



# Voice of the Dinosaur

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## Last Regular Meeting - December 9, 2014

After an abbreviated regular meeting was adjourned, everyone enjoyed our Annual Club Party, sampling the many treats brought in.

Tom Jenkins held one of his popular silent auctions.

The speaker for the evening was Peter LeBaron, P. Eng., District Geologist, Southeastern Ontario, Tweed Office. Using slides and hands-on samples, he gave us a broad overview of the 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.

## Next Meetings January 13, 2015 Annual General Meeting

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Orientation Centre, Peterborough Zoo

Agenda: Business Meeting, Elections of Officers

This will be followed by the January Regular Meeting.

Note: Minutes of the 2014 AGM are included with this newsletter.

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

## **January 13, 2015 Regular Meeting**

**To follow Annual General Meeting.**

### **Agenda: Regular Business Meeting**

**At this meeting the following proposed Amendment to the Bylaws, which was pushed forward to this meeting, will be discussed and voted on:**

#### **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BYLAWS**

**Under Article II, add Section 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.**

#### **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, old age if nothing else, and the Club is left with no one experienced in filling this position.**



#### **ELECTIONS**

**The elections to be held on January 13 at the Annual General Meeting are very important. Members who now hold the positions have held them for a number of years and, excepting our President, Robert Montgomery, have held other Club Executive positions over the years. Robert had been a member for only a year when he offered to fill the President's position. He has done an admirable job! Well done, Robert!**

**Robert's example just shows how newer members can contribute to the Club by becoming members of the Executive. With more experienced members to offer advice, no one should hesitate to offer to serve. If the above amendment is approved, then no one will have to serve more than one year without at least a year's rest.**

**Our President is stepping down. The Vice-President, Steve Wesley has once again offered his services, if no one else wishes the position. The Treasurer, Ken Fox wishes to step down as he has occupied the position for several years and, as most of the routine procedures are now automated, he believes it would be easy for someone to take over the position. The Show/Swap Chairperson, Bob Beckett must step down as he no longer lives in the area and finds it difficult to participate. The Field Trip Co-Ordinator, Ulrike Kullik wishes to have a discussion of field trips in general before deciding whether to continue for another year. I, as Newsletter Editor want to "retire", but if no one else is willing to become Editor, I will continue the Newsletters, limiting them to Club items necessary for members to know. There will be no articles.**

**The Club needs new people on the Executive with new ideas. The time has come for those who have been members for at least a year, and have never served on the**

Executive, to do so now. If you have enjoyed the field trips, the speakers, the camaraderie, the Show, then express your enjoyment in a tangible way. Without the Executive, the Club will not survive. It is in your hands.



## **22<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL PETERBOROUGH GEM, MINERAL AND FOSSIL SHOW**

**Date:** Saturday, February 28, 2015; Sunday, March 1, 2015

**Time:** 10:00 am to 5:00 pm each day.

**Place:** Evinrude Centre, 911 Monaghan Road, Peterborough, ON

**Admission:** \$3.00 per person, children under 12 years free.

Admission free to each member with an up-to-date membership card shown at admissions table.

### Ways in which members can assist with Show

1. Distribute flyers,
2. Place outdoor signs (this is done the Monday before the Show),
3. Assist with set up and take down of tables, etc.,
4. As well as the following:

### Best Collected for 2014 Competitions

If you wish to take part in either or both the Best Collected Fossil and/or Best Collected Mineral for 2014 Competitions, you will find forms to include with your specimen(s) in the February Newsletter. You may enter one specimen to each competition. The contact is: Ulrike Kullik, email: [ulrike.kullik@gmail.com](mailto:ulrike.kullik@gmail.com), or phone: 705-778-3787.

### Club Table

We will need a number of Club members to man the Club table both days of the show. This is not a difficult job; in many ways it is an enjoyable “fun” job talking to people who come around with questions and passing out the “give-away” samples for the children. There are 14 hours to be covered with 2 people per hour so room for 28 people. In the past many have taken 2 hours at a time or covered an hour here and an hour there on each day. You will soon receive an email with the table of spaces to be filled so please get your names into them. Don’t worry about several people covering one space; if that happens I will sort it out. I will have a list for people to sign at the next meeting, also. Just contact Ken Fox, email: [kfox71@cogeco.ca](mailto:kfox71@cogeco.ca), or phone: 705-742-6440.

### Display Cases

If you are interested in putting together a display, contact George Thompson, email: [TrueNorthMiner@aol.com](mailto:TrueNorthMiner@aol.com), or phone: 613-827-0368 for information on display cases. George encourages Club members to put in a case of their minerals and/or fossils. If you do not have enough for a case, do a joint display with another member, or members. Highlight a field trip or a collection specialty. The Club owns both table top and pony cases that can be used.

### **Silent Auctions and Sand Box**

Now is a good time to look through all the minerals and fossils you have been collecting and pick out those that you do not wish to keep, but that would be good for the sand box (larger samples) and silent auctions (smaller samples). Just label them and contact: Tom Jenkins, email: [tomjenkins@sympatico.ca](mailto:tomjenkins@sympatico.ca), or phone: 705-745-1189. Tom would, also, appreciate clean, clear or opaque milk bags in which to place samples. You may bring them to the January and February meetings or contact Tom.

Volunteer will, also, be needed to help man the sandbox. Please contact Tom above.



### **THE CCFMS**

For those of you who might not know, the initials “CCFMS” stand for The Central Canadian Federation of Mineralogical Societies. To quote from its website It “is a non-profit federation of rock, mineral and lapidary clubs for hobbyists in central Canada. It was founded in 1969 and arose out of the ‘Inter-Club Field Trip Committee’, which had existed since 1964. The CCFMS now serves as the collective voice for the amateur clubs of central Canada. It assists its members by various means to promote the earth sciences, to protect collecting sites, to educate collectors, and to foster good will, friendship and rapport among all. Presently, there are 24 member clubs in the federation.”

“One of the principal objectives of the CCFMS is to encourage close association, co-operation and exchange of information among member societies, federations, institutions and other groups interested in geology, mineralogy and the lapidary arts.”

As our Club is a member, it is through the CCFMS that we have had liability insurance coverage in the past years, and its Executive is now pursuing such coverage for member clubs for the coming year.

I urge our members to have a look at the CCFMS website [www.ccfms.ca](http://www.ccfms.ca) It has a great deal to offer. Collecting and cataloguing tips, online magazines, article by members, coming events, etc.



### **THE EDITOR’S CORNER**

**By Bev Fox**

My special thanks to Kevin Kidd for his many wonderful fossil related articles; to Sue Kehoe for her mineral articles; and to my husband, Ken who continues to assist me in the proofing, photocopying, and mailing of the Newsletters. Thanks to all who have contributed in any way to the Newsletters.



### **COMING EVENTS**

**Courtesy CCFMS Website**

**Nothing listed for January and February except our Show.**