

Minutes of the 03/29/03 Combined Board Meeting

Dave Sanders opened the meeting at 9:30am.

Treasurer's report read by Kathy Earnst

Newsletter will correct addresses of Marty Casto and Norma Kikkert.

Wagonmasters report

Lease copies given for clubs to review. DNR plans to put up a gate to restrict access to Walker Valley leased mineral collecting site. All clubs are asked to write Doug Sutherland, The Commissioner of Public Lands at PO Box 47701, Olympia WA 98504-7001. Ph. 360-902-1004. email cpl@wadnr.gov or file complaint at <http://www.wa.gov/dnr/contact/commentform.html>

Let them know you oppose a gate at this site as it will restrict access for those members of the public who are handicapped, aged, or have children. That the site is leased by the mineral council, and those lease provisions provide for access to roads to the lease site.

They say that they are putting the gate up due to trash and abandoned vehicles 1-2 per month there, but no one has seen that at the pit area, perhaps that is the rate for the whole Walker Valley area but not for the pit area.

The council voted to approve replacing the mineral council sign at the Walker Valley site. Bruce Himko will look into low cost replaceable supply of signs to use, and Vi Jones will look into what options for posting the sign there are and where the best place is to put it since the trees there are gone.

More timber sales have been done in the Walker Valley area and logging will continue there.

Ed brought in field trip lists and shaker box building directions to hand out.

Ed is looking for prospectors to come over to share his maps and locations of potential sites he cannot get to. Call him and arrange time to come over.

Ed needs tumble size rock to be donated for his kids programs.

Old Business

Elections:

The following people were elected by unanimous ballot approved by the council:

President: Marty Casto

Historian Jackie and Bob Pattie

Vice President : Stu Earnst

Wagonmaster Ed Lehman

2nd Vice President: Ed Thomas

Newsletter editor/ Webmaster- Glenn Morita

Secretary: Norma Kikkert

Treasurer: Kathy Earnst

Past President: Dave Sanders

Trustees:

Eastside

Al Newkirk 2005

Dean Angstrom 2006

Diane Rose 2004

Bill Snell 2005

Bob Bockman 2006

Ed Brandstoettner 2004

Westside

Dave Eckert 2005

Glenn Morita 2004

Ed Levesque 2004

Stan Brooks 2006

Bruce Himko 2006

The Council approved the production expense of 100 more maps for sales stock.

New Business:

More mineral leases. West side has had heavy debate over the liability and maintenance barriers that are faced by having mineral lease sites. It was decided that since the Federation has been researching the process on a sample basis with the Indian min, that Ed Thomas will see what Rocky McCall found out about that process rather than reinvent the wheel.

The mineral council meeting date and place has been changed to August 16th at the Lk Wenatchee field trip. We will be able to camp at Bill Williams place again, just on the west side of the home.

Cherry Creek Duvall concerns discussed. DNR has gated that area off with the excuse of trash dumping but is really selling permits for the dumping of sewage there. It is having environmental impacts

We had introductions all around and got Bob O'Brien's overseas address:

SFC Robert O'Brien

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Meeting adjourned