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Society News

A new season will begin this September 5, 2007. Welcome back everyone! Our first meeting of the season is Wednesday, September 5, 2007 at 7:30 pm.

Last season, we had many excellent speakers. The Vice President is accumulating an interesting collection of speakers for the new season.

Unfortunately, some of the field trips were cancelled last season because of excessive water at the sites of interest. We do have pictures of one. If anyone has pictures of the other field trips, would they please submit copies to the newsletter editor via email for publication.

The September business meeting will start sharp at 7:00 pm. There are several items to consider prior to voting in the October meeting, which is also our AGM:

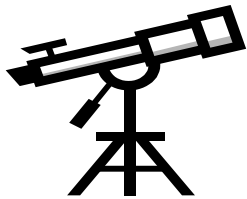
- The executive has determined that the annual dues shall be \$15 for individuals and \$20 for family. This will be the first item for membership voting. Remember, membership dues are due and payable at the October meeting.
- People are needed to stand for election of the executive positions..
- **Constitutional Amendment:** M. Foster will propose the following constitutional amendment for debate at the AGM in October. **“A third category of membership will be a Corporate Membership. This will be a non voting membership”.**



Dues are \$15/year (\$20 for families) and are payable at the October meeting or by mail during October.

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month from September to May inclusive at the Manitoba Museum in room P47 on the Planetarium level. They begin at 7:30 PM and feature announcements, an invited speaker and a draw. Members are encouraged to bring along any new, interesting specimens or specimens appropriate to the speaker's topic.

Field trips take place from May to September to interesting sites in Manitoba, neighboring provinces and states.



Making a find



CLUB MEETINGS

September 5, 2007 Meeting

The presentation will start at 7:30 pm.

James Bamburak will be giving the presentation on “An occurrence of Mississippi Valley-type (zinc-lead) mineralization, within Silurian Interlake Group, on the east shore of Pemmican Island, in the north basin of Lake Winnipegosis Manitoba”.

October 3, 2007 AGM Meeting

Summer Activities

1. Beside Manitoba Rocks Mining Week we had a first ever display and glue cards hand out at the Manitoba Children's Museum.

Here is a thank you we got for our efforts:

Thanks so much to the Mineral Society and the MPDA for your wonderful displays. We really appreciated both organizations coming out. I know the children really enjoyed your displays.

We had 158 visitors this afternoon. A wonderful effort by all involved. Thanks again!

*Elaine Stevenson
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2. **Tanco Mine had a good turn out.** Here are a few pictures.



A large Rhodnite found by a USA visitor who joined us at the mine.



Loading up some treasures or are they samples that will be given away?

Attention Mineral Society of Manitoba Members

By Jack Bauer, President

I would like to address our members on important issues, regarding the future of the “Mineral Society of Manitoba”.

We need members to come forward and volunteer for activities and to serve on the executive level. Some of those who have so generously, supported the club with their valuable time in the past, can no longer commit. It is important that all of our members voice their support, ideas, suggestions and concerns. If anyone has concerns please present them at the AGM in October. Please present them in writing. If there are concerns and you wish to keep confidential, please do so by marking the envelope accordingly.

Our October meeting may ultimately decide the fate of the MSM. I would like to remind all of our members, October is elections month and membership fees are due. If you would like to stand for a position or nominate someone for an executive position, please let us know, in what capacity you can help. All Executive positions are open and available.

The following members have indicated they will let their names stand for re-election: Jack Bauer for President, Marion Foster for VP, Marjorie Turton for Newsletter editor, Yvonne Searle and George Green for Members at large. In order to have a full executive, it will be necessary for more members to step forward. We need a full executive (6 members) for the association to continue.

It would be a shame to see the Mineral Society dissolved due to the lack of support from its members. This is such an exciting time, with many new opportunities in the horizon. The MSM can provide a vital link between fellow amateur and professional Mineral and Fossil enthusiasts. The Mineral Society is in fact, in a good position, if it can only continue to meet its volunteer commitments.

A financial statement will be available upon request, at our September meeting.

A few important notes about field trips;

By Jack Bauer, President

Some things happened that are of a concern to all members and field trip coordinators and need to be addressed!

Any member attending our field trips should advise the field trip leader or chairman of any health concerns that can put you at risk, out in the field. Do you have a hearing problem, asthma, and allergies, inexperienced, disorientation concerns? If you have a health condition we should know about, please let us know. Members will be advised if they are engaged in an unsafe act like leaving a group in the bush, with out advising the leader. If you get lost, and you have a hearing impairment you are a liability. Unsafe behavior will not be tolerated.

Not all field trips pose the same risks. Some field trips may not be suitable, for the younger children or elderly with health concerns. Field trip leaders will advise members, of the route to be traveled, rest stops and of any inherent dangers to be aware of, prior to any field trip commencing, We ask that participants curb their enthusiasm, and listen to the fieldtrip leader when he is giving direction and voicing safety concerns.

Prior to any field trip it is important to keep in touch. Cell phones work well in this case. Things can happen that are beyond our control, so please advise the leader of any last minute changes. The fieldtrip leader will advise participants if there are changes that can be dictated by the weather. This year two trips were cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

When traveling to any fieldtrip destination, we like to travel in a group, for safety reasons. If anyone is unsure of the directions they should advise the leader and travel near the front of the group. We can usually provide a map with a detailed route and scheduled stops, for bladder relief, gas or just an opportunity for slower travelers to catch up. Some of our members have large yellow “Rock Hound “ stickers so they can be easily identified as part of our group. If that is not enough, we can try fluorescent tracking tape