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Next Meeting:

When: Monday, October 7, 2013

Place: Burnside Lawnbowling
Clubhouse
274 Hampton Rd.

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Program: Amendments to the
VLMS Constitution

Executive Meeting:

When: Last Monday of every month
(except when it falls on a holiday)
(no meetings in Dec., June & July)

Place: Les Passmore Centre, (Club
Workshop)
Hampton Rd.

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Gem Show 2014 Meeting:

When: Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2013

Place: Lawnbowling Clubhouse

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Field Trip:

When: October 20, 2013

Place: Clover Point on Dallas Rd.

Time: Meet at 9:00 am at Clover
Point.

If Going, Phone Gilles

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**Mike Hill**

This month we would like to make some amendments to our constitution. This edition of the Laphound News lays out the amendments under consideration. Please read them over carefully and we will discuss them at the October meeting and vote on them. Please make an effort to come to this meeting so that we can have everyone's participation.

EDITORS REMARKS**Leni Gagnon**

We returned from our trip last week and, as always, we had a good trip. The grandson in Saskatchewan is doing well.

The weather for the most part was well into the 30 degrees C. We experienced some rain as well as some fantastic thunderstorms. We were in Boulder, Colorado the day before the big flood.

The Denver Show was very interesting; smaller than Tucson but with much the same type of venues in hotels and outside tents. I didn't buy much as I couldn't find what I was looking for. I did get some new species of minerals and a few more meteorites. While we were in Denver we visited the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. It is beautiful and well worth the visit.

The part of the trip that I enjoyed most was our visit to Arches National Park, Bryce National Park and Zion

National Park. I will write a more detailed report on them another time. It is always great to be on the road but then it is good to get back to your own bed and planning for the next trip.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY

A clean house is the sign of a broken computer.

SHOWS AND EVENTS**OCTOBER**

26 – 27 **PORT MOODY ROCK
& GEM CLUB**
Kyle Centre
125 Kyle St., Port Moody,
BC

26 – 27 **SURREY ROCKHOUND
CLUB**
Sullivan Hall, 6306 152 St
Surrey, BC

NOVEMBER

2 – 3 **DELTA ROCKHOUND
GEM & MINERAL CLUB**
South Delta Rec. Centre,
1720 – 56th St.,
Tsawwassen, BC

**THE DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURE
AND SCIENCE****Leni Gagnon**

While we were in Denver, we decided to visit the Museum of History and Science. It is a beautiful museum The original building is about 100 years old and has been renovated over the years. A new addition is being built

which will add another 126,00 square feet. The museum won the 2013 Certificate of Excellence.

The museum boasts, along with wonderful exhibits, an Imax theater, a Planetarium and an education center for its many programs. The exhibits cover Anthropology, Earth Sciences, Health sciences, Spaces sciences and Zoology.

The highlight for me was an exhibition of the sculptures of Vasily Konovalenko. This exhibit is the only collection of the artist's work on public display outside of Moscow. He has found hidden life in stones.

When Vasily was a young man he became a theater designer and was sketching designs for a new ballet called "The Stone Flower". He became fascinated with gems and stones and decided to try his hand at carving. With no teacher and limited tools, he taught himself lapidary. His artworks have become national treasures. His theme for his carvings is Russian Folklore.

Each scene is sculpted completely out of different mineral combinations. He uses such minerals and stones such as agate, jasper, carnelian, amethyst, chrysoprase, chalcedony, lapis lazuli, turquoise, malachite, sodalite and azurite. If a person were not familiar with stones and gems they wouldn't realize that is what the sculptures were made from. The details fantastic and the characters seem to have a life of their own.

Vasily had one other sculpture there. It was the head of Martin Luther King

Jr. It was carved from a 4180 ct. sapphire, which was found in Queensland, Australia around 1940. The end result is 3294 ct. after carving the gem.

If you ever have the opportunity to visit Denver, the Museum of Nature and Science is a definite must see. Be sure to see the artworks of Vasily Konovalenko while you are there.



I STAND CORRECTED

Hi Leni The recent article about various gasses is misleading and dangerous. All gasses displace oxygen and if there is enough in the air to bring the oxygen content to below 18% the breather will be suffocated, carbon monoxide is a deadly poison 1% percent will kill you in 5 minutes or less, carbon tetrachloride is poisonous, chlorine a deadly poison, cyanide a deadly poison, lead fumes are poisonous just to name a few, re read water is h2o h2so4 is sulphuric acid, also a poison are we having fun yet??? John Burns

The surest way to have the last word is to apologize.

VLMS CONSTITUTION
AMENDMENTS
David Hosking

Two years ago the Executive decided to look at the bylaws to see if they should be updated. The proposed revisions are set out in this edition of the

Laphound News so the members have a chance to review them carefully. The Executive will propose their adoption at the October meeting.

The first three sections are the constitution and they remain the same. The

rest of the document is the bylaws. The current bylaws have served us well

for all these years but they do have some items which may have outlived their usefulness or that are no longer required and some of the language should be updated.

CONSTITUTION — 1996 - Amended January 2010

VICTORIA LAPIDARY AND MINERAL SOCIETY (V.L.M.S.)

1. Name: The Name of this society is the "Victoria Lapidary and Mineral Society (V.L.M.S.)".

2. Purposes:

- a) to promote interest in the lapidary art and associated crafts, and in the study and collection of geological material, and
- b) to encourage interest in the geology and exploration of Vancouver Island with a

view to finding sources of material.

3. Colours: The colours of this Society are: Green — White — Black. This provision shall be unalterable.

BY-LAWS — 1996: Amended 2013

In these bylaws, the Victoria Lapidary and Mineral Society (V.L.M.S.) is referred to as "the V.L.M.S.".

ARTICLE I — MEMBERSHIP

- (1) There are three categories of membership in the V.L.M.S.: - member, junior member and honorary member.
- (2) Any individual who is 18 years old or older may apply to become a member by completing an application for membership in a form as prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors accompanied by payment of the membership fee.
- (3) An individual who is under 18 years old who is listed under a one or two parent family on the membership application and renewal form is a junior member.
- (4) The Board of Directors shall have the authority to refuse any application for membership. Before refusing an application, the applicant(s) must be notified of the intention to refuse membership and the applicant(s) (or their advocate), upon request made within 90 days of notice of

intention to refuse membership, shall be given the opportunity to be heard at a meeting of the Board of Directors.

(5) Membership may be terminated by the Board of Directors for continued conduct prejudicial to the well-being of the V.L.M.S.

(6) By resolution of the members, junior members and honorary members at an annual general meeting, any person may be made an honorary member for life. An honorary membership may be revoked by ordinary resolution at an annual or special general meeting. The V.L.M.S. will pay the British Columbia Lapidary Society annual membership fee of honorary members at the BCLS single adult member rate.

Membership Fee:

(7) An annual membership fee shall be set by ordinary resolution at an annual general meeting. The membership year is from January 1st to December 31st. Membership fees may be established for individuals, family groups and other categories approved by the members; individuals listed on a family group application form are each individually a member or junior member and have the rights and responsibilities of individual members or junior members. Honorary members do not pay the annual membership fee.

(8) Membership fees paid between January 1st and June 30th shall be

deemed payment for that calendar year to December 31st. New members joining after June 30th shall pay one-half the annual fee for that calendar year to December 31st.

(9) A member or junior member who does not renew membership by December 31st will be deemed to have voluntarily ceased to be a member and shall be removed from the register of members.

Benefits of Membership:

(10) Members and honorary members shall have the right to:

- a. Receive notice of all general and special V.L.M.S. meetings;
- b. Vote at all meetings and hold office;
- c. Receive instruction in basic lapidary and mineral identification and participate in other training or educational activities sponsored by the V.L.M.S.;
- d. Use V.L.M.S. facilities and equipment when qualified as determined by the V.L.M.S. workshop committee.

(11) Junior Members shall have the right to:

- a. Receive notice of all general and special V.L.M.S. meetings;
- b. Vote at all meetings but not to hold any

- elected or appointed office;
- c. Receive instruction in basic lapidary and mineral identification and participate in other training or educational activities sponsored by the V.L.M.S.;
 - d. Use V.L.M.S. facilities and equipment when qualified as determined by the V.L.M.S. workshop committee;
 - e. The V.L.M.S. Board of Directors may determine that a junior member must be accompanied by a responsible adult when using V.L.M.S. facilities and equipment, attending field trips or receiving instruction.

ARTICLE II — MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

- (1) A general meeting of the membership shall be held in each month from September to June inclusive, with one of those meetings designated as the Annual General Meeting.
- (2) Special meetings may be called by the President.
- (3) A Special Meeting shall be called by the President upon the written request of any ten members, exclusive of the directors.

Notice of Meetings:

- (5) General meetings shall be held on the first Monday of the month unless that day is a statutory holiday in which case the meeting will be the second Monday. If a new time and or place for the meeting is selected, notice shall be given in the Laphound News, issued at least fourteen days before the first two regular meetings after the new time or place has been authorized.
- (6) Notice of the annual general meeting shall be given in the Laphound News, issued at least fourteen days before the meeting stating the major items of business.
- (7) Notice of special meetings shall be given in the Laphound News, issued at least fourteen days before the meeting stating the business to be conducted.

Quorum

- (8) A quorum at any meeting of the membership shall be fifteen or one-quarter of the members, junior members and honorary members, whichever is the lesser.

ARTICLE III – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- (1) The Board of Directors shall consist of a president, the immediate past president, a vice-president, a secretary, a treasurer and four at large directors.

(2) Any member or honorary member may be nominated, be elected and serve as a director.

(3) A nominating committee may be appointed by the Board of Directors and nominations shall also be taken from the floor.

(4) The president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and the four at large directors shall be elected by position by members, junior members and honorary members at each annual general meeting by majority vote of those present. The term of office for directors shall be one year and directors take office immediately at the close of the meeting in which they are elected.

(5) Vacancies on the Board of Directors, however caused, may be filled by the directors from among members and honorary members to serve until the next annual general meeting.

(6) Any director may be removed from office by a special resolution at a special general meeting with a 75% majority of those present.

Meetings of the Board of Directors:

(7) A quorum for a meeting of the Board of Directors shall be five.

(8) The President or pro-tem chair of the meeting may vote at any meeting of the Board of Directors. In the event of a tied vote, the President or pro-tem chair of the meeting does not have an additional tie breaking vote. In the

event of a tied vote, the motion is not adopted.

(9) Meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President, two or more directors, or fifteen or more members of the V.L.M.S..

(10) Any meeting of the directors may be adjourned and such business may be transacted at such adjourned meeting as might have been transacted at the original meeting.

Duties and Powers of the Directors:

(11) (a) The management and the administration of the affairs of the V.L.M.S. shall be vested in the directors.

(b) The directors shall have the power to appoint such committees as they deem necessary and delegate to such committees such powers and duties as the directors may determine. Such committees shall periodically report their proceedings to the board directors and shall conduct their business in accordance with the directions of the board.

(c) The directors shall ensure that all cheques are signed by at least two persons designated by the directors and the directors may designate any number of such persons.

(d) Subject to the Society Act, the directors shall not be liable for any action taken or omitted by them in good faith.

(12) The President shall:

1. preside at all meetings;
2. call special meetings;
3. carry out the instructions and assignments given by the Board of Directors and the membership;
4. perform such other duties as customarily pertain to the office of President.

(13) The Past President shall advise the Board of Directors in matters where his or her experience may be of value.

(14) The Vice-President shall:

1. generally assist the President;
2. in the absence of the President, temporarily assume and perform the duties of President.

(15) The Secretary shall:

1. keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings;
2. issue notices of meetings after consultation with the President;
3. prepare the agenda after consultation with the President;
4. conduct the correspondence of the V.L.M.S.;
5. have custody of all records and documents of the V.L.M.S. except those required to be kept by the Treasurer;
6. maintain the register of the membership.

(16) The Treasurer shall:

1. collect all fees and assessments;

2. render an account each month, or more often if required, and annually of all receipts and expenditures;
3. pay bills.

(17) At large directors shall contribute their knowledge, experience and good sense to the deliberations of the Board of Directors and undertake special projects as required.

ARTICLE IV - BORROWING POWERS

The Society may borrow, raise or secure payment of money as permitted under the Society Act, but in any event shall not borrow, raise or secure payment of money for any purpose until the money saved for each purpose is at least two thirds (2/3) of the full amount reliably estimated to be the full and final cost of such purpose. Authorization for such borrowing, raising or securing of payment of money shall be by a special resolution passed at an Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting.

ARTICLE V – AUDIT

A board of auditors, comprising at least two members of the V.L.M.S., shall be appointed by the membership annually. The auditors shall audit the books as kept by the treasurer for the preceding year from January to December and provide the membership with a statement attesting to the accuracy of the financial records or indicating actual or potential inaccuracies in the records and other comments if any.

ARTICLE VI - AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these bylaws may be adopted at any general meeting by passage of a special resolution with a 75% majority of those present and voting, provided that notice of the proposed amendments has been given in the Laphound News at least ten days before the date of the meeting.

ARTICLE VII - SEAL CLAUSE

The Secretary shall have custody of the seal of the V.L.M.S., which shall not be affixed to any instrument except by authority of a resolution of the board of directors and in the presence of all such directors as named in the resolution.

ARTICLE VIII - BOOKS AND RECORDS

The following books and records shall be kept for at least 6 years:

- Register of members, junior members and honorary members;
- Minutes of general meetings;
- Minutes of special meetings;
- Minutes of directors' meetings;
- List of members of each committee;
- Copy of the constitution and by-laws;
- Records of all financial transactions and monthly financial reports;
- Files of communication.

The books and records of the V.L.M.S. may be inspected by a member, junior member or honorary member at a

time agreed with the secretary or treasurer.

ARTICLE IX - RULES OF ORDER

The rules contained in "Robert's Rules of Order" shall govern all matters of procedure not covered in these bylaws.



May your stuffing be tasty,
 May your turkey be plump.
 May your potatoes 'n gravy have nary
 a lump,
 May your yams be delicious,
 May your pies take the prize.
 May your thanksgiving dinner stay off
 your thighs.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!



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