

General Membership Meeting of the Vernon Placer Miners Club#
Met May 7th, 2019 at the Hall at 1204 30th Ave, Vernon BC. President Jerry Morrison opened the meeting at 7:05 PM. Note-taker was Cal Olsson. 34 members as well as 2 guests: Al Walls from Brokenback Mining and Evan Duncan of from Kelowna. The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted by a show of hands.

▪ **Old Business Arising out of Last Meeting's Minutes:**

- ✓ Terry Regier moved we purchase the portable PA system picked up by Lorne Tkachyk at Costco (he paid for it by the way) for \$225.00. Its to be used at the BC Open to replace the one no longer available, and other club events. Seconded by Gerry Morrison. Discussed, voted on and passed. He was paid by e-transfer immediately

Correspondence: ✓ Confirmation letter to President Gerry from Enderby Chamber of Commerce that we are officially members .

Reports:

▪ **Membership Report** by Donna Smith.

- ✓ 24 families are currently paid up members in good standing.
- ✓ 3 Life timers
- ✓ 14 Honorary members.
- ✓ There is a common dues due date of October first. Dues are \$20.00 per year per family, Oct. to Oct. However there is half price deal if joining the club from May 1st. on till end of season.

Treasurer's Report by Donna Smith

Income..... \$_____ Expenses.....\$_____
Balance.....\$_____.

▪ **BC Open Report** by Jonathon Paull

We need someone vigorous to do the coffee can, silent auction setups: Donna is willing to show the ropes and do the mental work. We still need volunteers, if you are willing, get in touch with Jonathon Paull at ph. #; 250-803-6222; or, email: walkin_out_of_stride@hotmail.com

Raffle tickets are still available for sale. Please see Gerry Morrison or Donna to get more books of tickets: email, mrspumpkin36@hotmail.com. or phone # 250- 309-9117. We need to sell as many of these as we can to make the BC Open a financial success for the club! Confirmation has come in that *Enderby Lions* have agreed to put on the pancake breakfasts again both days.

Jonathon is getting the word out of this super panning event as much as possible. There are several radio ads and a possible interview

or two starting tomorrow airing on Easy Listening FM radio station. Other press releases in the appropriate newspaper columns. Take a flyer from the pile on the table to pin up where people will see it

A food vendor at the BC Open will be doing lunches for the volunteers. It will be by ticket only.

The fire department will be filling the tubs .

Volunteer checkout:

Registration----Pat Yonkman & Cindy Rachwalski

Door prizes and silent auction, trophy sponsors Donna Smith

Flat panning,—Sam Tomlin Grudge

match-----Bill Allen

BC Open Judges----Sherie, Louie, Lorne.

Timers---Sherie

Charger—Jerry Stainer

Raffle and prize Tickets---Donna

Bannock---Pat, (possible celebrity judges), wood by Ken M

Games tickets---Faith Lanthier

Dirt Toss –Terry

Pan Throw---TBA

Metal detecting----Lorne Tkaczyk

Staking claims—Gerry Morrison

Learn Gold Panning---Rick, Cal, James Murray

Crowd and dog control Sherriff---whoever available

Liana and Mike Bjerstadt will be running the numbers

MC Lorne or Jonathon

Need minimum 10 people to set up on Friday. Start 9 am. Check your booking at the riverside rv park.

We are looking forward to a successful BC Open in 2018 on the May long weekend. Please find it in your heart to volunteer to help in 2019.

New Business:

- ✓ Donna Smith moved we buy 50 trailer bumper stickers (labels) recognizing the 2019 BC Open Gold Panning Championships in Enderby at about .50 ea.. Discussed, voted on and passed.

Announcements

- ✓ Don't forget to set time aside to attend Lumby days this year; should be a fun time. Two large overnight camping sites available.
- ✓ Rick Peterson reported the Sunfun event for June in Vernon is ready to go.

- ✓ Donna says to bring items to the prize tables by 7am on Saturday at the BC Open.
- ✓ Karen and Mike MacKenzie will be doing the 'learn to Pan event' at the Okanagan Gem show on July 21st. See flyer at end of minutes.

Presentation;



There was a *demonstration* by Al Walls of Broken Back & Angus MacKirk Mining Supplies of a super high banker similar to picture with phenomenal gold recovery. It had both recovery and a cleanup sluices. *Placer and Mineral Mining Supplies and Equipment - Ph: 250-558-3050*

Social Convener's Report by Donna Smith:

Best Wishes for a happy birthday for May 2019 go out to: Bill Allan Kim Creed Sherie LaValley Sherry Knox Heather Hopson Ted Turner Pat Yonkman

Donna and Jerry had taken a quick trip to the coast to see family, and went to a huge flea market in Abbotsford. Saw Ken Cuff and his wife, and also Sam Tomlin from Castlegar.

SAD NEWS, if any of you knew someone by the name Nugget Norm, from Ft. Steel, Norm Yurichen about two weeks ago we were told.

Attila Vasarhelyi won the first nugget door prize, and Bill Allan the second nugget prize.

David Lanthier won the 50/50 draw \$29.50.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Political Liaison and Information Committee. Report by Rick Peterson

Checking on how will be affected by caribou initiative of the govt. There is some talk about making looking for fossils in BC illegal!

You can get in touch with Rick at 1-250-681-0908 or email: trimguy@live.ca

13th Annual Okanagan

GEM SHOW

1120 Rock Club of Kelowna

Vernon Lapidary & Mineral Club

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KID'S ACTIVITIES



GOLD PANNING



EARTH'S CRUST

July 19th, 20th 21st. 2019

Friday July 19th 12pm-8pm

Saturday July 20th 9am-5pm

Sunday July 21st 10am-4pm

RUTLAND CENTENNIAL HALL

180 RUTLAND RD

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