

Minutes of the May 8 Quarterly meeting

May 8th 1999 at the Palace Cafe 9:30-11:30 A.M.
Bob O'Brien presiding, Nineteen in attendance.

Treasurer Report

· Kathy Earnst presented the current written treasurers report. There was a motion that the funds in Key Bank Money Market be reinvested in another type because the service fee exceeded the interest. It was moved, seconded and carried.

Wagonmaster's report

· Bob O'Brien gave a Wagonmaster's report for Ed Lehman after a cell-phone conversation with Ed. Confirmation of field trips were:

· 5/16/99 NWR - Cherry Creek - In Duvall meet at the Family Grocery at 8:30 Black petrified wood with marcasite to be found in the stream.

· 5/22-23/99 Greenwater meet at 8:30 camp # 7220 spur - Digging & light hard rock tools, no permit is needed.

· 6/5 -6/99 WSMC 6100 Rd - In Enumclaw met at 8:00 Weyerhauseaur White River log scale. Bring digging tools for Thunder-eggs and Moss agate.

· 7/10/99 East Timberwood trip was announced by Bill? Meet in Yakima at BiMart(40th & Fruit...) at 8 A.M. for skeltonized crystal.

OLD BUSINESS

· Proposed By Law change:

Article XII

Section 1. The Mineral Council representatives shall also be officers in the Wagonmaster Association with one individual elected by the members as the wagonmaster to be in charge of organizing and leading all field trips.

Section II. Members of the public may attend any Wagonmaster trip. To do so, there is a per day membership fee, making that person a member of the Wagonmaster Association for a period of 24 hours. At the end of said time, unless such fee is paid again and the sign-in list signed again, the membership ends for that day.

Section III. The moneys collected will be turned over to the Treasurer of the Mineral Council and used to defray the cost of insurance as required on the field trips.

· Motion was made to accept the Article XII as stated above. The motion was seconded and carried.

· Some discussion was made on the proposed Article change in that at the present time the fee is 50 cents per person per day including all members from clubs with the exception of WSMC club representatives.

· There was a discussion about using the Federation Directory to determine the number of members in a club. This would determine the amount the club would pay for WSMC dues. WSMC now receives 75 cents per club member. A clarification was made and accepted that only adult club members count for annual WSMC dues. Juniors will not be counted. This will be stated in the future WSMC bulletins.

Elections:

· **A slate of Washington State Mineral Council Officers were presented, and the following were elected :**

President Martin Casto

Vice President Tom Johanson

2nd VP Pat Weber

Secretary Dave Sauders/

Stan Brooks

Treasurer Kathy Earnst

· **Motion was seconded and carried to accept the slate of officers**

· **Trustees - East side will be determined soon.**

· **Trustees - Westside:**

Glenn Morita, Mary Foster, Ed Laveque, Stan Brooks, Dave Ekert, Marcy Kleckener, Bob O'Brien,

Wagonmaster: Ed Lehmann

Editor: Glenn Morita

New Business:

· A By Law change was proposed to have three meetings per year for WSMC rather the four. The idea received favorable comments.

· New President Martin Casto will work out dates that don't conflict with Club shows. April, August, and October or

November were the months proposed.

- President Martin Casto circulated an e-mail address sheet to aid in communications for those who have e-mail available.
- A brief summary of the Gold & Fish was given by Bob O'Brien. The pamphlet was prepared and distributed by the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife. The requirements and restrictions could affect our hobby greatly. If Governor Locke signs a new legislative bill then the pamphlet will be thrown out. State Senators, Benton, Morton, Shin and Sheldon are in favor of ending the pamphlet. Also word about the #1893 House Bill was reported by Bob O'Brien.
- Glenn Morita mentioned that there was misinformation of facts for Hansen Creek. The Mineral Council did drop the claim with Hansen Creek because the claim boundary didn't meet the requirements of the Miner's law. Hansen Creek is still Public Lands and is not closed to access. However, to get there one has to cross other claims so be aware. The Forest Service discourages anyone in going there. The mineral rights still belong to Burlington Northern Railroad.

The next Washington State Mineral Council meeting will be August 21-22 at the Mineral Springs Campground (near Redtop) with a potluck and business meeting Aug. 21st.

The seven lucky numbers were called and mounted crystal specimens and rock slabs were given to the lucky people. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

Submitted by Ruth/Stan Brooks