

Minutes of the 9/17/02 Westside Board Meeting

Dave Sanders Opened the meeting at 7:30pm.

Treasurer's report was submitted and read.

- Glenn submitted a bill for the registration of our domain name and one year's hosting fee.

The minutes were approved as published in Council Reporter.

Wagonmaster's report:

- Ed Lehman and Bruce Himko mapped out the Heather Lake garnet and talc sites.
- The next trip is to Money creek area for scenic rhyolite and mine ores.
- The Little Naches River/ Kaner Flats trip is on as scheduled.

Old Business:

- Mineral Collector's advocate revisions discussed. Will print it in Council Reporter to open up for general suggestion/ review.
- Walker Valley blasted again. We are trying to get DNR to respond to inquiries.
- Member count estimate is 1598.

New Business:

- Blewett Club by Cashmere has dissolved.
- Pow Wow club has requested to purchase reproduction rights to the Mineral Council Map books. They will research issue and decide if they just want to purchase the books straight or purchase the rights. The board is in favor of granting reproduction rights and suggests each map have reservation of rights/ copyright and revision date added to the bottoms of the pages.
- Mineral Council display case is getting disorganized. It will be sorted and reorganized into new plastic divided storage boxes. Stu Earnst will donate plastic storage tubes for specimens.
- Maplewood club will be contacted to make sure they know who our current keyholder is and confirm our invitation to use their facility.
- Due to the frequency of requests for a rockhounding site from people, we will post a PDF file of the Walker Valley map for rockhounds to download from the mineral council website.
- Nomination Committee being formed. Need eastside members to fill out the committee. Elections will be in March.

Meeting adjourned,

Submitted by Norma Kikert

Next Meeting is October 15, 2002 7:30pm at Maplewood clubhouse.

Program for November Combined meeting:

Vern Tovrea, Ph.D. retired instructor of Geology at Everett Community College, will present a slide program on plate tectonics and its effects in Washington State.

Dr. Tovrea is a member of several rock clubs, including Marysville, Everett, Skagit and North Puget Sound Faceting Guild. He currently is publishing a series of articles entitled 'The Rock Cycle' in the "Skagit Gems" club bulletin.

Rock & Mineral Collector's Advocate

Objective:

The objective of the Mineral Collector's Advocate is to keep abreast of new and ongoing activities within legislative, executive, and governmental bodies within their individual club's jurisdiction and/or their locality and report such activities to the Washington State Mineral Council. If an advocate has an interest in a particular site not in their locality, or the site does not have any other advocate of a club or Mineral Council assigned, they may act in this capacity.

The Advocate may also be utilized as a spokesperson for communication of Mineral Council and club interests.

Definitions:

Legislative, executive, and governmental bodies could mean US Forestry Service, Regional Forestry Service, Bureau of Land Management, Department of Land Management. It also could mean any other organization or private property owners relating to the use of mineral and rock collecting sites and rules governing such collection activities.

Washington State Mineral Council for the purposes of the advocate means the incorporated organization primarily consisting of the duly elected or appointed officers but not necessarily limited solely to those individuals.

Clubs references the WSMC member clubs that through their paid dues comprise the Washington State Mineral Council.

Methods:

Standard and legal methods of information collection are to be used. Getting on relevant organization's mailing lists for newsletters, notices and meeting minute distribution are the most common and convenient ways.

Attending special interest meetings and telephone inquiry of various publicity managers and officials is also standard procedure. Establishing a face-to-face contact with agency or other organization staff on a regular basis is highly encouraged so that a positive relationship can be developed.

Technical methods are also useful. Use of Internet research on subjects can be very expeditious and informative.

It is very important that the Mineral Advocate document any and all contacts (negative as well as positive) in order to communicate to the WSMC and others in the mineral collecting hobby the current status of a particular site, i.e. date, action, name of agency & representative and a synopsis of the communication.

Responsibilities:

The mineral collector's advocate position is a watchdog position. He/She will obtain information on a specific area regarding land access closures and openings, collection rule changes and conditions of use and development. The advocate will monitor the activity of new legislation or proposals, and attempt to extrapolate how those changes could affect the current mineral collection climate. That information is then to be conveyed promptly to the Washington State Mineral Council in a clear and concise manner by mail, email, phone or in person as appropriate and convenient to the advocate. Should the Washington State Mineral Council need additional information or communication assistance; the advocate will be available to assist.