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Last Regular Meeting - November 11, 2014

The meeting was called to order by the President, Robert Montgomery and a regular business meeting was conducted. A discussion of changes to the Constitution and Bylaws was conducted with one proposed amendment coming forward. Said amendment and some comments being put forward later in this Newsletter.

After the meeting was adjourned, Tom Jenkins held another of his successful silent auctions.

Our speaker for the evening, Kevin Kidd, with the aid of many slides, gave us an interesting, informative and, sometimes, amusing overview of the Paleozoic Era.

Next Regular Meeting December 9, 2017

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Orientation Building, Riverview Zoo

Agenda: Regular Meeting

Speaker: Peter LeBaron, P. Eng., District Geologist,
Southeastern Ontario, Tweed Office.

His topic will be the broad, tectonic genesis of the geology of southern Ontario, from pre-Grenville, through the Grenville Orogeny, and on to deposition of the Paleozoic sediments, creation of the Appalachians, and opening of the Atlantic Ocean - all processes that have created the geological picture that we see today.

Word of mouth has it that this speaker gives an excellent presentation. One you will not want to miss.

This next meeting is also our Annual Christmas Party so bring some goodies to share with others.



KAWARTHA GEOSCIENCE NETWORK

This is a newly formed group comprised of professionals in the geosciences as well as people generally interested in geology. The group intends to act as a local forum for presentations, discussion, networking and socializing. Several of our members attended the inaugural meeting of this group and were well received.

The Network has now rebranded itself as Kawartha and Region Earth Sciences, Engineering and Metallurgy Network (KREEM-Network).

Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month in the second floor meeting rooms Kings Crossing Tap and Grill, 197 George St., Peterborough, ON.

A sample of a meeting is as follows:

Meeting Agenda - Dec. 2, 2014

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Socializing/networking

7:00 pm - 7:20 pm Business Minute

7:20 pm - 7:25 pm Introduction of Mike Lord, President Gilead Power Corp., who will speak on Wind Energy Development and Applications.

7:25 pm - 7:55 pm Speaker presentation

7:55 pm - 9:00 pm Questions, discussion, other business, socializing/networking

If you are interested in attending a meeting contact:

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The speaker for the Jan. 6, 2015 meeting will be William Mercer, VP Exploration Avalon Rare Metals Inc. His topic will be the Nechalacho Rare Earth Elements Project at Thor Lake, NWT.



A MESSAGE FROM THE KRFC PRESIDENT

Our Annual Meeting is fast approaching and with that will come a new Executive or at least some new faces including a new President. As some of you may have noticed, I have been struggling with fulfilling my duties for some time now, this due to ongoing changes at work and at home that have left me with no free time to pursue the interests of the Club. I will not be able to continue on as President beyond January 13, 2015. I say that with much disappointment as this position has been a very enjoyable experience for many reasons, most importantly the opportunity to meet so many interesting people both within our membership and elsewhere in the collecting community.

It has been a great two years and I thank you all for your understanding and patience with the "newbe" also your support and guidance that you have so kindly offered throughout.

I offer you one suggestion as you ponder whether you should step forward to assume this position, the only challenge I found in performing my duties was in finding

speakers for our meetings. With that in mind I will pass on a recent suggestion that came to me from John Zandarin, Vice President CCFMS, that I should have formed a committee to find speakers for the meetings, that being done my job would have been the easiest of them all and in this suggestion is the key to making all the jobs easier, find ways to share the responsibility. It worked well for running the show last year and it will work for all other duties.

Well that brings me to my last challenge, so I will take my own advice and share with all of you the responsibility of forming the next Executive.

I will now accept nominations for any or all positions (some exec's may stand again), you can help by emailing me your nominations which will give me time to secure acceptance by individuals before January 13, 2015.

Once again I want to thank you for your help.

Regards,
Robert Montgomery: Robertm@bell.net

EXECUTIVE POSITIONS

Anyone who is interested in standing for election must have been a member of the Club for one year. Members nominated for office must be in good standing; be present at the meeting in which the nominations and elections take place; and consent to stand for the office.

The Executive positions are:

President
Vice-President
Secretary-Treasurer
Field Trip Co-Ordinator
Show/Swap Chairperson
Newsletter Editor

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BYLAWS

Under Article II, add 2.5

2.5 Any Officer who has served a one year term shall not be eligible for a second consecutive term.

Proposed amendment by Ken Fox, seconded by Bev Fox.

This Amendment to be discussed and voted on at the December 9, 2014 meeting of the KRFC.

REASONING for PROPOSED AMENDMENT

By Ken Fox

- 1. Many members are very hesitant to accept an Executive position because they are trapped for successive years when other members will not stand for elections to replace them. Within a few years, this leads to "burnout", or simply a need for a rest.**
- 2. Eventually this person must leave for one reason or another and the Club is left with no one experienced in filling this position.**

COMING EVENTS

Courtesy CCFMS Website

Dec 10

Mineral Identification Night at the ROM 4:pm to 5:30 pm.
President's Choice Entrance on Queen's Park, doors nearest Museum
subway stop.

Visit their website at:

<http://www.rom.on.ca/en/activities-programs/events-calendar/rock-gem-mineral-fossil-and-meteorite-identification-clinic>

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THE EDITOR'S CORNER

You will have noticed the Newsletter is very short this month. Kevin Kidd was too busy with work and other obligations to prepare an article for us. However, he has promised more articles in the future.

My thanks to him for his past articles and to all the other members who have contributed to the Newsletter in so many positive ways.



**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL
and a
VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

