

Vancouver Island Zone

Meeting held Saturday, November 25th, 2017, at the home of Marion Barclay, 896 Terrien Way, Parksville BC.

- Delegates in attendance:

Judy Moss, Vancouver Island Chairwomen – Cowichan Valley Rockhounds
Gary Veitch, Vancouver Island Zone Treasurer – Cowichan Valley Rockhounds
Darlene Veitch, Vancouver Island Zone Secretary – Cowichan Valley Rockhounds
Sunday Cousens, Junior Delegate – Ripple Rock Gem and Mineral Club
Doug Cousens, Guest – Ripple Rock Gem and Mineral Club
Melissa Tickner, Intermediate Delegate – Ripple Rock Gem and Mineral Club
Cynthia Jones, Senior Delegate – Parksville Rock and Gem Club
Vanessa Steffens, Intermediate Delegate – Victoria Lapidary and Mineral Society
Janice Boyes, Senior Delegate – Ripple Rock Gem and Mineral Club
Marion Barclay, Junior Delegate – Parksville Rock and Gem Club

Absent: Dave West, Senior Delegate – Alberni Valley Rock and Gem Club
Jack Boyes, Intermediate Delegate – Courtenay Gem and Mineral Club
Paulette Egeli, Junior Delegate – Courtenay Gem and Mineral Club
Doreen Patterson, Intermediate Delegate – Parksville Rock and Gem Club
David Jackson, Junior Delegate – Victoria Lapidary and Mineral Society

Meeting called to order at 1PM. Chairwomen Judy Moss welcomed everyone and thanked Marion once again for the use of her home. Introductions were made for the benefit of our new members. Sunday and Doug Cousens were welcomed to the group.

Cynthia Jones moved to accept the minutes from the \July 23rd, 2017 meeting. Janice Boyes seconded the motion. Carried.

Correspondence

- Condolences were sent to Dave West on the passing of his wife Dot, a long time member of the Vancouver Island Zone.
- Thank Yous were sent to the Ripple Rock Club for hosting Gemboree 2017
- Thank You was sent to the Victoria Club for their generous donation to the zone
- Janice Boyes gave the group a verbal update on how Dave West is coping with the loss of his wife Dot.

Treasurers Report submitted by Gary Veitch

Opening Balance June 30, 2017	\$2777.98
Maintenance fees	(\$10.00)
Deposit August 21, 2017 (VLS Donation)	\$500.00
Deposit September 29, 2017 (Gemboree)	\$900.00
Closing Balance November 25 th , 2017	\$4167.98

Club Reports

Courtenay Gem and Mineral Club

Zone Report from the Courtenay Rock and Gem Club, November 24, 2017-11-24

Members: 23

Regularly Attending: 12- 15

Some club members attended the latest Gemboree, hosted by the Ripple Rock. Between what we found and what we carted away after the rock auction, I think we all did well.

The workshop has been upgraded in that there is now a weather proof storage area under Russ and Lori's deck and we have acquired some donated equipment including a working rock saw.

Wednesday evening is shop night. We have had sparse attendance. (Our members who moved were steady users of the space.)

Two of our members relocated in the Okanagon (Terence and Ruth Sander). They were very hard working (Ruth held down the kid's corner and Terence provided security at our shows and we wish them new places to collect and will miss them.)

The club sponsored two field trips since our last report (not counting attending the 2017 Gemboree) A group went to the Adam and Eve Rivers and also the Oyster River.

Our Xmas party is Dec 19th—poluck with Russ cooking up the turkey. We always have a rock related present swap that gets pretty participatory! Also we have rock draws for donated specimens every meeting. Often newbies are offered winning tickets but some of us who already have some of whatever it is in our backyard. We also have small presentations. Our most recent one was by TJ who has a BC opal claim and showed his finished lapidary products.

shared with Pektowite Club
Our 2018 show will be on April 14 and 15. We are on Face Book and this information is there.

If there is a problem with our happy collecting, it is that the logging company gates in the central island were locked all summer and fall and now the snow is low on the mountains. Collecting is better on the north island. If we could be advised in time about other club's field trips (if there is room to join along), that would be helpful. Terry(husband) and Peter and I spent an extra day at Merry Widow mine—it is easily accessible although I wouldn't take a low clearance car up there. There is a lot of territory there – we barely scratched the surface (I hunted around our vehicle) and found little garnet sparklers and other mine rock. I did have about 20 horse fly or deer fly bites to show off later.

Our senior member Jack Boyles had a heart attack shortly after being at Gemboree but I understand that he is back dancing. He is our zone report as is Peter Shuya. Jack is dancing and Peter may be off killing something (for the freezer) so you've got me.

Paulette Egeli

COWICHAN VALLEY ROCKHOUNDS ZONE REPORT
NOV 25, 2017

We presently have 57 Members in the Club. This may change as our memberships are due this time of year. Our 2 workshops continue to be productive and we are still in the process of finding a replacement workshop for our Friday shop. We had our usual booth at the Cobble Hill Fair on August 26th which was well attended and produced the best revenue ever. We had a new “digging for treasure” table this year which the children really seemed to enjoy. We have only had one field trip this fall to Meade Creek which produced the usual assortment of rocks. Even found a piece of rhodonite.

Our AGM was on the 20th of November and there is no change in our executive again this year. This is a worry as we don't seem to be able to get members to volunteer to help out in the Club. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a huge thank you to Marion for hosting this meeting in her beautiful home.

Zone Report for Parksville & District
Rock & Gem Club

November, 2017

We started our fall (September meeting) by signing up even **more new members!** Our club continues to grow and we are attracting many younger members.

Jim McKinnon led us on three field trips: Meade Creek for laurelstone and other stuff, Mt. Arrowsmith for red jasper and quartz, Saratoga Beach for flowerstone and dallasite. There was good participation for all three trips.

Presentations for all three months (September, October, and November) **were all given by members**, beginning with Ken Porteous on the Toxicology of Rocks. In October Lance Mitchell presented beautiful display boards showing raw and finished rocks of Vancouver Island (and other boards for world rocks). Jim McKinnon had a map of the island with strings leading to the magnificent specimens he has collected over the years... and what wonderful collections he has!

Our Christmas Dinner will be held December 5th at Trees Restaurant and will be attended by 40 members. On the weekend of December 2nd & 3rd we are hosting an **open house in our lapidary shop** to showcase the club facilities and displays. Members will also be selling their products with 10% of total sales coming to the club as a fundraiser.

Our Lapidary Shop participation has much improved this fall; with 12 new members being trained (the total is now up to 41 trained users). From August to November we have had 88 lapidary users and 14 people participated in classroom sessions. A new trim saw was donated by member Art Wild, a new drill press was donated by Claude Levesque and Linda Strand and a new 10” saw was purchased from Dave Cole. We now have rentals for a flat lap and tumbler (\$20 month including grits) so that will add a bit to the coffer. We have hosted a cuttlefish casting workshop, given by Tracey Gibbon and our member Valerie Harty taught 4 people to make a hammered silver ring.

Beginning in January of 2018 we will be **meeting at a new venue, the McMillan Arts Centre**. This affords us lots of exposure to the community, the use of a widely circulated digital newsletter and is much closer for most people to get to. We are looking forward to another great year!!

Alberni Valley Rock and Gem Club

No Report

Ripple Rock Gem And Mineral Club

November 24, 2017

The last Zone Meeting was held at Gemboree hosted by Ripple Rock in the Pt McNeill area in July 2017.

The Gemboree was very successful, and made about \$700 for the Zone. Gemboree Report is in the September Bugle.

Since then the club has been active. A field trip to Memekay for Fossils, all who went found some fossils and some found good ones.

There was a material sale by Brad of Campbell River with lots of old stuff—picked up back when the collecting was better.

The Elders College has been doing a Lapidary Course in our workshop. We have billed them at \$5 per person per class for the shop use.

There is a change of webpage manager. Jan Burkholder has retired and Melissa Ticknor has taken over, as well, she runs the club Facebook page. Beba Adams has been a very efficient Shop Manager, and provides detailed Shop Reports at each meeting.

To publicize the Club, Diane and Beba are offering one day wire wrapping courses at the Community Centre during January, February, and March

The Elections were held in November. Linda Henderson -President; VP-vacant; Past Pres-Kathy Young; Secretary-Steve Cooley; Treasurer-Dennis Cambrey; Wagonmaster-Shane Mawhinney; Assistant Wagonmasters—Ron McBurnie and Linda Henderson; Show Chair-Pat Doyle; Assistant Show Chair—vacant; Shop Co-ordinator- Molly Milroy; Shop Maintenance—Harry Kerr; Entertainment-vacant; Publicity-Vacant; Bugle Editor—Dennis Cambrey; Senior Zone delegate-Jan Boyes; Intermediate delegate-Melissa Ticknor; Junior delegate-Sunday Cousins.

The December meeting will be the Annual Christmas party on the 8th Dec 2017, in the Lounge at 6pm. Bring a wrapped rocky gift and your potluck offering as well as your eating and drinking utensils.

Victoria Lapidary and Mineral Club

Victoria Island Zone report – November 25th, 2017

This past term has been a bit hard on many members with the passing of our club treasurer and much loved rockbound friend, Greg Shea. His Celebration of Life service was well represented by his many interests including his friends from the teaching community, Oak Bay soccer club, his travels and of course Rockhounding. He is missed. Our workshop continues to be busy with at least two basic lapidary and one basic silversmithing course planned in the first couple of months in the new year, as one wire weaving and basic silversmithing course are currently completing.

Our membership for 2017 reached a total of 156 with 79 single memberships, 46 couples, 9 families and 2 students. Margaret has advised that renewals for 2018 are currently a bit down from this time next year as she continues her struggle with getting memberships renewed prior to the end of the calendar year.

Our second annual Member's October event has now been officially approved as a club sanctioned event and currently called the Rough to Ready Rock Fair. This year's attendance was noticeably down from the previous year as weather, advertising and preparation factors were identified as some of the contributions. Nevertheless, next year's show starts its advertising with our grand March show, a small advertising budget and support as an annual club event. This year's show also was represented by members of the Cowichan club (Donna and Michelle) and it is with hope that future shows will see more island representation to this weekend event.

As we prepare there was discussion regarding the Gemboree rotation for the coming year, much planning is already underway for our March show on March 16th, 17th and 18th, for our turn of the Island Gemboree July 26th to 29th, 2018, and a repeat trip bus trip to the BC Gem Show on Saturday, April 7, 2018 in Abbotsford. Allana is busy leading the organization of these events and further information will be sent out soon. In the meantime, mark your calendars we have confirmed space at the Sooke River Campground which will be centrally located to many Rockhounding opportunities.

Old Business

1. Gemboree Financial Report was circulated as follows:

Revenues		Expenses	
Registrations	\$3229.50	Pavilion rental	\$210.00
		Food	\$1019.97
		Gift Bags	\$49.56
		Printing	\$88.87
		Site Exploration	\$188.22
			\$1556.62
T-shirts	\$600.00	T-shirts	\$1064.00
Auction	\$630.00	slabs	\$100.00
Food Sales	\$80.54		
Total Revenue	\$4540.04	Total Expenses	\$2720.62
Total Profits	\$1819.42		

2. The Gemboree rotation was discussed and confirmed as follows:

Courtenay	2019	2025	2031
Cowichan	2022	2028	2034
Parksville	2020	2026	2032
Alberni	2021	2027	2033
Ripple Rock	2023	2029	2035
Victoria	2018	2024	2030

3. There was discussion regarding late memberships and BCLS insurance. The BCLS year end is December 31st. Therefore when only. Any time a member is signed up, it is best to send the info and payment to BCLS so they can have a record.

New Business

2018 Gemboree

The 2018 Gemboree will be hosted by the Victoria Club over the last weekend in July. (26th through 29th) It will be held at the Sooke River Campground with more details to follow. [The campground is closed for the season however phone messages will be monitored for those wanting to make an early reservation. A section of the campground has been reserved for us which is close to the kitchen, the hall, showers and washroom. The area is a mix of RV, camping and rustic cabins.

Excess Funds

Gary brought forward the idea of spending some of our excess funds as we are in a good financial situation due to the last two gemborees and the fact that our expenses are minimal. Zone delegates were encouraged to claim mileage for meetings if they so wished. It was discussed and agreed that we would all bring ideas forward at the next meeting regarding how best to deal with these surplus funds. Ideas that were brought up at the meeting included taking less from the gemboree (maybe 25%), promotion of rockhounding on Vancouver Island, and offsetting the cost of a bus trip to the Abbotsford BCLS show.

Executive Rotation

2018 – Courtenay
2020 – Parksville
2022 – Port Alberni
2024 – Victoria
2026 – Ripple Rock

Next meeting will be held in Victoria at the Burnside Lawn Bowling Club, 274 Hampton Road. Meeting will begin at 1PM with a light lunch beforehand.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:25 PM. Moved by Vanessa Stephans, Seconded by Sunday Cousins.