



Minutes

Coloured Stone Commission Steering Committee Zoom meeting which followed the Virtual November 16th Coloured Stone Commission Congress meeting

Thursday December 9th, 2021

Time – 7 a.m. (CET), 2 p.m. in Tokyo, 10 p.m. in California

Time allotment 2 hours

Location – Virtual Zoom Meeting

President: Charles Abouchar

Vice-President: Nilam Alawdeen

Vice-President: Emmanuel Piat

The Meeting started on time with 14 participants

- Charles Abouchar, Nilam Alawdeen, Jeanette Fiedler, Jean Pierre Chalain, Roland Naftule, Thomas Lind, Adrian Meister, Noora Jamsheer, Karina Ratzlaff, Shane McClure, Thanong Leelawatanasuk, Hanco Zwaan, Yoichi Horikawa and Anton Zaitsev
- Ken Scarratt attended later
- Absent members are Ronnie Bauer, Melissa Wolfgang, Tony Brooke, Rui Galopin, Olivier Segura, Emmanuel Piat and Gerard Grospron

7.00 CET Charles opened the meeting and made reference to the virtual November 16th Congress Coloured Stones Commission (CSC) meeting minutes. No comments were made. The minutes will be confirmed during the next CSC Meeting.

Charles explained that the meeting is being held to discuss the unanswered points that remained from the commission meeting.

In order to coordinate these points more quickly, Roland sent a questionnaire prior to the meeting to committee members asking them for their opinion on each of the unresolved points.

During the meeting the approved changes were incorporated directly into the document of the questionnaire by Jean Pierre in order for these to readily be read in detail, and for Roland to transfer into the Gemstone Book after the meeting.

On the basis of the questionnaire and today's discussions, the following decisions were made: (for details and ease of review, see the attached questionnaire)

4.1.1 Roland's suggestion to change the wording of this clause is accepted.

4.1.1.3 Thomas' proposal to adapt this clause to the new structure of the book is accepted with minor changes.

4.2.5 Adrian's suggestions regarding the stability and treatments are accepted.

4.2.5.1.1 Roland's proposal regarding wax / oiling is accepted. Jeanette's remark regarding "altered" is taken into account and replaced by treated is accepted.

- Ca. 7.45 Due to technical problems with the Internet, Charles hands over the chair of the meeting to Roland.
- 4.2.5.1.3 "Sealed" was deleted and changed to "filled".
- 4.2.5.1.6 A fundamental discussion took place to determine if additional treatment methods should be included. Ken, Shane, and others discussed how this method is to be carried out.
Decision: This new treatment should be included as indicated by some laboratories. It is referred to as "Heat with pressure" and the wording of the clause is revised a little bit.
- 4.2.5.2.3 This clause "Absence of information" should be written in a more general way and should not contain any examples. It has been completely revised.
- 5.43 The heading and the definition of this clause was changed to "Heat with Pressure" as well as the text that was provided by Roland.
- 5.53 This clause is accepted with the change of the term "crystallized" to "crystalline".
- 5.54 The clause is accepted with the proposed changes regarding "specific or general information".
- 5.57 "Oil" - this definition has been completely redrafted.
- 5.81 "Trade codes" is accepted as shown on screen by Jean Pierre.
- 5.87 The text of the definition "Weight" has been changed.
- 6.2 The word "altered" has been changed to "treated".
- 7.12 According to the definition, the trade code for "Heat with Pressure" has also been changed.
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- a) The change of the subtitle was accepted.
 - b) Frequency column - accepted as shown
It was decided that there should be 7 different frequency levels: no treatment", "unknown", "rarely", "occasionally", "commonly" "almost always" or "always".
Ken suggests assigning only 5 levels corresponding from 1 to 5, where 1 = no treatment and 5 = always.
Roland suggests that 1 = no treatment, 2 = not known, 3 = occasionally, 4 = frequently and 5 = always.
Decision:
 - A new method is to be considered for the next congress taking into account Ken's suggestion. For now changes to the Gemstone Book are to be made as indicated in the first 4 lines of b above).
 - Hanco and Ken will revise the table again and incorporate the corresponding changes as specified under the first 4 lines of b above.
 - c) Yoichi suggested changing the title to "List of Gemstones"
- Roland Refers back to his December 7th, 2021 email regarding clauses 4.2.5.1. and 4.2.5.2.
- Jeanette Suggested that this point should not be brought up now as it was not discussed at the CSC November 16th meeting. It should not be discussed now, but instead it should be discussed at the next CSC, during the next Congress.

Meeting closed at 9:15 CET

The minutes were kept by Jeanette Fiedler and Nilam Alawdeen.