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LAST REGULAR MEETING

November 10, 2015

Unfortunately, when the members met at the Zoo for their regular meeting, they found the Zoo gates closed and locked. The meeting was moved to the second floor meeting room of the Kings Crossing Tap and Grill, 197 George Street, Peterborough, ON.

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 pm with a quorum of 18 members present. A regular meeting was conducted.

After the meeting was adjourned, David Joyce gave an interesting presentation on "Calcite-Vein Dikes of the Grenville Geological Province". He used slides of some of the minerals collected to illustrate his talk. At the conclusion of his talk, with the aid of his guitar, he entertained the members with a couple of the amusing songs he had written.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

Date: December 8, 2015

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: New Activity Centre, Peterborough Zoo

Program: Annual Christmas Party

Remember to bring a goodie to share with others.





ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

January 12, 2016

Since this is my last Newsletter, it seems best to remind you all of the AGM. So far Donald Doell has agreed to continue as Webmaster, Ullrike Kullik (Ulli) will remain to help with field trips as long as others will assist. She wishes to concentrate on trips to Marmora. Bob Beckett will assist with the 2016 Show, but after that a new Show/Swap Co-Ordinator must be elected. Mark Stanley has agreed to serve on the Executive. More members are needed to serve on the Executive or the Club will lose its incorporated status.

Elections will be held for:

President

Vice-President

Secretary/Treasurer (this position can be split into Recording Secretary and Treasurer)

Show/Swap Co-Ordinator (for after 2016 Show)

Field Trip Co-Ordinator

Newsletter Editor

The positions of Archivist and Librarian are not on the Executive but must be filled.



ANNUAL GEM, MINERAL AND FOSSIL SHOW

March 5 and 6, 2016

Early in the new year you will be advised as to whom to contact re:

**Volunteering to place signs advertising the Show,
volunteering to place brochures advertising Show,
volunteering for set up and take down at the Show,
volunteering to assist with Kids' Sand Box and Silent Auctions and about
donating samples for same,
volunteering to assist at the Club Table,
entering Best Collected Fossil and Mineral Competitions,
entering a show case of minerals or fossils.**



THE FOSSIL CORNER

2015 Fossil Collecting -Trip 6

By Kevin Kidd

Saturday, November 7

Another trip to my usual spot and I was surprised to see Jabali already there and getting his stuff together when I arrived at 7:15 am or so. He comes down from South River, so he was on the road pretty early. We walked in together and headed straight

for the bottom where he said he and Malcolm had found a new blast the previous week. Of course, they didn't realize it was there until near the end of the day, so it wasn't too picked over. What the quarry had done was to expand the "pool" in the bottom pit. Those who came on the field trip know where I'm talking about. This is great as it is all Bobcaygeon formation material and that means echinoderms. Within five minutes, he walked past me carrying a rock. I asked what it was and he said "cystoid". I marked my spot and went to have a look. What he had visible were the arms—rare to find still intact, and a stem with a hump where the calyx would be. I pointed out to him that right beside his cystoid, a *Pleurocystites*, was a small but complete crinoid. I saw the piece after prepping and it cleaned up beautifully (Figure 1, below left).



Figure 1.
Pleurocystites cystoid.



Figure 2.
Periglyptocrinus crinoid.

Once I got back to where I'd left off, it wasn't long before I found my first keeper of the day. On a rock covered with stem impressions was a pair of uncommon *Periglyptocrinus* crinoids. Of course, the rock was the size of a car door and there was no layer to make for an easy split. One of them was in pretty rough shape so it was sacrificed in order to get the better one out in one piece. A lot of sawing and pounding later, I had my prize (Figure 2, above right). I found a smaller crinoid a bit further along the pile but considering where it was, figured it was more hassle than it was worth to retrieve. Still, towards the end of the day I went back for another look and do you think I could find it? Oh well.

Still in this pile I did add another new species to my collection and it was something I'd never seen anyone find here before. Granted, it's a cephalopod and the collectors I hunt with most often don't bother with them, but I was quite happy. I believe it's a *Beloitoceras* (Figure 3, left next page) and is easily recognizable due to its curved

profile as most cephalopods from this formation are straight. I searched another pile where Kevin Brett was also hunting but it was quite dirty and neither of us found anything.



Figure 3.
Beloitoceras cephalopod.



Figure 4.
Mass of *Sowerbyella* brachiopods.

If anyone is interested in a couple of hundred *Sowerbyella* brachiopods, I can help. Before making my way up the ramp, I spotted this piece (Figure 4, above right), but it wasn't coming home with me.

Once I did get to the top of the ramp, and after a bit of a rest, I wandered around checking what they had bulldozed to each side. I was surprised to find a prone *Flexicalymene* trilobite in plain view (Figure 5, right). Granted, there's a scuff along the axial lobe, but I prefer to think of it as a racing stripe, not damage. This was my first prone "Flexi" of the year. A search of the talus piles under the north wall was pretty much fruitless, so I left mid-afternoon. Hopefully the weather cooperates and I can get at least one more trip in, but that's not up to me.



Figure 5.
Flexicalymene trilobite.

Regardless of whether I do another report this year or not, this will be the last one that goes into one of the newsletters Bev puts together. She has been the editor since I started writing articles in March 2011 (where has that time gone!!!!) and I would like to say thanks for all the effort she has put in over the years. I know a lot of you have told me how much you enjoy my reports, so don't worry, I'll continue writing about my collecting exploits for whoever becomes the new editor. Once again, thanks Bev and all the best to you and Ken.

Until next month—Happy Hunting!

All photos by Kevin Kidd



THE EDITOR'S CORNER

My thanks to Kevin Kidd for all the articles and photos he has contributed over the years and for his kind words to Ken and me. I know his articles have been well received and I hope the Newsletters can continue. Kevin has offered to take over as Newsletter Editor, but he only has access to office software at work. This would mean that someone would have to co-operate with him in changing the MS Word documents to pdf and distributing copies via email as well as photocopying and sending out the snail mail copies.

The elections in January will be very important since, if a President, Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer are not elected, the Club cannot continue. It has been noted for some time that the position of the Secretary/Treasurer has been becoming more complex, hence the option of splitting the position into Treasurer and Recording Secretary. However, since Ken became the Secretary/Treasurer, we have both been involved. It certainly appears that separate positions of Secretary and Treasurer are necessary and the position of Recording Secretary be abolished.

Ken and I have enjoyed our time in the Club. We have made many good friends and have shared some memorable field trips, Shows and get-togethers with them. They have contributed to some wonderful memories.

We wish all the best for the Club.



COMING EVENTS

Nothing is listed on the CCFMS Website for January 2016. Please see the December 2015 listing in the November *Voice*.