

## Minutes of the September 21 Westside Board Meeting

The WSMC Westside board met on Tuesday, September 21, 1999 in the Maplewood clubhouse. Vice President Tom Johanson opened the meeting at 7:30PM.

Minutes of the 8/21/99 Quarterly meeting we approved as printed in the Council Reporter.

Kathy Earnst gave the treasurer's report.

- Bob Pattie presented a bill for stamps.

### Correspondence:

- Kathy Earnst has been answering mail sent to the Council's mailing address. She requested stamp money.
- Glenn has been answering e-mails from the web page.

### Committee reports:

#### Wagonmaster

- Ed would like to get some help in getting his annual field trip agenda put together for the meeting in January.
- Ed brought up the issue of how we use the Microsoft Street Maps for sale in our current Wagonmaster map packets. Tom and Glenn will look into contacting Microsoft and explaining the Council's purpose and intent.

#### Walker Valley

- Dave Britten presented the board with proposed language to be used on the new sign at Walker Valley. The sign should be ready in about a month. It was suggested that we wait until after hunting season is over before we post the new sign.

### Old business:

#### Copier

- Bob talked to Marty about purchasing a "new" copier after having looked at a number of copiers. He had found one for about \$770. He got the go-ahead to buy it. Unbeknownst to Bob, Ed Levesque had found one for \$200 but by the time Bob found out it was too late.

### New business:

- The Council needs to review the WSMC quarterly meeting schedule at the next quarterly meeting.
- A bylaws change will be necessary to change the quarterly meetings from 4 to 3.
- Nominating committee - Tom will start working on appointing a nominating committee.

Meeting adjourned

**October 19, 1999**

## 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.

## Mineral of the Month: Obsidian

Can you name all the beautiful and unique spheres that can be created from Obsidian?

But first here's a few facts about obsidian... It forms when silica-rich granitic magma is ejected from a volcanic vent and it cools very quickly. The speed of cooling prevents a crystalline structure from developing, thus producing glass. Obsidian can be found in Japan, Java, Italy, Hungary, and most of the Western states of the the US. Early man made tools from it. Native Americans used it for arrowheads. It has a number of different appearances in the mineral world. Impurities and other

mineral introduced during cooling account for those differences.

Here are the common varieties:

**Mahogany:** Rust color caused by iron oxide

**Sheen:** Gold or silver iridescence, resulting from tiny gas bubbles, or crystals of muscovite, feldspar, or quartz

**Snowflake:** White fiber-like inclusions of cristobalite

**Rainbow:** Bands of pink, green, cream formed by minuscule inclusions of feldspar, quartz, topaz, and tourmaline

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