked on putting together our showcase display for the year's shows. There was a field trip, led by Jim McKinnon, to Saratoga Beach for Dallasite and Flowerstone. Our member Jim Roberts gave a presentation on gold panning.

February, 2018: We participated in the Family Day Activities at Coombs Fair Grounds, providing activities for children and information for adults. There was a field trip to Columbia Beach in search of Jet and it was successful. Our member Hailey Sacree presented and demonstrated about Wire Wrapping and weaving with copper.

March, 2018: There is a field trip to the Thistle Mine, planned and led by Jim Jeffs. Our member Marcia Wright presented about her pastime and business, Stone Art Mosaics, and showed pictures of her massive installations of fireplace surrounds, walls and entryway floors as well as memorial stones. We are currently busily working on the upcoming joint Rock and Gem Show with the Courtenay Club, which is held in their Legion Hall.

Report to the Island Zone of the Ripple Rock Gem and Mineral Club
9th March, 2018

Since the November Zone meeting, the Ripple Rock Club has enjoyed the annual Christmas Pot Luck. It was attended by 29 members and a lot of delicious food.

The executive for 2018 is: President-Linda Henderson. VP—none but Dennis Cambrey sits in when necessary. Past pres-Kathy Young. Secretary—Steve Cooley.; Treasurer-Dennis Cambrey. Wagonmaster -Shane Mawhinney; Show Chair--Pat Doyle. Shop coordinator—Molly Milroy, Publicity-Diane Cooper, Bugle Editor—Dennis Cambrey. Melissa Ticknor is handling the Facebook page and learning about the website.

In 2018, Beba Adams handed over the position of Shop Foreman to Molly Milroy. The shop has been well attended overall, though not so well in the stormy winter weather when driving is a challenge.

Beba Adams and Diane Cooper are teaching wire wrap courses. One in the Community Centre on 17 January, another coming up on 21st March.. Contact Diane at 250-8300889 for details.

There have been no field trips during the winter weather, But Shane has some trips planned.

The bus field trip from CR to Abbotsford show has turned out to be impractical for us, so plans have been cancelled.

Shane will be making a trip to the Fraser River, camp on the Yale Bar, on the 17th 18th March. He will go over on the 15th to see how things are there and scope out likely spots .Be on the Yale Bar on Saturday 17th March at 10 am to join him.

Shane is thinking of a trip to Oregon in September. Details will be given later—perhaps by the Summer Zone meeting.

The big news is that the Ripple Rock Annual Show will be in the Gym of the Campbell River Community Centre, which is downtown, within walking distance of the ferry from Quadra. A good amount of parking available and more across the way in Tyece Mall. Banks, Restaurants and coffee shops nearby.

Anyone with an interest in being a dealer at the show, contact Pat Doyle—soon at 250-285-2377.

Submitted by Jan Boyes_

Cowichan Valley Rockounds Zone Report March 8,2018

We presently have 56 Members in our Club.

We had a very successful pot luck Christmas dinner in Dec at the Duncan United Church.

Since November we have been working on the proposal for our new workshop. We are almost at the point where we can start working on the physical set up of our new shop. Our monthly meetings will now be held at the Hub (Annex) 2375 Koksilah Rd at 0730pm on the third Monday of the month.

Our two workshops continue to be productive.

We have not been out on any fieldtrips all winter but hope to remedy that this weekend if this nice weather holds.

Old Business

A lengthy discussion took place regarding spending some of the excess zone money. Many good ideas were brought forward and in the end delegates agreed the money should be used to provide ongoing support to local clubs where needed.

Gary Veitch made a motion "to reduce the zones share of profits from the Gemboree, from 50% to 25%." Cynthia Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Cynthia Jones discussed the Parksville clubs success in obtaining a seniors grant.

Francois discussed the need for rethinking our approach and ways of work to attract and retain new and younger members.

Gemboree information is on the Victoria Lapidary and Mineral Societies website. Registration forms are here also. Sooke River Campground is open April first. Don't forget to make your reservations.

Victoria has two buses taking members to the Abbotsford rock and gem show. Spaces are available to other clubs members. Contact Vanessa Steffens by March 31st if interested. (vsteffens@telus.net)

New Business

Cynthia Jones asked if we could pay tribute in some way to our club pioneers. A suggestion was made to do something at the gemboree. It was brought up that this might be a club project rather than a zone project. Ideas were discussed but nothing was decided.

Courtenay will be taking over the running of the Vancouver Island Zone. Changeover will take place at the next meeting.

Next meeting will be held in Sooke at the Gemboree, on Sunday July 29th at 10:30am.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:40pm.