

Minutes of the Ottawa Lapsmith and Mineral Club 2006 Annual Meeting
217 Bell Street north, Ottawa, March 9, 2006

John Udd, President OLMC, presiding

Meeting convened at 19:30. A quorum of 27 members is in attendance

Copies of the 2005 Annual Meeting minutes were placed at the head table for member perusal.

First item on the agenda is the President's 2006 Report.

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Report of the President

Tonight I am presenting my annual report as your President. In doing this, I want to express my deep appreciation to my colleagues on the Board who have done all of the work that I am going to talk about. Without their efforts your club would be nowhere near where it is today.

The year has been one of outstanding achievements. Our membership grew from 159 single and family memberships to 129 single memberships and 86 family memberships. Using two as the minimum number in a family membership that means that we at least 172 in family members, for a total of at least 301 persons being members. Our growth has been phenomenal, and we must thank those who organize the show, put on the presentations and auctions, organize and run the workshop, and organize the field trips for us, for this. We are a place where the action is and people are "voting with their feet" in joining us.

The workshop has been so busy that there were 665 persons using it last year - as compared with 364 during the previous year. Thank goodness that we acquired some additional space in the next room for use as a storage facility. Even with that, however, there has been some crowding on occasion. There were also 26 persons who participated in our courses.

During the year, the attendance and dealer participation at our annual show increased our revenues to about \$33,000. Seven years ago it was about \$6,000. The downside is that we are now obliged to charge the GST. This last year, however, we built this into the price of admissions and tried to maintain the prices at an affordable level

At this point I am going to ask all of the members of the Executive and those who are Committee Chairpersons to stand. Ladies and gentlemen, these are the people who have done the work that has resulted in the numbers which I have presented. I suggest that we all applaud their efforts.

Finally, I am now concluding my third year as your President and am stepping aside. New “blood” and new views are essential to ensure our future prosperity as an organization. We must grow in vision and in accepting new challenges and opportunity. I thank you for the confidence that you have had in me and urge you to show this same support to your new executive. To say the very least I have enjoyed myself tremendously and intend to keep on doing so. Thank you for your support. It has been deeply appreciated.

John E. Udd

Next Agenda item are the Committee Reports

Kerry Day (Programs) outlined the programs schedule for the remainder of 2006. It includes a tour of the Pink’s Rd collection in Aylmer, several rock collection outings this summer, the June auction. Full details will be published in The Cutting Edge.

Anna Grealy (Workshop) reported on the use of the workshop, equipment available and workshop hours. It may be open this summer if Supervisors can be found. She ended her presentation with a call to members: “We have a great facility so come on down and use it.”

Jo Stinson (Membership). We now have 70 people receiving The Cutting Edge via e-mail. This save the Club substantial money in mailing costs. We’d like to see more members using this option.

Rita Hudec (Treasurer) noted that a condensed version of the financial statements were circulated to members via our newsletter and moved that these be accepted. Joy MacDonell seconds motion. Approved unanimously. Rita moves seconded by Joy that we thank our auditor, Peter Duncan, for his stalwart work in reviewing OLMC financial statements. Approved unanimously.

Nominations for 2006-07 Executive. The nominations are: Steve Souliere, President; Anna Grealy, Vice-President; Rita Hudec, Treasurer; John Skelton, Secretary. The Chair made a call for nominations from the floor. Once. Twice, Three times. There being no further nominations put forward the 2006-07 Executive is approved by acclamation.

President Steve Souliere then took the chair. His first order of business was to thank John Udd for his excellent service as President over the past three years. Steve then mentioned that he would offer a course on opal cutting subject to demand. He talked of some options for upcoming field trips. There being no speaker for the evening (Karl Schutt is sick) Steve and Kerry offered some new members a tour of workshop equipment.

Meeting adjourned at 20:30.

