

## Minutes of the 11/6/99 Quarterly Board Meeting

The WSMC quarterly meeting was opened by President Marty Casto at 9:35AM at the Palace Cafe in Ellensburg.

The Council was informed that Jim Spadt, a past president, was killed in a boating accident in Montana last summer.

Kathy Earnst gave the treasurer's report.

### Committee reports:

#### Wagonmaster

- All of the field trips for 1999 are done.
- Ed will get together with some of the council members in January to set up the 2000 field trip agenda for the meeting in January.
- Ed is down to about 75 map booklets. This is barely enough for the Everett show in January.
- The Marysville will be going to Beaver Valley on 11/7
- The NW Rockies will be going to Walker Valley on 11/14.
- A question was raised about the \$0.50 per day fee for guests on field trips and if this really makes people members for insurance purposes. Article XII of the by-laws addresses this issue.

### Nominating Committee

- Dave Sanders has accepted nomination for 2nd VP.
- Marci Kleckner accepted the nomination as secretary.
- Kathy Earnst accepted the nomination as treasurer.
- Ed Lehman was nominated for Wagonmaster
- Tom Johanson was nominated for president.
- We still need trustees on both sides and a VP from the east side.

### Collecting Site News

- Ed displayed some material from the new jasper/agate locality near Red Top and some sulfide ore from the Skykomish area.
- The FR 1590 road is being considered for closure. This is off the Cascade River Road and provides access to the Hidden Value claims where samples of bornite, chalcopyrite, galena, and dolomite may be collected. This area is of educational importance since some of the old miner's cabins may still be seen. Call the head engineer, Bill Reisner, at the Sedro Woolley Forest Service office to comment on this road closure. 360-856-5700 ext. 216. At the current time this closure is not high on their priority list.
- The road to Racehorse Creek is gated. Bob O'Brien is researching getting a leased key arrangement.

### Old business:

- The Plum Creek land exchange has been approved. President Clinton is expected to sign it into law soon.

### New business:

- The club in Kettle Falls is interested in joining the WSMC. Vi Jones reported on her activity as our Forest Service Advisory Board representative. In September they barainstormed on what a multi-use forest should be. At a meeting in Olympia it sounded like environmental and natural resource scientists will have a lot of say in the future use of the forests.
- The Westside will have a meeting 11/16 to work out the last trustee nominations.

Meeting adjourned

### WSMC Meeting Calendar for 2000

West side board meetings: 1/18, 2/15, 4/18, 5/16, 6/20, 7/18, 9/19, 10/17

General meetings: 3/25, 8/5 or 6, 11/4

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Vice President Tom Johanson called the meeting to order at 7:30PM.

Daniel Wood from the North Seattle club was nominated for one of the trustee positions.

Ed Lehman informed the board of a new club in the Chelan/Wenatchee area. They are apparently fairly active and Ed was going to see if they wanted to join the Mineral Council.

An amendment to Article XII, Section 3 was proposed. The new wording is to be "to defray the cost of associated access fees and insurance" instead of "to defray the cost of insurance".

Meeting adjourned

**January 18, 2000**  
**Westside board Meeting**  
**AGENDA**

**President: Opening of Meeting**  
**Tom Johanson**  
**Treasurer's Report**  
**Kathy Earnst**  
**Committee Reports**  
**Wagonmaster - Ed Lehman**  
**Old Business**  
**New Business**  
**Open Comments**  
**Adjourn**

**Proposed Change to Quarterly Meeting Schedule**

- A By Law change was proposed to have three meetings per year for WSMC rather the four.
- 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.

This change was proposed to reduce the possibility of bad weather in November and February forcing the cancellation of meetings in Ellensburg. It was felt that three meetings a year would be adequate to conduct Council business.

**Proposed wording for the sign at Walker Valley**

**Walker Valley Crystal Site**

This mineral collecting site is under a recreational lease with the Department of Natural Resources by the Washington State Mineral Council. The council's goal is to invite collecting by all rockhounds with hand tools only for their personal, non-commercial use.

A local farmer chasing stray cattle discovered crystal specimens on this site in 1972. These crystal geodes were formed many thousands of years ago by the action of hot water being forced up through the crack and cavities in the volcanic rock. Clear quartz, amethyst, calcite, siderite, goethite, and higingerite are some of the crystals found in these geodes.

The best specimens are found and easiest collecting is done on the south face of the black rock. Boulders can be pried loose from the bottom of the pit. Break them open to discover geodes. Dump broken rock over the side to keep the pit open for the next rockhound.

Dig at your own risk.

Leave no trash.

Thanks go to Dave Britten the author

**To: Washington State Mineral Council Members**  
**From: Vi Jones, U. S. Forest Service Advisory Bd. Rep.**  
**Date: Nov. 23, 1999**

RE: PUBLIC OPEN HOUSES , to take public comment on "The Roadless Area Initiative"

Meetings will take place on 12/15/99 (Weds) 3:30--5:30 p.m. or 6:30--8:30 p.m. at the Mt. Baker Ranger District Office at 2105 Hwy 20 Sedro Woolley and 12/16/99 (Thurs) 3:30--5:30 p.m. or 6:30--8:30 p.m. at the Forest Headquarters Office at 21905-64th Ave. West, Mountlake Terrace. The USDA Forest Service is undertaking a national roadless area initiative to study both previous inventoried and not-yet-inventoried unroaded lands in National Forests. (I have received a

copy of the Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement as published in the Federal Register on Oct. 19, 1999.)

This meeting will provide an explanation of this initiative and your opportunities to participate. They are at the "scoping phase" with an emphasis on the proposal preliminary alternatives discussed in the notice of intent. There will be a question and answer packet available, a short video about the roadless area initiative and an opportunity to talk with Forest Managers. There will be comment sheets available for our input. Please note that the address and e-mail address to send your comments is noted in bold on the first page of enclosed notice of intent. You do not need to attend a meeting to submit comments.

Comments will need to be received in writing by 12-20-99.

ADDRESS: Send written comments to the USDA Forest Service-CAET,  
Attention: Roadless Areas NOI, P. O. Box 221090, Salt Lake City, Utah 84122 or by e-mail to  
[roadlessareasnoi/wa\\_\\_caet@www.fs.fed.us](mailto:roadlessareasnoi/wa__caet@www.fs.fed.us)

The previous was copied off the notice I was sent. NOWHERE in this publication is a definition of a "roadless" area. Does this mean that roads may have existed in an area, but not well used (as are some of our rockhound roads?) but since the Forest Service has intentions of abandoning these roads--that these areas would now be classified as roadless? I plan to attend the meeting in Sedro Woolley. If anyone needs a copy of the Federal register information and background--please let me know and I'll try to make copies for you. (Sorry-I don't have a scanner!) There are four pages of background information.

If anyone else can attend the other meetings, it may be helpful to understand what the Feds are up to now!