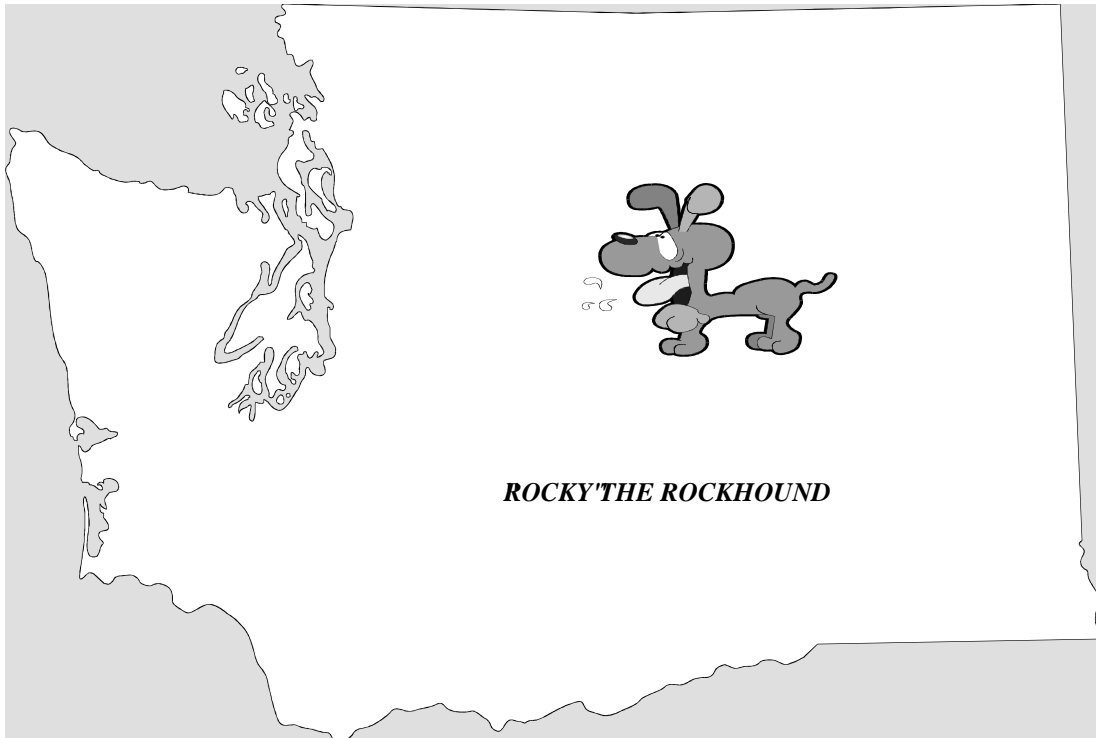

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Combined Board Meeting Minutes 11/06/10

The November 6, 2010 meeting of the Washington State Mineral Council was called to order at 9:30 am by President Brian Waters (Cascade Mineralogical Soc/West Seattle Club).

Eleven clubs with a total of eighteen members were present. A quorum was in attendance and business could be conducted.

The Treasurer's report from October was read detailing bills for locks for Walker Valley, and newsletter printing costs for two months which were approved for payment.

Wagonmasters

Concerning the September weekend trip to the Saddle Mountain area to collect petrified wood, Brian Waters reported that over 40 people showed up on the Saturday, the majority of which were new to rockhounding and to the location. There were no overnight campers, and on Sunday, only two families attended, a common occurrence. Not much large material was found; Brian had a flat tire, and there were considerable reports of rattlesnakes.

Ed Lehman (Marysville Club) reported on the collecting status of the First Creek property up on Hwy 97, north of Cle Elum. The land owner has finished logging out that property and has no further motivation to continue maintaining the roads. As a result, access to motorized vehicles will remain closed for the foreseeable future. Walk-ins are allowed. It is quite a distance to the large thunder egg site. (The back way in is also very difficult even by 4WD; probably best only for off-road vehicles.)

Old Business

None.

New Business

Land-Use Issues: Brian Waters stated that in the past it has been the job of the 2nd vice president, which is an annual position, and is this year a "caretaker" position, to see to the council's interests in promoting rockhounds concerns vis-à-vis land-use issues across the state. Given how quickly access to public lands is shrinking in Washington and across the United States, and how crucial this issue is to our hobby, perhaps we need to look at another way of addressing our concerns. Brian suggests a committee of three or four people who will deal with these concerns and who will in turn then communicate by email to the various clubs through their newsletters to the individual rockhounds. The purpose of this endeavor to get the information and education out more efficiently to more people and provide a base for immediate action if necessary.

January 18, 2011 Westside Board Meeting AGENDA

Opening of Meeting
 ◇ Stu Earnst/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, August ?, 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

Discussion: Bob Pattie (Cascade Mineralogical Soc), the Council's historian, commented that at least two years minimum is needed just to get to know all the players in the land use arena. In addition, he recommended that the committee be a standing committee with people committed to their positions for more than several years because of this. These people should also have some time on their hands and be computer literate given that they will be using email quite a bit of the time. He then had a comment regarding the Federation representatives and how they often interfaced with both the council and the Federation and the ALAA (The American Lands Access Association <http://www.amlands.org/>).

Andy Johnson (Kennewick Rock Club), an Eastside Trustee, explained that the ALAA is a creation of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) to promote and ensure the rights for amateur fossil and mineral collecting, recreational prospecting and mining, and the use of public and private lands for educational and recreational purposes; and to carry the voice of all amateur collectors and hobbyists to our elected officials, government regulators and public land manag-

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ers. ALAA has become an organization that is present wherever there are hobbyist and recreational users of our public lands whose interests and concerns are not being heard or are being jeopardized by proposed policy, regulation or legislation at the local, state and federal level. The Federation itself cannot lobby government organizations, ALAA can.

Andy recommended that instead of the Council creating a standing committee for land-use issues, that it become a member of the Federation and let the ALAA stay on top of these issues for us. There are not enough council members to efficiently cover all these issues effectively. He further mentioned that he believed that it would be relatively inexpensive to join, only about \$50/ club.

Bob Pattie then commented that many of the Council's clubs were already members.

Andy Johnson stated that he would like to see the Council become a member of the Federation.

Ed Lehman asked given that the Council is not a club, but rather an organization of clubs, how would the Federation handle the dues situation.

Mr. Johnson didn't know the answer to this. Perhaps there would be another category in such a situation similar to a honorary membership.

Bob Pattie stated that there had been a similar discussion regarding this topic years ago and it was decided that some member clubs might object to paying ALAA dues either for the second time if they were already Federation members or paying them at all if they weren't. If the Council were to decide on such a move, it would have to bring this up to all the clubs once again before going any further.

Andy Johnson then stated that if the current 2009 Federation roster does not include the WSMC as a member, then the council must provide a representative to the Public Land Use Committee of the Federation. Why should we if all the council clubs are Federation members?

Bob Pattie reminded Andy that approximately 5% of the Council clubs are NOT Federation members for their own reasons.

Andy then said that they all should be members of the ALAA as this was an issue in which we had common ground: continued access to public lands.

Ed Lehman asked Andy if he knew if the Oregon Mineral Council belonged to the Federation. The Montana Mineral Council?

Christina Morrissey (Marysville Club), secretary, volunteered

to find out if there was a way to join the AFMS without paying dues and inform the Council at the next combined Board Meeting in March 2011. Until then, the issue should be tabled.

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PRELIMINARY 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.

Date	Host	Site	Meet	Material	Tools
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 & com. opal	light & dig tools
4/09	MtBk	Racehorse Crk	9:00 @ Nugent's Corner, E of Bellingham	Fossils; Morel mshrms	Dig, light, & split tools
4/16-17	Pow	Saddle Mtn	8:00 @ Boat launch: S. Mattawa	Petr. Wood	Light hard rock & dig tools
5/14-15	CMS	Wasco, OR	8:00@ Goldendale, WA	China Hollow Pic Jasp	Registr. Opens 3/1/11 \$25 deposit
5/27-30	Tri-Fed	Central Oregon	TBD Prineville, Hampton Butte	Petr. Wood, agate, limb casts	Contact Fed. Representative
6/11	Spkn	Emerald Crk, ID	TBD	Star Garnets	old clothes, collecting jar
6/28	NSea	Glass Buttes, OR	TBD	Obsidian	Dig tools, spray bottle
6/29-7/3	Pow	Madras, OR	8:00 @ Jefferson Fair Grounds	Agate, jasper, wood, T-Eggs	Dig & light tool
7/16-17	Spkn	Lolo Pass, ID	TBD	Smoky Quartz Crystals	
7/23	Whid	Lk Wenatchee	9:00 @ Coles Corner Gas Sta.	Garnet, actinolite, talc	Screen, wood saw, dig tools
8/6	Yak	Timberwolf Mtn	TBD Naches (Yakima area)	Quartz Crystals w/inclusions	
8/20-21	Pvgn	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
9/3-4	NSea	Republic, WA	TBD	Plant Fossils	Shale Splitting tools
9/10-11	Pow	Red Top	8:00 @ W Frk Teanaway Camp	Geodes, Agate, jade	Dig & light hard rock
9/17	Pvgn	Little Naches	9:00 @ Enumclaw Rngr Station	Thunder eggs	Dig & light hard rock
9/24-25	Stu E	Wasco, OR	8:00 @ Goldendale, WA	China Hollow Pic Jasper	Reg. Opens 7/1/15 \$25 deposit
10/1	Spkn	Chewelah	TBD Red Marble Quarry	Magnesite, Barite Minerals	
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

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Msvl	Marysville Rock Club	Christina Morrissey (425) 398-1300	cmvw@frontier.com
MtBk	Mt Baker Rock Club	Kris Menger (360) 366-0576	kmenger@peoplepc.com
NSea	N. Seattle Lap & Mineral Club	Dan Wood	
POW Wow Club	All Rockhounds Club	Cliff Matteson (253)475-8433	cliff.conniematteson@gmail.com
Pvgn	Puyallup Rock Club	Tony Johnson (253) 863-9238	
Stu E		Stu Earnst	earnstkk@comcast.net
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Whid	Whidbey Is. Gem Club		
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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Elections for the above positions will be held at the March Regional meeting.

Discussion: There was some discussion as to why the Westside had monthly meetings in addition to the quarterly combined board meetings held in Ellensburg. Each side of the state can determine what is best for them. The west side decided that they needed to monthly meetings to keep up communications and contacts with the local clubs. They found that there is value in meeting face to face with the local representatives even if for only an hour or two. Often there is discussion conducted that does not directly concern the Council but is of interest nonetheless to the representatives concerning the latest rock finds in and out of state, various events at recent shows and so forth. Occasionally these events will cause an issue to arise that will be of interest to the Council and so it will be something for the minutes of the meeting to mention or for a council member to pursue. Some Eastside members indicated that they were interested in holding meetings with local eastside clubs to network and share information and monthly council meetings might provide such a venue.

Additional New Business:

Brian Waters received an email from a person who did not give his last name nor did this person indicate whether or not he was a member of a rock club. This person wanted to collect carnelian at Lucas Creek and had contacted Weyerhaeuser to get permission. He was informed that this area was closed to rock-hounding. This person was very upset by this and appeared unaware of recent events that had occurred in the area over the last year, not to mention the last 30-40 years. He wrote to Brian wanting to get the Council involved in a writing campaign against Weyerhaeuser regarding Lucas Creek. Members agreed that this was not a good idea.

There has been some question from members as to why the Council doesn't attempt to meet with Weyerhaeuser and represent the side of responsible Washington rockhounds. Bob Pattie indicated that while that idea has merit, it would be best to let things lie for awhile given the current attitude of the folks involved. In addition, he added, let's not forget, even if we were able to reassure Weyerhaeuser of most rockhounds' good intentions, it is impossible to police all of them. There have always been a few bad "apples" in every bunch, no matter what we do. It is difficult for each club to police their own members!

In the future, the WSMC website as well as the list of annual field trips will attempt to list known current sites officially closed to collecting.

Finally, Council representatives are asked to take to their clubs a proposal for discussion: Port-a-Potties that are rented for WSMC overnight field trips (in and out-of-state): donations from the attending field trippers will be solicited to cover the cost of the toilets. However, if there is any outstanding cost

remaining for the Port-a-Potty; it has been proposed that the Mineral Council reimburse the field trip leader for this expense given a certain cap.

General Discussion:

Dale Geer of the Yakima Rock & Mineral Club would like everyone to please note that as of 2011, the annual Yakima Rock & Gem Show which will take place on April 16 & 17th, 2011 will no longer be at the Fairgrounds. They have a new venue now. It is to be held in the future at the National Guard Armory 2501 Airport Lane (at the junction of S. 26th Ave & Ahtanum Rd) near the airport. The new facilities are larger, include a beautiful kitchen, as well as conference rooms, and cost one-tenth the price! Given that the show's attendance includes over 2000 school children, the space will be welcome.

Finally Andy Johnson, nominated for 2011 President, inquired as to when the Council dues were last increased? He was informed that this happened sometime in the 1980's. He stated that as costs overall were increasing, perhaps it was time to consider raising the current dues from \$0.75 to \$1.00 per member. Please check with your members on this.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.

Submitted by Christina Morrissey, Secretary

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.

Dues are due

Local Area Shows for 2010/2011

DATE & TIME	CLUB	SHOW	LOCATION
November 20th 10am—5pm 21st 10am—5pm	Kitsap Mineral and Gem Society	Fall Festival of Gems	The Presidents Hall, Kitsap County Fairgrounds 1200 NW Fairgrounds Rd Bremerton, WA
February 2011 12th 9am - 5pm 13th 9am - 4pm	Whidbey Island Gem Club And Pebble Pushers	46th Annual Sweetheart of Gems show	Oak Harbor Senior Center 51 SE. Jerome Street Oak Harbor, WA
February 2011 26th 10am - 6pm 27th 10am - 5pm	Everett Rock and Gem Club	58th Annual Gem and Jewelry Show	Washington National Guard Armory 2730 Oakes Ave. Everett, WA 98201
February 2011 26th 10am - 7pm 27th 10am - 5pm	Idaho Gem and Mineral Club	Annual Gem and Mineral show	Expo Idaho Fairgrounds 5610 Glenwood & Chinden Boise, Idaho
March 2011 5th 10am - 6pm 6th 10am - 5pm	East KingCo	Annual Show	Pickering Barn 1730 10th Ave NW Issaquah, WA
March 2011 12th 9am - 5pm 13th 10am - 4pm	Rock and Arrowhead Club	Annual Show "Petrified Wood"	Klamath County Fairgrounds 3531 S. 6th St. Klamath Fall, OR. 97603
March 2011 12th 9am - 6pm 13th 9am - 5pm	Magic Valley Gem Club	Magic Valley Gem Show	Twin Falls County Fairgrounds East of Filer, Idaho on US Hwy 30
March 2011 26th 10am - 6pm 27th 10am - 4pm	Sweet Home Rock and Mineral Society	62nd Annual Rock & Gem Show	Sweet Home High School Activity Gym 1641 Long St. Sweet Home, OR
April 2011 8th 10am - 6pm 9th 10am - 6pm 10th 10am - 5pm	Rock Rollers of Spokane	52nd Annual Rock, Gem, Jewelry and Mineral Show	Spokane Fair & Expo Center N. 604 Broadway & Havana Spokane, WA
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

Westside Board Meeting
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7:30 PM

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