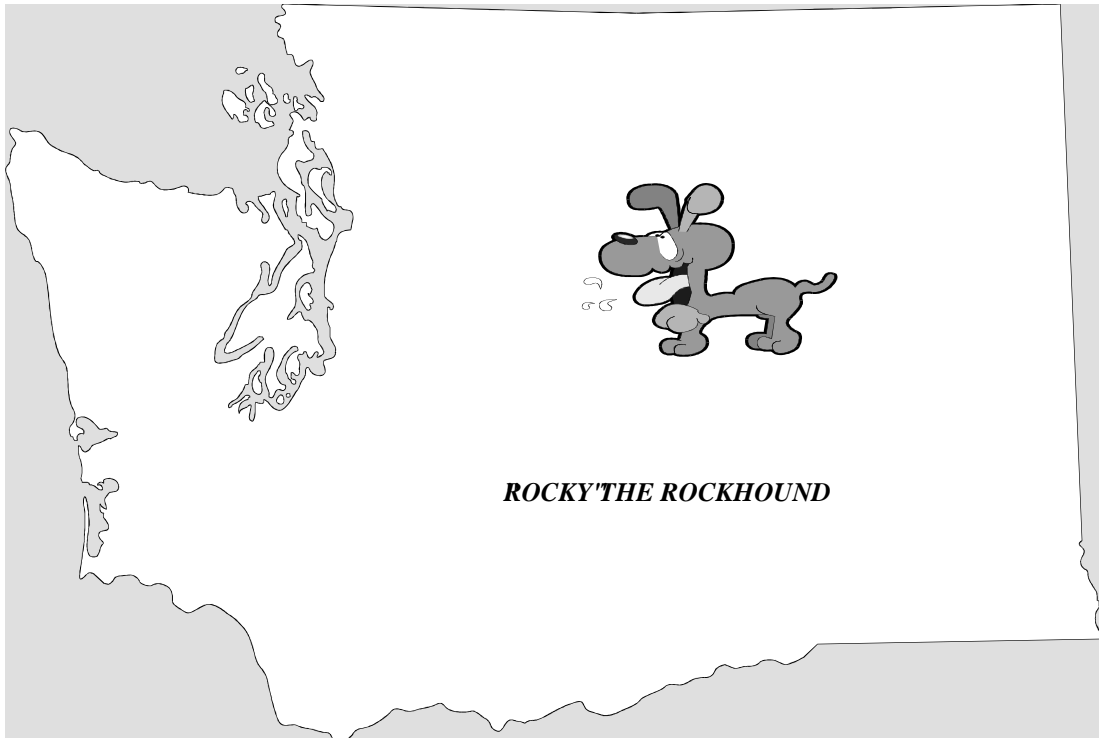

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Combined Board Meeting Minutes

03/26/11

Meeting called to order at 9:30 am at the Palace Café in Ellensburg, WA. There were twenty people in attendance including our speakers.

Brian Waters, out-going President presided.

Guest Speaker

Bob Pattie, Council Historian introduced the meeting's first speakers, Mike Williams, Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Recreation Program Manager, S.E. Region, and his wife, Jeannie Williams, District Manager, S. E. Region.

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Ms. Williams began by explaining that the DNR's primary mandate is to manage the lands that are held in trust for the beneficiaries. The department's primary goal is to make money over the long term for the beneficiaries. There are 15 different beneficiaries, among them elementary schools, state colleges, universities, school construction trusts, and state capital trusts.

The department manages trust land monies in a number of ways:
Timber harvests
Wind power leases
Agriculture leases
Special use leases - gravel, etc
Navigable bodies of water - aquatic leases for farming

For every \$1 that is received from sales from these leases, \$0.75 goes to that particular land trust, and \$0.25 goes to a separate fund that then distributes monies to cover the administration, land management costs and any other costs of the DNR and its regional offices (6). There is no separate funding source for recreational expenses.

The DNR also manages programs for rare plants and animals, resource protection (fire protection program), and forest practices (regulation of forest harvesting). Any monies generated from these programs go directly into the state's General Fund. These monies do not fund the DNR in any way, other than what is allocated to the Department in the annual budget.

The recreational program of the SE region had at its highest funding point only three permanent personnel, and twelve part-time maintenance personnel. Today, with funding considerably reduced, there is currently just the one permanent employee (Recreation Manager), one seasonal employee, and one volunteer coordinator to handle 2.2 million acres and 143 recreation sites. Nonetheless, 80% of the SE Region is still open to the public for multi-use with only some restriction.

The DNR considers itself impoverished land managers. Roads that cannot be maintained due to lack of funds are often gated. The Folks of the SE region find themselves struggling with fulfilling their mandate and dealing with the public's needs for recreation yet increasingly without even minimal funding to do either of these in a satisfactory

April 19, 2011 Westside Board Meeting AGENDA

- Opening of Meeting
- ◊ Brian Waters
- Treasurer's Report
- ◊ Kathy Earnst
- Committee Reports
- ◊ Wagonmaster -Ed Lehman
- Old Business
- New Business
- Open Comments

Tentative Meeting Calendar for 2011

West side board meetings:
1/18, 2/15, 4/19, 6/21, 10/18

At 7:30PM at the
Maplewood Clubhouse
8802 196th St SW, Edmonds

General meetings (tentative):
3/26, 5/7, 9/24, 11/5

All general meetings will be held at:

Palace Café
4th & Main
Ellensburg
Meeting @ 9:30 AM

fashion.

In an effort to alleviate the funding crunch, the DNR supports passage of the Discovery Pass legislation which would require every motor vehicle entering state lands to have an annual \$30 pass/permit. The DNR & the Department of Fish & Wildlife(DFW) would each share a small portion of the fees garnered from the Pass, with the majority portion going to the State Parks Department. Mr. Williams feels that some is better than none and that the means by which the money is collected is efficient and simple.

Tourists from out-of state would be able to purchase a one-day pass for \$10 if they wished, and could be directed to purchase this pass at any location which also sold fishing and hunting licenses.

There was some discussion as to how "casual" rock collecting is looked upon by the DNR. Mr. Williams stated that if anyone had any doubts about how their activities would be perceived they should contact the local office. However, he stated that it was commercial collection, collection in large amounts for resale that the department considered illegal.

Bob Pattie asked about the necessity of obtaining permits for large groups to be on DNR lands. Mr. Williams stated that currently the

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processing of these permits is taking some time because the person for the SE region left that position and as the Department was not allowed to refill it, someone else had to take on those duties on top of their own. However, these permits are primarily concerned with sanitation issues and apparently are more of an issue if large groups intend overnight stays rather than a mere day trip. In such cases they would not be necessary. Contact the local office concerning that region to verify the necessity of such a permit.

Regarding the enforcement activities of the Dept of Fish & Wildlife (DFW) on DNR land, Mr. Williams indicated that the DNR has no control over them. This is an issue that needs to be brought up with the enforcement arm of the DFW, and Mr. Williams suggested the names of two people that the Council may wish to invite to their next regional meeting to discuss such issues.

The Council thanked the Williams for their presentation and their time.

Committee Reports **Wagonmaster**

Ed Lehman needs more map books for the West Seattle Show. However, the first several pages need updating. He will work with Christina Morrissey to get those updated and to the printer before the end of April.

12 Black & White and six Color Map Books were sold to the Port Angeles Show people with a dollar discount. They were also advised to apply for individual membership.

The Saddle Mountain trip experienced some problems due to communication issues within the Ellensburg Club. Our apologies to those folks that made the trip for any inconveniences they may have experienced, and may thanks to Lisa Waters who picked up the ball! In the future if the clubs responsible for leading the various published field trips have problems following through with their responsibilities, please contact the Council Secretary, Christina Morrissey with some advance notice.

Old Business

Membership in ALAA - Christina Morrissey read the response of Dick Pankey, President of the ALAA. Mr. Pankey welcomed the membership of the WSMC at a society membership rate of \$50. A motion was made and seconded and a vote was taken and passed for the Council to become a member of the ALAA. The secretary will fill out the application form and mail a check to the appropriate address.

There will be a special regional meeting of the ALAA on April 16th at the County Fairgrounds in Kennewick, WA at 2pm. WSMC members are urged to attend.

Facebook - Lisa Waters has volunteered to put up a Facebook page for the WSMC. A motion was made, passed, and voted upon to have her do so. She will work with the secretary on the format.

Land-Use Special Committee - Despite the fact that the Mineral Council is becoming a member of the ALAA, it still needs to take care of keeping track of legislation regarding casual rock collection in our state. To this end, Brian Waters suggested that a special committee be formed consisting of (at this point) four members, himself, Bob Pattie, Andy Johnson, and Jim Miller (Maplewood Club). Its immediate mandate would be to form action recommendations for the Board regard-

ing current legislation affecting casual rock collection. A motion was passed, seconded, and a vote was passed for the creation of this committee as described.

Port-a-potty - The Council has the option of purchasing a port-a potty for less than \$200 or renting one for approx \$100 per use. If the Council purchases it, we could possibly get someone to donate the cost. However, there was discussion of the necessity of having to pay each time to have it professionally serviced, then someone would have to store it, haul it, deal with potential vandalism, and so on. It was finally agreed that it would be less trouble to just rent the potty and ask all field trippers to donate to a "kitty" to cover the cost.

New Business

Brian Waters has been working with some people, primarily the Puget Sound Knappers, to get the State Lands people to consider adopting and applying the Federal Petrified Wood collection limits to rocks and minerals on state lands in place of complete prohibition of collecting them.

Brian introduced Joe Wernex, a retired Logging Engineer with 30 years experience working for the DNR, a rockhound and a knapper, a member of the Puget Sound Knappers to speak of these efforts.

Joe stated that in his opinion there is a huge resource of petrified wood and rock owned by the state of Washington, managed by the Fish & Wildlife Dept (DFW), & the Dept of Natural Resources (DNR), neither of whom are required to open it to rockhounds; land owned by the public. He thinks this is wrong. Among other things, he says, they are cheating senior citizens out of opportunities for recreation (and youth for scientific exploration, too.)

Joe Wernex thinks that to get this access, we need to work through the legislature: write letters and emails. In doing so, he counsels that we be professional, use no profanity at all, and no form letters.

When asked why the state seemed to have a problem with rockhounds, he said it was a problem of education. The majority of legislators have no knowledge whatsoever of the hobby itself. We need to go out and introduce the hobby and its benefits as well as its needs to each and every one of our representatives in order to be better represented.

Rockhounds need to be present at every public meeting concerning legislation and recreation so that we are consulted when any restrictions are made regarding issues that impact rockhounding. To do this we need the help of every interested rockhound, not just Council members!

Joe then offered his letter-writing services. He said he understood how difficult it can be for some people to compose or send letters. He said that all he needed was for anyone interested to please send him their name, and email address, and their thoughts regarding multi-use land access. He would then compose an email letter for you, no charge, in the interest of getting these emails out to our legislators. It's all about education and numbers! The more communication there is with our representatives, the better.

(Contact info: Joseph Wernex: jawernex@fairpoint.net (509) 925-6816, Ellensburg.)

We encourage everyone to write to Joe, or write directly to your state

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FIELD TRIPS FOR 2011

Locations and times subject to change

The WSMC sponsors field trips through the Wagonmasters. These trips offer the rockhound the opportunity to collect a wide variety of materials from agate and jasper to crystals and fossils. Experienced guides familiar with the sites are on hand to help the novice collector find good quality material. Check with the local clubs in your area for further information.

AREAS CURRENTLY CLOSED TO COLLECTING: LUCAS CREEK, ADNA, DIATOM PITS (FRENCHMAN HILLS)

Walk-in only: Green Mountain (Kalama) and First Creek.

Check out the trip info, and tool listing at mineralcouncil.org.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Host</i>	<i>Site</i>	<i>Meet</i>	<i>Material</i>	<i>Tools</i>
2/19	Msvl	Cedar Ponds	9:00 @ Monroe, WA Jack 'n Box	Red & Yellow Jasper	Dig & light hard rock
3/26	Ellb	Saddle Mtn	9:00 @ Mattawa, WA-Harvest Foods	Petr. wood & common opal	Light & dig tools
4/09	WSMC	Racehorse Crk	9:00 @ Nugent's Corner, E of Bellingham	Fossils; Morel mushrooms	Dig, light, & split tools
4/16-17	Pow	Saddle Mtn	8:00 @ Boat launch: S. Mattawa	Petr. Wood	Light hard rock & dig tools
5/21-22	CMS	Wasco, OR	8:00 @ Goldendale, WA China Hollow	Picture Jasper	Trip is Full, adults only
5/27-30	Tri-Fed	Central Oregon	TBD Prineville, Hampton Butte	Petr. wood, agate, limbcasts	Contact Federation Representative
6/11	Spkn	Emerald Crk, ID	8:00 @ Emerald Creek Parking Area	Star Garnets	Old clothes, Ziploc bag/\$fee dig
6/29-7/3	Pow	Madras, OR	8:00 @ Jefferson Fair Grounds	Agate, jasper, wood, T-Eggs	Dig & light tool
7/16	WSea	Lk Wenatchee	9:00 @ Coles Corner Gas Sta.	Garnet, actinolite, talc	Screen, wood saw, dig tools
7/23-24	Spkn	Lolo Pass, ID	8:00 @ Lolo Pass Visitor Ctr, Hwy 12	Smoky Quartz Crystals	Shovel & pick (lots of digging)
8/6	Yak	Timberwolf Mtn	9:00 @ Ace Hardware, Naches, WA	Quartz Crystals w/inclusions	Shovel, pick, rock hammer
8/20-21	Pvgm	Greenwater	9:00 @ Enumclaw Rngr Station	Agate, jasper	Dig & light hard rock
8/27?	Ed L.	Jade Claim	TBD Darrington area	Jade - fee dig \$100/person	Strenuous hike xxx miles
9/10-11	Pow	Red Top	8:00 @ W Frk Teanaway Camp	Geodes, Agate, jade	Dig & light hard rock
9/17	Pvgm	Little Naches	9:00 @ Enumclaw Rngr Station	Thunder eggs	Dig & light hard rock
9/24-25	Msvl	Wasco, OR	8:00 @ Goldendale, WA China Hollow	Pic Jasper	Registr. Opens 7/15/11 \$25 deposit*
10/1	Spkn	Red Marble Quarry	9:00 @ Chewelah Safeway	Magnesite, Barite Minerals	Container, and rock hammer
10/29	Msvl	Miller Rvr	9:00 @ Hwy 2 Skykomish, WA	Picture Jasper	Rock Hammer & Container
11/5	MtBk	Blanchard Hill	9:00 @ I-5 exit 240 gas mart	Stilpnomelane in Quartz	Hard rock tools

ALWAYS CALL TO CONFIRM TRIPS—SEE BELOW

<i>Abbreviation</i>	<i>Host</i>	<i>Contact</i>	<i>E-mail</i>
CMS, WSMC	Cascade Mineralogical Society	Brian Waters (206) 290-2312	bwaterss2011@gmail.com
Ed L		Ed Lehman (425) 334-6282	wsmced@hotmail.com
Ellb	Ellensburg Rock Club	Dave Master (509) 925-3827	
Msvl	Marysville Rock Club	Christina Morrissey (425) 398-1300	cmvw@frontier.com
Msvl-Wasco trip		Stu & Kathy Earnst (360) 856-0588	earnstkk@comcast.net
MtBk	Mt Baker Rock Club	Kris Menger (360) 366-0576	kmenger@comcast.net
POW Wow Club	All Rockhounds Club	Cliff Matteson (253) 475-8433	cliff.conniematteson@gmail.com
Pvgm	Puyallup Rock Club	Tony Johnson (253) 863-9238	
Spkn	Rock Rollers of Spokane	Mike Shaw (509) 244-8542	mikeshawmoose@yahoo.com
WSea	West Seattle Rock Club	Brian Waters (206) 290-2312	bwaterss2011@gmail.com
Yak	Yakima Rock & Mineral Club	Jerry Wichstrom (509) 653-2787	

Trips are open to all. Most 2 day trips include Sat. potluck, horse shoes, tail-gating & swap. Sun. free breakfast. A small fee is required for Pow Wow and Madras trips. For more information contact Ed Lehman at wsmced@hotmail.com (425)334-6282 or mineralcouncil.org

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representative. Tell them about why you love rockhounding. Tell them you need access to state lands, and why you don't want them to keep you from rock collecting on these lands. Ensure them that you are responsible and ethical individuals who take only what you can use and are not interested in harming the environment.

Single Membership - A motion was made, seconded, voted upon and passed to provide on the website for a single, individual, non-voting membership at the cost of \$8 per year.

Legislation: Bob Pattie discussed briefly a number of House and Senate Bills that are currently up for consideration that may be of interest to the Council and rockhounds. They include: SB5622, SB5438, SB5669, SB5266, HB 110, HB1196, HB1273, and HB1421. For further information, please see the internet.

Refund: The Board motioned, seconded, voted and passed to refund the Lakeview Club an overpayment due to it.

Saddle Mtn: It was also agreed to reinstate the BLM map of the collecting areas on the WSMC website if there is room. Secretary to check with webmaster.

Elections

Brian Waters read the 2011 election slate from the November 2010 minutes. A motion was made, seconded, voted and passed to accept the slate as read.

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Andy Johnson, the new President then made a motion to adjourn the meeting if there was no further business. Seconded and passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 12 noon.
Submitted by Christina Morrissey, Secretary, Mineral Council

Dues are due

GPS Co-ordinates Needed

The WSMC needs the GPS co-ordinates of any and all of the collecting sites in the state. In an effort to make the map booklets as accurate as possible the Mineral Council is asking for everyone to record GPS readings while on field trips. Fill out the form on Page 4 and return to the editor.

The data can also be used to help in our fight to keep our collecting areas open.

Attention: All Newsletter Subscribers

If you, or someone you know should be receiving this newsletter electronically and are not, please contact Bob Pattie or myself (Glenn Morita).

We are trying to keep our mailing list current and want to make sure that everyone who wants an electronic version of the newsletter gets one.

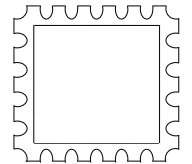
Local Area Shows for 2011

DATE & TIME	CLUB	SHOW	LOCATION
April 2011 8th 10am - 6pm 9th 10am - 6pm 10th 10am - 5pm	Rock Rollers of Spokane	Earth Treasures	Spokane Fair & Expo Center Broadway & Havana Spokane, WA
April 2011 8th 10am - 8pm 9th 10am - 6pm 10th 10am - 5pm	BC Gem Show		Ag-Rec Building Central Fraser Valley Fairgrounds, 32470 Haida Drive, Abbotsford, B. C.
April 2011 9th 10am - 6pm 10th 10am - 5pm	Mt. Baker Rock and Gem Club	"GOLDEN" Family Affair 50th Anniversary Show	Bloedel-Donovan Park Community Center 2214 Electric Ave. Bellingham, WA
April 2011 15th 9am - 6pm 16th 10am - 6pm 17th 10am - 4:30pm	Willamette Agate and Mineral Society	56th Annual	Polk County Fairgrounds 520 S Hwy 99 (Pacific Hy) - 10 miles west of Salem Rickreall, Oregon
April 2011 16th 10am - 5pm 17th 10am - 5pm	Yakima Rock and Mineral Club	50th Annual Rock Show	National Guard Armory 2501 Airport Lane Yakima, WA
April 2011 30th 10am - 5pm May 1st 10am - 5pm	West Seattle Rock Club	45th Annual 2011 Rock Show	Alki Masonic Temple 4736 40th Ave. SW. (W Seattle), WA
May 2011 21st 10am - 6pm	Seattle Mineral Market		Lake City Community Center 12531 28th Ave NE Seattle, WA
June 2011 11th 10am - 5pm 12th 10am - 5pm	Butte Mineral and Gem Club	Mineral & Gem Show	Civic Center Annex 1340 Harrison Ave. (exit 127 North) Butte, Montana
July 2011 23rd 9am - 6pm 24th 9am - 5pm	Washington Agate & Mineral Society with the Teninio Rock Cruisers	16th Annual Rock & Gem Rendevousz	Parkside Elementary School on Stage St South (take I5 exit 88) Tenino, WA
August 2011 13th 10am - 5pm 14th 9am - 4pm	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club	5th Annual Rock & Mineral Sale	Maplewood Clubhouse 8802 196th St SW Edmonds, WA
August 2011 20th 9am - 5pm	Shelton Rock & Mineral Society	Tailgate Rock Sale & Swap Event	Shelton Youth Soccer Park 2102 Joihns Prairie Rd Shelton, WA
		\$15 Pre-registration fee \$20 fee day of event	For information contact Richard 360-427-2497 or giggpig@aol.com

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