
The Rockhound's Bark

The Nova Scotia Mineral and Gem Society Newsletter

February 2004



ABOUT THE SOCIETY

Meetings are held the last Saturday of each month, September-November and January-May, 7:30 - 10:00 p.m. in the auditorium (Lower Level) of the N.S. Museum of Natural History, 1747 Summer St., Halifax. Dues are \$20/year, payable in January of each year.

2004-2005 EXECUTIVE

President:	Ronnie Van Dommelen
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Next Meeting

This month we're hosting a mineral auction in memory of Andrew Brock. Andrew had some exceptional specimens in his own collection, as well as many he sold at flea markets. Proceeds will go to Andrew's family.



Editor's MESSAGE

Sorry for the short newsletter again this month, folks. I've been dealing with computer problems and haven't had much time to work on *the Bark*. I'll have a longer edition with more content next month.

Ken McKenzie – Editor

MINUTES OF THE January MEETING

Meeting started at 7:30 p.m. with Terry Collett chairing the meeting. There were ten members and three guests present.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

It was brought up from the floor about doing mall shows with club members' minerals, and it was decided that if anyone was interested that they would have the backing of the club. Ken McKenzie suggested doing a display in the museum, and all seemed interested in such a proposition.

Tim Fedak is still interested in doing the talk and it may be in March.

Terry showed the great book collection that was donated by Andrew Brock's family to the NSGMS. The library is to be revamped by Doug Bowes, and will be taken away tonight and sorted.

Approximately 71 lots of minerals belonging to our departed friend Andrew Brock will be auctioned off on Saturday, February 28th. There are set limits on all lots but the prices will be great. There will be refreshments and a chat beforehand starting at 7:00 p.m., with the bidding starting at 7:45 p.m. Terry Collett proposed that the club wave the 10% commission for the auction as the proceeds go to the family, seconded by Fred Walsh approved by all. Terry then proposed that the club fund the refreshments; all approved.

Terry asked that he be reimbursed for monies spent on things for the club, approved by all. Terry then proposed that the library have a budget for incidentals, approved by all.

Correspondence

Ken McKenzie then tabled the mail. Among the mail was a G.M.F.C. scholarship

fund report; for anyone wishing to apply e-mail Ken. Also mail about a gem, mineral and, fossil show in Alberta.

More New Business

There was talk on doing more field trips this year and this will be talked about later, also a sheet was sent around for anyone who is interested in going to the Pugwash salt mine.

Terry then gave a great talk on minerals, after which the meeting adjourned at 8:45PM.

Submitted by

Fred Walsh – Acting Secretary

WE NEED A SECRETARY!

We still need a secretary for the new term. The position involves taking minutes at each meeting, typing them, and sending to the Newsletter Editor in a timely fashion. The job isn't difficult, so someone please offer to give the executive a hand.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

This is the last call for membership renewals for this year. After the February meeting the membership list will be purged of all those who haven't yet paid, so be sure to pay this month if you haven't already in order not to lose touch with the club. Membership dues for 2004 (\$20 per individual or family) are now due. If your contact information hasn't changed from last year, just give Terry a crisp \$20 bill at the next meeting (or mail us a cheque). If you're a new member or have a new postal or e-mail address, please fill out the form on the web site or get one from us at the next meeting.