
The Rockhound's Bark

The Nova Scotia Mineral and Gem Society Newsletter

January 2004



ABOUT THE SOCIETY

Meetings are held the last Saturday of each month, Sept-Nov and Jan-May from 7:30-10:00PM in the Auditorium (Lower Level) of the NS 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
Vice President:	Fred Walsh
Secretary:	vacant
Treasurer:	Terry Collett
Bark Editor:	Ken McKenzie
Librarian:	Doug Bowes

SOCIETY'S MAILING ADDRESS

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NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINE

February 18, 2004

Next Meeting

Terry Collett will give an informal lecture on "how to learn about minerals, explaining all the options available and how to access the information."

Editor's MESSAGE

Along with the new year comes a new newsletter editor, although not exactly. Long time readers of the *Rockhound's Bark* may recall me as Editor from 1986-1990. Fortunately I'm no longer using a Commodore 64, so the newsletter will maintain the modern look of recent years. I hope for future issues to be 3-4 pages in length, so please send me any short articles you'd like published.

Ken McKenzie – Editor

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by president Ken McKenzie. Seven members and three guests were present.

Ken announced that Andrew Brock passed away. He will be dearly missed.

Terry Collett moved the adoption of the minutes of the previous meeting as posted in the *Rockhound's Bark*. The motion was seconded and passed.

Old Business

Ronnie Van Dommelen distributed copies of a c.d. he burned with images of the Colonial Copper Company and donated a copy of the club. The members thanked him for the effort.

Ken announced that the post office box was costing us over \$100 per year, so by executive decision, the Museum of Natural History will now be our official mailing address.

Correspondence

An e-mail from Robert Holloway (64 Memorial Drive, Clarendville, N.L., A5A 1N3; rgholloway_53@hotmail.com) indicated that he has samples of zinc for trade.

A memo from Lee Ann Crouse of the museum indicated that only one row of chairs is to be placed against the wall on each side of the fixed seating in the auditorium.

Another memo from the museum clarified the current parking situation.

Executive Reports

Treasurer Ronnie Van Dommelen moved for adoption his financial report as published in the *Rockhound's Bark*. Doug Bowes seconded the motion and it passed.

Vice-President Fred Walsh resigned one year into his term in order to reoffer for a two-year term in sync with the other executive positions.

General Elections

Nomination Committee Chairman Terry Collett proposed a new slate of officers for 2004-2005:

President	Ronnie Van Dommelen
Vice-President	Fred Walsh
Treasurer	Terry Collett
Newsletter Editor	Ken McKenzie
Librarian	Doug Bowes

No further nominations came from the floor, so all were acclaimed. No nomination was made for Secretary, so the position will remain open until a volunteer is found. Fred offered to continue as Acting Secretary for the time being.

Terry also moved that he, Ronnie, Fred, and Ken act as Board of Directors for the 2004 year. The motion was seconded and passed.

New Business

Doug suggested more cooperation between our club and the Nova Scotia Pros-

pectors Association. He extended a formal invitation to club members to attend any Prospectors Association meeting, held the third Wednesday of each month at the Bedford Institute of Oceanography. Terry made a motion to accept the invitation and extend a reciprocal one to the Prospectors Association. Ronnie seconded the motion and it passed.

Terry moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Doug, and passed at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by

Fred Walsh – Acting Secretary

WE NEED A SECRETARY!

As you can see from the election report, 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

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.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Next month we'll be holding a mineral auction in memory of Andrew Brock. Proceeds will go to his family.

We still hope to reschedule the talk by Tim Fedak to some time later this season. A date will be announced once arrangements have been made.