

Minutes of the 10/16/01 Westside Board Meeting

President Stu Earnst opened the meeting at 7:35PM.

Kathy gave the treasurer's report.

The minutes of the 9/18/01 Westside board meeting were approved as printed in the Council Reporter.

Wagonmasters report:

The field trip to Lake Wenatchee was well attended with about 21 people from clubs around the state. See trip report elsewhere.

The DNR will be blasting at Walker Valley sometime this fall. Bob O'Brien will be keeping in touch with the DNR.

No old business

New business:

The WSMC display case is available for local shows. The collection will be stored at the Maplewood Clubhouse in Edmonds.

The WSMC needs someone to act as the clearinghouse to handle the show requests. Any club wishing to display the collection must make arrangements to pick up and return the collection to the Maplewood Clubhouse.

Ed will be making more color maps and will submit a bill at the next meeting.

Nominating Committee:

The WSMC is having difficulty filling the Eastside positions for trustees and officers. This problem has been getting worse over the years for both the West and East sides but has been worse for the Eastside since there are fewer members and the distances are greater.

In view of this problem the Council is considering changing the by-laws to change the number of board members and/or reduce the amount of representation from the Eastside.

Meeting adjourned,
submitted by Glenn Morita

Lake Wenatchee

RoseMae Bork

Friday, the 7th of September, we left after lunch to meet up with the Mineral Council field trip group. We were excited about the prospect of getting actinolite and garnets.

With the Mineral Council bulletin in hand for directions, we headed over Stevens Pass on a beautiful day. We followed the instructions to the camp and 70 miles out of the way and two hours lost time in driving, we finally found the camp, only no one was there so we had the camp all to ourselves. (The Ranger station by the way has nothing to do with the camp site so don't go there, been there, done that.) The Hinderman's also followed the directions and never did find the camp that night.

Next morning we all met at the Ranger station and set out for the day. The group's first stop was for soapstone and then on to the garnet area. Some of the group went for actinolite and the rest to the garnet area, where we all had to pay a \$5 fee to park for the day as it was a trailhead. We had a nice hike to the river and found some really nice garnets.

Back to the group campsite only to find that we were the only ones there again, so packed up and decided to head home. As we were leaving, four people came so we did have a potluck and one gal and her son decided to spend the night so we also stayed.

She had some beautiful actinolite so I paid her \$5 for a piece as we were told we couldn't go to the quarry to collect. There was a lot of confusion and some were told they could collect and some were told that they couldn't trespass in the quarry except on Sunday when it was closed.

Sunday morning we headed back to Bellingham with several worthwhile stops along the road for bargains at sales. The garnets we collected were a nice size and much larger than the Sloan Creek ones, so felt it was a worthwhile adventure. There were leaf fossils within walking distance of the camp so also brought some of those home.

