

Combined Board Meeting

11/03/07

Diana Rose opened the meeting.

Kathy presented the Treasurer's report. Bob Pattie submitted a bill for stamps and copier. With that draw, and the previous draw for producing Map books, the checking funds have been depleted to a negative balance until Map sales replenish the account.

Old Business:

Walker Valley

The issue of missing locks (6 so far) having been replaced as an increasing expense was counterbalanced with the news of how many the DNR has actually had to replace. It was said that nearly 600 locks in just September and October were stolen!

Map booklets

With no other maps having been discovered as left to distribute, 100 color and 50 blk/wh have been printed off. (A quick check of the income receipts reflects a proper intake of funds from sales). Dispersal of the maps was discussed.

Two GPS coordinate sheets were collected for further publication.

Again, anyone with GPS data on collecting sites is encouraged to share that knowledge by sending your data to the editor, gmorita@seanet.com, or to my listed address, and it will be passed along to Ed Lehman.

New Business:

Representation

Bob Pattie took the floor with general topics to open for discussion; should there still be four East meetings, and is June thru October too long between meetings; should field trips be in conjunction with the meetings in an effort to draw more participation; next year's agenda?, and nominations and the filling of positions for the East side next year needed discussion, and it looks like the Westside is looking good.

The open discussion which ensued on the matter of lack of participation will remain unresolved until appointed persons make themselves present on their own accord. Those which do attend consistently, present at this meeting, seemed stumped at what would draw the representation back to the table. Without a reflection of input from other clubs, discussions and implementations of matters is being handled by a few and may not, cannot, reflect all areas with their concerns, needs and desires.

There were 12 persons attending today; 8 individuals and two couples representing only 6 clubs of what should be about 20 clubs represented here. Suggestions were to have speakers to draw a crowd back (the local Geology instructor for one), have field trips in conjunction with the meetings, and perhaps disperse the most interesting of information at the meetings themselves, such as GPS coordinates and such, to encourage the actual presence of representatives rather than including such info in emails. Your input is needed, particularly in this matter of attendance. Without reps here it was felt, in general, that perhaps clubs are relying on the emailed Council Reporter and it's minutes to relay info to their clubs; this practice will only perpetuate the lack of attendance, thus the continued lack of varied input at the meetings. Of concern now is the lack of nominations for the Eastside, with open positions to fill for Trustee and 2nd Vice President. This topic remains open with further nominations needed in order to maintain a full Board.

2008 Agenda and trips, and completing nominations for the next year had been previously set for this meeting's discussions.

Mike Messenger was not present and had been appointed the task of planning the agenda and trips for next year. The information will have to be compiled in the interim and presented at the March meeting.

To all: A REMINDER to attend meetings could be in your email box in the near future. Would this assist you?

2008 Meeting Dates

A March 2008 meeting date was suggested for the 29th. All present agreed to the date. The first 2008 meeting will be held on that date, and subsequent meeting dates for 2008 will be voted on at that time. The questions of whether to have 3 or 4 Eastside meetings in 2008 was asked and answered by vote: 3 meetings received two votes, and the remaining majority voted to continue with 4 meetings for the Eastside.

2008 meeting dates were discussed and will be voted on at the March meeting: May 17th, September 20th and November 1, 2008. The 28th of March 2009 is also set for vote to complete an entire year of planning meeting dates.

Map booklets

It was thought Mike Messenger previously volunteered to update and/or revise the map booklets, and the past meeting minutes will be checked. At present, the just printed booklets remain as they were. It is hoped they will get revised in the near future as sales could lack due to reflecting the old revision date at present. Bill Moser remains on task with compiling GPS coordinates.

WagonMaster meeting

Ed Lehman announced this meeting is scheduled for January 12th, 2008 as a tentative date only. It will be hosted again by Boeing, and the alternate date is the 3rd Saturday in January (the 19th). There are plans for a trip in conjunction with this meeting should the weather allow it. Further information can be obtained by Ed. It would be good for you to attend should you be interested in filling the open WagonMaster position.

Ed announced his intention to "retire" from the Map booklet and Wagon Master duties he has been filling; having had a taste of what real retirement could feel like with a little bit more freedom, he welcomes anyone interested in taking over. He spoke of a couple trips he took and his plans on other geological presentations he is in the process of performing.

There was a sidebar on whether persons who have presented at schools have been "certified" to do so. Not certified in the field so much, but also having had an actual background check in order to come on school grounds. The Council would look into what they could do to assist members in these endeavors should the need arise.

Ed Lehman asked that clubs send in all of the names of representatives who do go out to schools, and those who would be interested in doing it, so when a call comes in (and they do) requesting a presentation in your locale, your information could then be passed along.

First Creek

No land exchange is known to have transpired as of yet.

Walker Valley

Question was asked if you needed to be a member of the Mineral Council in order to collect there. This was answered with "NO". The Mineral Council has leased the land for the right of the public to collect.

Access to Public Lands

Kathy brought in a newspaper article written by REP Dan Kristiansen concerning 14 pages of new rules being considered by the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission. REP Kristiansen is concerned the rules may be off-balanced between protecting wildlife and allowing public access since the proposed rules are stringent, and with that would effectively prohibit citizens from using public lands, and the dribble effect would impact the economy in the surrounding areas of the proposed changes. Examples are given in the article and The REP encourages you to download the proposed rules from his website: www.housepublicans.wa.gov/Kristiansen/FWPublicAccessRules.pdf.

The commission meets in December and REP Kristiansen would take all comments at kristiansen.dan@leg.wa.gov, or call toll free: 1-800-562-6000. The article was passed along to the editor with the meeting minutes.

Nominating Committee - Nominations

It was determined the Westside would be in need of the 2nd Vice nomination for 2008 with all other positions covered across their board. The Council Reporter has reflected an error having Ed Brandstoettner listed as the VP for 2007 when he should be listed as the 2nd VP, and move to VP for 2008. Stu Earnst, listed in error as the 2nd VP, will move to President in 2008 to correct the matter.

The Eastside needs further nominations of those willing to run for Trustee. Leigh Klettke volunteered her nomination for a trustee position for 2008 and it was accepted; another requires filling for the Eastside.

Meeting adjourned late.

Submitted by Leigh Klettkes

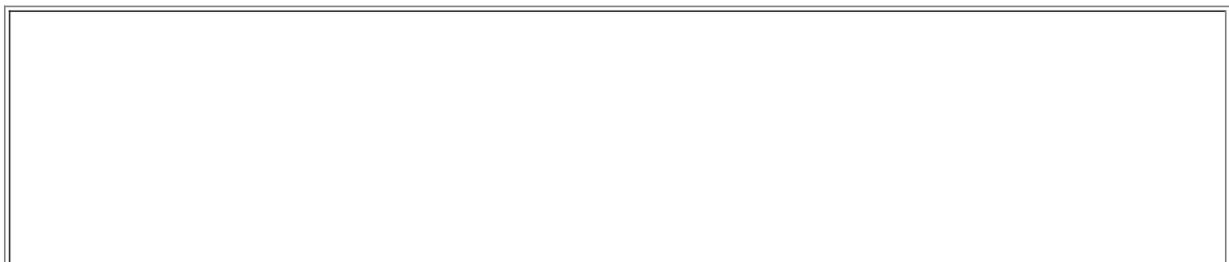
Wagonmaster planning meeting

The Annual Wagonmaster planning meeting will take place on January 12, 2008 from 1 to 5PM. The purpose of this meeting is to plan and co-ordinate the field trips for the entire year. Field trip chairman from the clubs are invited to attend. There is room for about 20 people.

We will be at the Kent Boeing Activity Center site just off of highway 167.

Boeing Recreation Activity Center, Room B at 22649 83rd Avenue S. Just off the Valley Freeway (Highway 167) North edge of Kent.

Saddle Mt. Maps and article





Proposed land use rules



Meteorites fail to make splash at auction

11/03/07 NewScientist.com news service

Fifteen minutes of fame doesn't always translate into big bucks. This was spectacularly true of two meteorites which, though exceptional in size, failed to fetch sky-high prices at auction on Sunday. Bidding for both rocks stalled at around one-third of their valuations, and they were withdrawn from sale at Bonhams auction house in New York.

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The Brenham meteorite, which was found in Kansas in 2005 and is the largest of its kind, was expected to attract bids of \$700,000, while a chunk of the 15.5-tonne Willamette Meteorite, which was found in Oregon in 1902, was valued at \$1.3 million.

"So few big meteorites go up for sale that no one really knows what to expect," says Derek Sears at the University of Arkansas. He feels that an increase in finds from Antarctica and from deserts may have pushed prices down, but apathy may also play a part. "Some meteorites were last on the market in the post-war years, when public interest in space was at an all-time high." People are more blasé about space today, he says.