

Oregon Council of Rock & Mineral Clubs

Fall Meeting Minutes
Portland Regional Show, Canby, Oregon
Saturday, October 13, 2018

Attendees & Clubs: Dave and Maureen Williams - Umpqua Gem & Mineral Club, Roseburg, OR
Hidemi and Tomoko Kira – Clackamette Mineral & Gem Corporation, Oregon City, OR
Vicki and Ted Johnson - Willamette Agate & Mineral Society, Salem, OR
Edwin Anderson - Sweet Home Rock & Mineral Society, Sweet Home, OR
Susie Koppert, Troy and Lenora Smith – Mt. Hood Rock Club, Gresham, OR
Guest: Debbie Simon - Central Oregon Rock Collectors, Redmond, OR

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Dave Williams.

Introductions: Participants introduced themselves and provided their club affiliations. Terry Innes (Vice-President) and Don Innes were not able to attend due to health issues. We welcomed Debbie Simon from the Central Oregon Rock Collectors in Redmond.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the 2018 Madras Annual meeting were approved. Several corrections regarding Capitol Case scheduling were given by Vicki Johnson.

Treasurer's Report: Maureen Williams distributed copies of the current Treasurer's report. Beginning Balance - June 24, 2018 of \$2358.03. Ending Balance - October 13, 2018 of \$2383.03. Received on July 30, 2018 membership fees from the Oregon Agate and Mineral Society of \$25.00. No checks written, interest earned or fees assessed during the above period. The Treasurer's report was moved, seconded and approved by the attending members.

Maureen also listed the following paid member clubs as of October 13, 2018:

Far West Lapidary & Gem Society, Sweet Home Rock and Mineral Society, Trails End Gem & Mineral Club, Mount Hood Rock Club, Lower Umpqua Gem & Lapidary Society, Columbia Gorge Rock Hounds, Umpqua Gem & Mineral Club, South Douglas Gem & Mineral Club, Clackamette Mineral & Gem Society, Willamette Agate & Mineral Society, Oregon Agate and Mineral Society.

Old Business

Club Membership & Contact Update: There are still some Oregon clubs who have not chosen to be members of the Council. Cost may be an issue for both the Council and NW Federation. The Federation is more expensive than the Council. Susie also had a request to attend a club meeting and report on her experiences with the BLM RAC's. Unfortunately, she was unable to go and felt disappointed she could not fit it in her schedule. Dave said he will compose a letter to send to all the clubs, members and non-members of the Council, which can go out with renewal applications at the beginning of the year.

OCRMC Informational Tri-Fold: Maureen is in the process of assembling a tri-fold to send out to all the clubs and for publicity when we go to different Oregon shows. She plans to include information on the Council's mission with pictures of the Capitol Case display and folks enjoying rockhounding in the field. There were lots of ideas and helpful discussion about preparing the flyer. We will have it ready to send out at annual renewal time.

BLM – USFS Land Management Update: We again discussed the importance of applying to be a member on the BLM planning RAC's. Susie and Lenora have both visited BLM offices to attend RAC meetings. To date, Susie has attended 52 RAC meetings. Susie has applied to become a member on two BLM RAC's in eastern Oregon, but has yet to be selected. Ed Anderson said he would like to apply to be on the Northwest Oregon RAC. Susie indicated that there are access issues at Stinking Water because of power line concerns, but the area is still open. The BLM are using dogs to check for native burial sites at Glass Butte and Stinking Water. If you want to visit the Glass Butte area, check with the BLM in Prineville first.

Hidemi related that there is a lot of rockhound caused surface disturbance (holes, trenches) in the Hampton Butte area. He proposed organizing a Council sponsored effort to fill in old digs using a small tractor. We would coordinate with the BLM for their approval/permit as necessary. This type of project would serve to promote good relations with the BLM and show the Council in action. Hidemi will followup with a tentative plan for our consideration. Great idea Hidemi!

Lenora has been forwarding emails she receives from the Forest Service and BLM (some of these were originally received from Shirley Leeson at the ALAA). She also sends emails from the Western Caucus, which are of particular interest as they describe land use proposals the federal legislature is considering. Please check your junk file or talk with your internet service provider if you are not receiving the Western Caucus updates (some carriers may flag the Western Caucus emails as spam). Lenora will try to send at least monthly emails that concern keeping our federal lands open to recreational rockhounding!

New Business

Oregon Council Trophy: Judging for the best "All Oregon Material" display case was conducted earlier in the day. The winner of the Oregon Trophy was the Mt. Hood Rock Club's Field Trip Group. They had a great exhibit of materials they had collected and finished from McDermitt.

Nomination/Election of Officers: Our bylaws provide for a two year minimum term for most officers. As most of our currently serving officers have been in place at least two years, Dave advised the group that if anyone would like to be nominated we could hold elections at our Sweet Home meeting. There were no nominations at this time.

Newsletter Update: Susie Koppert has generously agreed to explore putting together our newsletter. We look forward to her "First Edition". Thank you Susie!

Capitol Display Case Update: Vicki Johnson, our Capitol Case Agent, reported that the Columbia Gorge Rockhounds are currently exhibiting in Salem. They will be replaced by the Lower Umpqua Gem & Lapidary Society in November 2018. The South Douglas Club will begin displaying in May 2019.

Announcements, Date, Time and Location for Next meeting: Our Spring meeting will be held at the Sweet Home Rock and Mineral Show on Saturday, March 30, 2019 at 1pm. Ed Anderson will arrange for a meeting room. We will post the room location at the check-in desk to the show.

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by,
Lenora Smith
OCRMC Secretary