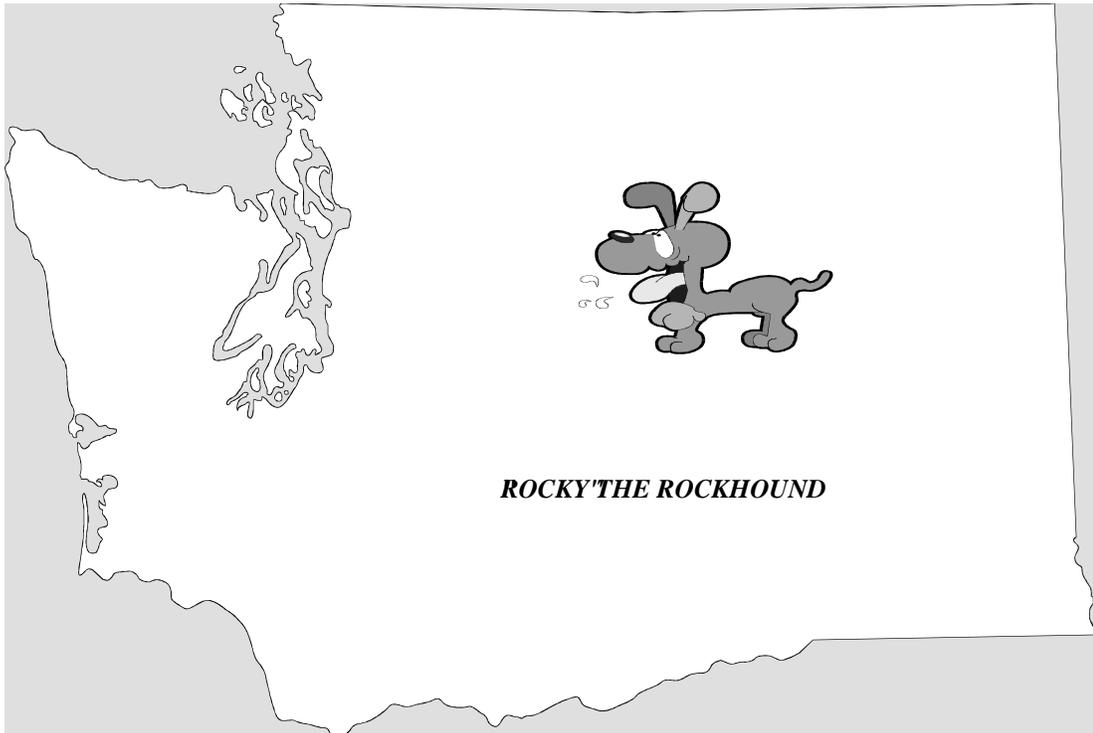

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Combined Board Meeting Minutes 05/07/11

The meeting was convened at 9:25AM by the Council President, Andy Johnson.

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Committee Reports:

Kathy Ernst gave a detailed Treasurer's Report which was approved by all present.

Andy gave a summary of events to-date in the **Land-Use Special Committee:**

The WSMC was welcomed as a new member of the ALAA (American Lands Access Association) at the Regional Meeting of same on April 16th in Kennewick. Brian Waters spoke to those present at this meeting about the past and present joint efforts of the WSMC and the Knappers Association to stop legislation with the potential to limit rock collecting on public lands.

There is a new District Manager for the BLM Spokane District Office, his name is Daniel Picard. Contact information is: 1103 N. Fancher Road, Spokane, WA 99212; Telephone: 509-536-1200, Fax: 509-536-1275, E-mail: OR_Spokane_Mail@blm.gov.

Bob Pattie continued. Brian Waters has split up the tasks before the committee amongst the members by assigning them geographical areas consistent to the various public land administrative bodies such as the Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR), and the US Forest Service (USFS). It's a bit complicated however, as there are five regions within the DNR, and five USFS regions and five offices within each region.

We have been sending a copy of the Mineral Council monthly newsletter to each of the appropriate offices of these agencies. We occasionally get a response back if we schedule a field trip in their area. To date we have never been asked to apply for a permit for any field trip in any area to which we have been.

There is currently a great deal of confusion regarding this issue. If attendance at field trips is expected to be less than 30 people, do we need to apply for permits, and what kind?

Christina Morrissey, WSMC Secretary and field trip coordinator for the Marysville Rock & Gem recently spoke with the Northwest Federation Field Trip Director, Doug True regarding this issue. He has been heavily involved with both the BLM and the USFS. He stated that as of 2002, if a field trip is publicly advertised and promoted (meaning if it is mentioned at a club meeting, advertised in a club newsletter, and/or put on a website; any public forum or form of media), the field trip manager is responsible for contacting the local office of the land management authority be it the USFS, the DNR, etc., and letting them know that a field trip for "surface collecting for non-commercial mineral specimens" is scheduled, and asking what if any are the collecting requirements for that area.

June 21, 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

Doug True recommended that field trip managers take digital pictures with time and date stamps of the collecting area before and after the activity to make sure that their group cannot be blamed for any negative activity. He also emphasized that everyone make sure that the area is left as it was found!!!

There was some further discussion regarding this issue, and it was indicated that if anyone was having difficulty in this area, the Land-Use Special Committee members would be happy to assist. The members of this committee are: Brian Waters, Andy Johnson, Bob Pattie, and Jim Miller. If anyone else is interested in assisting in their efforts, please contact one of these folks and let them know.

We particularly are in need of folks in the various areas around the state that have local DNR, USFS, and BLM offices nearby. We would like your help in contacting the people in these offices and in creating a relationship with them; to help educate them on the hobby, and if they have any issues that come up, giving them a local contact to answer any questions they might have.

Old Business

Stu Ernst indicated that there was some confusion with the management at the Palace Café regarding reservations for the meeting room and future dates which he has resolved for the rest of 2011.

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Kathy Ernst, Treasurer, stated that she has not yet received the bill from the DNR for the "lease" on Walker Valley. A motion was made, seconded and passed to pay the Walker Valley lease, then amended, seconded, and passed to pay the bill as long as it is no more than \$600.

Christina Morrissey received reimbursement of \$50 for the membership fee for the ALAA and Bob Pattie of \$20 for the Palace Café tip as mentioned in the previous minutes.

New Business

The Nominating Committee for the WSMC 2012 Slate of Officers and Trustees is to be Andy Johnson (current President), and Mike Shaw (field trip coordinator, Spokane Rock Rollers). 2012 elections will include the positions of the President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, and the Treasurer in addition to trustees. The West Side will need two trustees, as will the East Side.

2011 NFMS Show - Andy Johnson made a motion to exhibit the WSMC display at the 2011 Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies Convention/Show in Chehalis on July 29-31 at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds. Ed Lehman and Bob Pattie will assist in reorganizing the displays as they were instrumental in establishing them. Motion seconded and passed.

Walker Valley - Christina Morrissey gave a report on the latest happenings up at the Walker Valley Quarry collecting site (see map book pg. 47, site #3). She went up to the site, Friday, May 6, 2011. The state has been working the site for the last five weeks and what was once a large flat "parking lot" now has a 30 foot deep and 60 foot wide pit in it. As of Monday, May 9th, there is now a second pit in the process on the other side of the "parking lot." Both pits are in prime crystal areas. Agate nodules have also been discovered similar to the veins and nodules discovered on the other side of the valley at the old "Fly-by-Nite" claim.

Collecting is very simple. Bend down and pick up. The material has been all broken up by the construction equipment and is just lying there. The nodules are somewhat deceiving unless they are broken. Even the geodes still in the wall of the pit are not that difficult to break out requiring just a 4lb sledge hammer, chisel and maybe a crowbar. As to the rest, you will just need a bucket, gloves and good hiking boots; spray bottle if it is not raining.

For those with limited physical abilities or kids, the advice is "walk the roads." The material from the pits is being spread out on the various dirt roads in the area. Follow the dump trucks to where they dump, or find a road that looks like it has been newly covered and just start looking on the surface. Please don't dig into the roads, however as they are being used. You will find material on the top as part of the gravel.

WARNING: Unless it is a Sunday, be aware that we have been told that there is considerable logging activity right now in the area, in addition to the dump trucks, so PLEASE be careful when you are on the roads. This is also a popular ORV area with LOTS of motorcycles and off-roading on weekends. At the pit area, if the equipment is active in the pit, stay out.

Needless to say, take the necessary safety precautions when collecting here as at all locations. Take out your trash and any other trash you might see...remember; leave the place cleaner than when you got there!! Don't get us kicked out for any reason!!

The equipment operator is living on site. According to him, the quarry is to be worked every week for the next year. So the material will be refreshed every week! The collecting opportunities at Walker Valley are the best in decades!

Late Update as of Monday, May 16, 2011: Events have changed very quickly at the Quarry location. Because we have had various club members up there almost daily, we have learned that as of Friday, the logging company responsible for the renewed quarry activity has shut down operations. We don't know if this is a temporary shut-down or not. There is some dispute between the logging company and the Department of Natural Resources which manages the area.

The pit is still accessible, and new geodes can be worked out of the newly exposed walls with chisels, sledge hammers and crow bars for non-commercial collecting; hard hats are recommended. However, the easier material, fresh from the excavation is no longer available. Access to the newly constructed logging roads with the gravel material with open gates will also now be locked.

Any changes in the status of the quarry area will be posted in the newsletter when we hear of them.

WSMC Web site - Andy Johnson has asked that everyone with personal information on the website please check it out and verify that it is correct. If you are a club president and or club contact, please check your club's listing on the website to verify that the information is also correct. If any changes need to be made, please contact the newsletter editor and webmaster, Glenn Morita by email at: gmorita@seanet.com .

Environmental Impact Statement (USFS) - The final date to make a comment on the USFS' efforts to address the changing usage of our National Forests is May 16th. To be considered, written comments need to be submitted electronically at <http://www.govcomments.com/> or <http://www.regulations.gov>, or sent in hard copy to Forest Service Planning DEIS, C/O Bear West Company, 132 E 500 S, Bountiful, UT 84010, or sent via FAX to 801-397-1605. Please identify your written comments by including "planning rule" on the cover sheet or the first page. Comments are available for public inspection at <http://contentanalysisgroup.com/fsrd/>. We strongly urge everyone to send in their thoughts regarding multiuse of forest lands, particularly allowing non-commercial collecting of mineral specimens.

GPS Information on collecting sites in WA - Still would welcome getting this from folks as they go out this season. Please contact Ed Lehman or Christina Morrissey.

Discussion

Andy Johnson spoke about his recent collecting trip through Oregon, Idaho, and Nevada. He mentioned that there wasn't one place where he didn't encounter trash of some sort. The suggestion was made that every field trip coordinator if not every rockhound should have trash bags as part of his field trip kit. Let's all try to do our bit to clean up a part of our nature. Wouldn't it be great if we could bring back the Johnny Horizon campaigns.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.
Submitted by Christina Morrissey
Secretary, WSMC

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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	MtBk	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	Canceled		
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

(* Deposit must be received no later than 30 days before trip date to reserve spot; deposit partially refundable: \$15; \$10 to go to cost of portapoty. Adults only. No Pets Please)

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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**Department of Natural Resource
Leasing & Land Transactions:**

Land Leasing is involved in the management of more than 1 million acres of state trust lands. It includes leases: to private farmers, ranchers, and orchardists, and other agencies; for rock, sand and gravel, minerals and mining; for oil and gas exploration and extraction; for wind power, communication sites, commercial real estate, and more. There may be Opportunities to lease trust lands as well.

DNR also leases areas of the 2.6 million acres of state-owned aquatic lands such as the tidelands and beds of Puget Sound, lakes, and rivers. Leases are for marinas, shellfish beds, rights of way across these watery lands, and a host of other activities. DNR been a long-term partner with lessees to bring many benefits to the people of Washington—for more than 100 years. Land Transactions are a valuable tool for DNR to improve long-term value of state trust lands, as well as DNR's management options. The agency strives to improve trust land values, increase income potential, and reduce financial risks to the trusts. We constantly seek the right 'mix of land assets' to manage, and selectively 'reposition' the lands through land exchanges,

transfer or sale, and purchase of replacement properties. Transactions also offer a way to move lands with special environmental values or unique features out of trust ownership and into conservation or other ownership. Replacement properties are then acquired that are more appropriate for long-term revenue production. To learn more visit them at the following: www.dnr.wa.gov

New Rock and Gem Show in Darrington WA

Marysville Rock and Gem Club is sponsoring the new Rock and Gem show in Darrington. The dealers are all amateurs (no commercial dealers), and the facilities are very reasonable, so our prices will be very reasonable, and of a large verity. There are 3 major activities for the week-end, our show (7/16 & 17), the Bluegrass Festival (7/15—17),and Jade Fest (7/15—17) .

The show is at the Darrington Grange behind the IGA store off Hwy 530. The Bluegrass Festival is at the Darrington Fair Grounds on Hwy 530 West of town. The Jade Fest is down the 1st road on the East edge of the Fair Ground to the end of the road at the river.

The Rock Show will open 10:00 till 6:00 each day. We will have finished jewelry, finished products, specimens, slabs, and related items inside. There will be kids activities on the covered porch. Outside there will be a free rocks pile (member surplus), wading pools with water and rocks (one @ \$.50 a pound, one at \$ 1.00 a pound) and tailgating by permission. There will be door prizes, and a scholarship raffle. You will see many items you won't see at the big shows. Access is free. Free rocks for kids. We hope the Grange will have the kitchen going to supply food available.

This is the first time we and the Grange have tried anything like this, so some things may vary from our plans as we progress. Come join us and have fun. Please pass this information on. Any help advertising would be greatly appreciated. Remember, this is our 1st effort with something like this, and we would like to make it a annual event. I think it will be good for us, Darrington, and the Rockhounds.

Rock & Gem Show & Sale

Darrington Grange—7/16 & 17 - 9:00 to 6:00

Displays & Demonstrations



**Highly Skilled Amateur Dealers
No Commercial Dealers**

KID'S ACTIVITIES & TAILGATING

FREE ROCKS—RAFFLE—DOOR PRIZES

Rock Maps—Used Tools—Custom Rock Sawing

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.

Local Area Shows for 2011

DATE & TIME	CLUB	SHOW	LOCATION
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 16th—9am—6pm 17th—9am—6pm		Rock & Gem Show & Sale	Mansford Grange 28806—43rd AVE NE Darrington, WA
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 15 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 Johns Prairie Rd Shelton, WA
		\$15 Pre-registration fee \$20 fee day of event	For information contact Richard 360-427-2497 or giggpig@aol.com
October 2011 8th 10am - 5pm 9th 10am - 5pm	Marysville Rock & Gem club	36th Annual Rocktoberfest	Totem Junior High School 7th and State St, Marysville
October 2011 15th 5pm - 11pm 16th 8am - 11pm 17th 8am - noon	PNW Friends of Mineralogy	Annual Mineralogy Symposium and Mineral show Minerals of Mexico	Kelso Red Lion Hotel 510 Kelso Dr Kelso, WA
October 2011 22nd 10am - 5pm 23rd 10am - 5pm	Bellevue Rock Club	Octoberfest of Gems	Vasa Park 3560 West Lake Sammamish Blvd. SE Bellevue, Washington 98009 (I-90 Exit 13)
November 2011 12th 10am - 5pm 13th 9am - 4pm	Maplewood Rock and Gem Club	Annual Fall Show	Maplewood Clubhouse 8802 196th St SW Edmonds, WA
November 2011 11th 10am - 5pm 12th 10am - 5pm 13th 10am - 4pm	NW Opal Association & Boeing Employee's Mineralogical Society	7th Annual South Sound Gem, Opal & Mineral show	Expo Hall Puyallup Fairgrounds Meridian St S & 9th Ave SW Puyallup
November 2011 19th 10am - 5pm 20th 10am - 5pm	Kitsap Mineral and Gem Society	Fall Festival of Gems	Kitsap County Fairgrounds President's Hal 1200 NW Fairgrounds Rd. Bremerton, WA

Westside Board Meeting
June 21, 2011
7:30 PM

Maplewood Clubhouse
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