

ALBERTA GOLD PROSPECTOR'S ASSOCIATION

2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

February 25, 2017

The Annual General Meeting was held at the Ramada Inn located in Red Deer Alberta. The meeting was called to order by the President, Alexandra Hadash at 12:35 PM. There were 22 members in attendance.

Acceptance of the Agenda, Marty Yanishewski motioned to accept the agenda, Barry Perepelecta seconded, passed unanimously.

An abbreviated version of the minutes from the 2016 Annual General Meeting were read by Dan Hadash (Secretary Treasurer) and placed into the record and a motion was made by Kathy Trombley to accept the minutes as shown, seconded by Rolli O'Donnell, passed.

Alex Hadash read the Presidents Report.

She spoke about the 2016 CRLC Show, Edmonton Rock, Gem & Mineral Show, The New Saskatoon Rock & Gem Show, The Spring Break-out, Parkland County Riverdays, Scouts Jamboree, Corn Roast, Calgary Rock and Gem Show and Gold Dust Dinner.

She thanked the following people.

- Reno Zucchelli, Margaret Kadej, Josee Kadej, Ray Dube, Bill Malanchuk, Fred & Pat Walker, Devon Wasilewski, Alexander Hadash who helped with the CRLC Show.
- Barry & Vivian Perepelecta, Robin Rosborough, Rod Walker, Larry & Arline Larson, Chuck & Carol Anderson, Les & Jean Huber, Jim Holzer & Lorelei Gettle, Mike & Rolli O'Donnell, Terry Beaton, Terry & Cindy Regier, Ann & Shelby Taylor, Michael Scriba, Dave Coupland, Chris Kuchmak, Jim Wirth, Terry & Kathy Beaton, Marty Yanishewski, Renee White, Phil, Jocelyn & Brody Adcock, Joan & Clint Blize, Al Konash, Marty Hadash, Eileen Hatten, Barry & Becky Scott, Reno & Deb Zucchelli, Marilyn Johnson, Deanna Bowen, Devon Wasilewski, George & Josee Kadej, Dave Biro, Rod Scott & all the other numerous people who helped at the Spring Breakout.
- Barry & Vivian Perepelecta, Robin Rosborough, Phil Adcock, Marilyn Johnson, Mike O'Donnell who helped with the Parkland County River Days.
- Barry & Vivian Perepelecta, Robin Rosborough, Marty Yanishewski, Christina Van Ember, Rod Walker who helped with the Scouts Jamboree.
- Josee Kadej for helping at with the Saskatoon Rock and Gem Show.

- Pat & Fred Walker, Josee Kadej, Margaret Kadej, Marty Hadash, Devon Wasilewski, Alexander Hadash, Steve Hnatiw & Cera Hollywood for making the Calgary Rock and Gem Show a success.

- Rod & Fred Walker, Kathy Trombley, Josee Kadej & Devon Wasilewski and everyone else for helping at the Gold Dust Dinner.

Dan Hadash read an abridged version of The Secretary-Treasurers report on the financial health of the club as per Addendum 1 of the agenda. He talked about how the funds were lower than usual for the yearend but not by a lot and how money would be coming in for events shortly to boost the bank account.

Dan discussed how profitable the various shows were, and how the CRLC show for instance raised \$855. The Spring Breakout did not bring in the amount that it usually does and that cost the club quite a bit of money how next years is expected to return to profit as less supplies would be required, and how the the Gold Dust dinner did break even this year.

Old Business

No old business to discuss

New Business

- 1) Proposal to select Dates and Locations for events.

Spring Breakout

Alex started discussion by mentioned that that the secret park may not be available for use from now on, or it may not be able to be used overnight. Marilyn Johnson is trying to find out. At this point in time we may need to find an alternate location. Vivian Perepelecta brought up sending a letter to the town of Devon about the Secret Park. Alex said she has been in communication without success in finding an answer but will continue to ask for more information. Where there any alternate location suggestions from the group?

Gold Bar creek was brought up, but it was pointed out that it's located in Edmonton proper and couldn't be used for camping.

Terry Beaton, brought up Tredville Park about 100 km west of Red Deer and it could be a good spot, Robin said there may be fossils at that location as well.

Keith Lockett suggested the Tomlin Bridge about 25 km from Red Deer and discussion about access to the water due to mud was discussed.

Barry Perepelecta suggested up Range Rd 23 close to Genesee. It was discussed and people weren't sure if it would be available for camping.

Robin Rosborough suggested going to Buck Creek and that should be our fall back location if Devon isn't available.

Keith brought up going around Edson or going out to the Wildhorse near Ft. Steel BC and discussion ensued about those locations.

Robin suggested Ft. Assiniboine which is located at the junction of the Freeman and Athabasca rivers. The Freeman campground has been advertising gold panning on their website for a while. Jim Wirth brought up just north of the bridge at Ft. Assiniboine as well that might be a good place as well but that the campground was washing away in spring flooding in the previous years. Robin brought up that we should contact the chamber of commerce about the event.

The group agreed that Devon should be our first option, Freeman campground second and Buck Creek for third place.

Alex brought up June 2-4 as a suggested date. The group agreed that date would be good if available at the locations selected or could be changed at the discretion of the executive if necessary.

Corn Roast

Terry suggested that it should be in Red Deer again. Alex said that last year was a bit messed up because Devon was not allowing us to use the Secret Park at the time, and that is why the Park in Red Deer was selected.

Marty Yanishewski brought up that both the Spring Breakout and Corn roast were originally held for people to be able to pan on the river and he would like to see that again. Renee White mentioned that Peers sounded like a good spot and discussion ensued about that location

Jerry Vanderwell memorial campground. Peers was agreed upon, Sept 8-10 or also could be changed at the discretion of the executive if necessary.

Gold Dust Dinner

Dan asked what everyone thought of last years? All members in attendance thought it was excellent. The same place as last year (The Old's Legion) on Nov 25 was agreed upon.

2018 AGM

Renee suggested the Red Deer Ramada, Feb 24, 2018. All in attendance agreed. Location TBA.

2) Vote to appoint auditors for 2016 financial statements. Petri Nystrom motioned that Fred and Pat Walker do the audit, Kathy seconded, passed.

- 3) Volunteers for various events.
- CRLC Show, May 5-7, Kathy and Wayne.
 - Edmonton Rock Gem & Mineral Show, May 12-14, Barry & Vivian P, Robin R, Mike and Rollie O'Donnell.
 - Spring Break-out, Barry & Vivian P.
 - Parkland County Riverdays, Date TBA, Barry & Vivian P.
 - Scouts Jamboree, Date TBA, Barry & Vivian P.
 - Corn Roast, Alex will send out email asking closer to date.
 - Calgary Rock and Gem Show, Early October, Alex will send out email asking closer to date.
 - Gold Dust Dinner, Alex will send out email asking closer to date.
- 4) Terry Beaton presented new AGPA website. He showed all the new features including how we can now add more photos and easily change the front page and the events page as well as a contact form for people looking for more information. He said that he expects to have it live within a few weeks. The members in attendance were very impressed and gave several ideas to add to the website.
- 5) Prizes at the Spring Breakout competitions, everyone liked them and would like to do them again. No changes to the competitions, but revised scoring sheets and possibly rules are required as issues came up last year that need to be resolved.
- 6) Promotion of Spring Breakout by the AGPA. Alex spoke and conversation centered on where the competition is located. If it was located at Devon it wouldn't be an issue, but to advertise via media without location knowledge might create a situation with too many people. Possibly a local newspaper though. The conversation then went towards a maximum number of panners, etc. The question was asked to Terry if a competition registration section on the new website is possible? He said, yes. Vivian said it would be good for the competition organizers to know how many people are competing. Robin spoke about a different angle from the AGPA, and promoting it to the other clubs in BC, we should let the other clubs know that we are we are big and good enough to attend. It would be nice to have the AGPA competition known around western Canada. Alex agreed to do this.
- 7) Flat pan competition, Dan brought up if we should have a different weekend or not? The membership was cool to the idea. Alex talked about how the flat pan it isn't necessarily a good prospecting tool and is only generally used 99% of the time in competition only. The idea was not carried over.

Terry brought up that he was thinking about having several smaller claim staking competitions throughout the day instead of one. This was discussed and no consensus was achieved.

Timing of the sluicing event was brought up and what time it was held during the weekend of the Spring Breakout was discussed. The idea of the Spring Breakout being for club members only was brought up, but the membership disagreed with this and said that they prefer the competition to be open. Alex spoke about how the competition used to be open and people from a long way away came, but that the large trophy was won by someone from the US and the trophy wasn't brought back the next year. She said that the club doesn't want this to happen, so the house trophy was created and a smaller trophy that the winner could take home was made each year.

Marty Y spoke about how the other competitions are advertised via email addressed from people in other clubs and previous competitors and how a lot of Vernon club members used to attend the Klondike Days competition in Edmonton and then go on to Taylor in previous years.

8) Calgary Gold Show, Dan spoke about his idea of having a show in Calgary. People were very interested in it. Rod Walker spoke about how Fred and himself do talks for executives all over Alberta. He spoke about how people think of Gold Panning as it's romantic thing. Discussion ensued and it was agreed upon that it would move forward if possible.

9) Spring Breakout Gold Panning rules, Vivian spoke about if someone lost their nugget, how they potentially could still win the competition and how this needs to be resolved. Discussion was around adding a large amount of time if someone loses their nugget. Dan asked if there would be a couple of people who could look at the rules and get a resolution to the executive? Alex spoke about the various competitions and what she knows about the rules. Rod spoke about how you cannot mix part of the competition with points and part with time based. The group agreed that the old rules with awards based on points was to go moving forward. Marty suggested only having a 15 flake and discussion ensued. Rod suggest that we not be making the competition too hard for beginners to handle. The rules will be posted on the website before the competition and dated. The group agreed that we would follow the Taylor competition rules with small changes as necessary. Vivian volunteered to Judge at the Spring Breakout and to review the score sheets with help from Barry & also Robin Rosborough.

10) Sluicing fundraiser, Dan explained that it wasn't worth going there because the club only raised about \$97. Robin explained that it was a good show and tell for new members. Renee suggested that we call it a Sluicing workshop during the Corn Roast and the membership agreed.

11) Branded Materials, Sweaters, Golf Shirts, Coats, Alex spoke about Dave Coules and she is going to meet with him to look at various products. They are going to put together a

Zippered hoodie, Vests, Patches, etc. Terry suggested that we get club business cards and Dan explained that Alex had cards that showed her contact info but we would get a run of cards for all members that show the club info for all to hand out.

12) Raffle or Prizing off another Highbanker donated by Roughneck HQ, Steve is willing to give us another one and how do we want to raffle it off? Robin spoke about Steve and what his work is like. Everyone agreed to take another Highbanker from Steve if he would give the club one.

13) Club Trailer discussion, Vivian brought up that when the trailer is packed up it needs to be done correctly so that nothing gets damaged. Robin asked if we might want to move it closer to Calgary but it was agreed that it was good where it was at Jim and Lorelei's. Dan will ask them if they are ok with continuing to do so. Mike O'Donnell was thanked for hauling the trailer to various club events. Dan spoke about how the Trailer costs were more than expected and also about Trailer insurance. This insurance isn't necessarily viable as the cost is almost as much as the current director's insurance all together. The Trailer has excellent locks and should be safe against theft and how the goods inside aren't going to be of value to anyone who breaks into the trailer itself.

14) Prospectors Point Improvements, Vivian said that they planted grass and put in picnic tables. The area is non-descript. The pathway is from the botanical gardens but it doesn't affect the AGPA.

15) What to do with old club files, books etc, Dan mentioned that there were several hundred photos. It was discussed that maybe many of the photo's may just need to be tossed. Marty brought up how when the EGPA did a 25th anniversary book, they used a lot of their old photos to do such. Alex brought up getting rid of the old books at the gold dust dinner by a silent auction or a donation. Dan volunteered to scan the photos when he could and package them up for safe keeping. The scans could be added to the new website.

16) Edmonton Geological Society Gold Panning class, Alex spoke to Marilyn from the club last year but didn't heard back from them. Rod mentioned that they just had their AGM and there are new people if Alex wants to follow up.

17) Website Director, Alex mentioned that our former director had to step down due to health reasons, but that Terry Beaton agreed to step into the position if the membership agreed.

18) World Gold Panning Competition, Moffat Scotland, Alex asked for a show of hands of who was going and quite a few went up. She spoke about what last years was like. She spoke about what Moffat is like and how if you are attending you might to book asap as there is a sheep shearing competition at the same dates and how the local accommodations are filling up fast. The dates were from Aug 5-12. Keith spoke about his trip to Scotland last year and where he panned. He mentioned that it was very wild where he went and the

exchange rate was very good now. Terry mentioned that we would update the website with scores excreta as they happened this year.

19) Flat Pan Competition/Try outs for Alberta Team, Held over for this year. To be looked at for next year.

20) AGPA 40th Anniversary, Dan asked about how we want to celebrate it? Vivian brought up a patch. It was well received. Having the branded products show a 40th anniversary below the logo would be good. Robin brought up a 40th anniversary Snuffer Bottles and it was also well received.

Vivian advised that the longshots brought in voting proxies to ensure that a quorum number was reached during AGM's. Barry asked to be sent a copy of the bylaws to ensure that the club was in proper standing according to the by-laws.

Dan asked if anyone had other business they would like to discuss and no one did.

Elections

Resignations:

Secretary/Treasurer	Dan Hadash
Vice-President	Michael Scriba (if no other members stepped forward)

Election of Officers and Directors

Officers

President	Alex Hadash let her name stand
Vice-President	Michael Scriba agreed to let his name stand as no other members put their name forward.
Secretary-Treasurer	Renee put forward Kathy Trombley, Vivian seconded. Elected.

Directors

Fred Walker

Lloyd Barbarree

Larry Larson – To be confirmed

Joe Sparrow – To be confirmed

Troy Kellow – To be confirmed

Fundraising director

Dan Hadash

Newspaper editor/communications director

Cera Hollywood

Website Director

Terry Beaton

Competitions committee

Robin Rosborough, Barry & Vivian Perepelecta

Draw for Door Prize

Alex Hadash drew the ticket.

1.77 gr Gold Nugget - Renee White

Dan Hadash called for adjournment of the meeting, agreed.

The meeting ended at 4:43pm.