

# Oregon Council Annual Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2022

Prineville, Oregon

## Attendees:

Susie Koppert - Mt Hood Rock Club  
Vicki Johnson - Willamette Agate & Mineral Society  
Sonia Watt - Oregon Agate & Mineral Society  
Edwin Anderson - Sweet Home Rock & Mineral Society  
Don Starr - Sweet Home Rock & Mineral Society  
Dave Williams - Umpqua Gem & Mineral Club  
Linda Harvey - Tualatin Valley Gem Club  
Bill Harvey - Tualatin Valley Gem Club  
Hidemi Kira - Clackamette Mineral & Gem Corp.  
Tomoko Kira - Clackamette Mineral & Gem Corp.  
Maureen Williams - Umpqua Gem & Mineral Club

- **Meeting called to order at 1:08 pm: at Prineville, Oregon (Show).**
- **Meeting Minutes:** An update but not a change - Hidemi noted that Lenora was back on as representative for the ALAA, but not sure if she really is. Minutes submitted by Linda Harvey.

Minutes - Motion made to approve (Vicki Johnson) and seconded (Susie Koppert). Minutes approved.

- **Treasurer's Report - Maureen Williams** Oregon Coast Agate rejoined (8 members). Wanted to come to meeting but had other duties and unable to attend. North America Research Group (90 members) has rejoined as of today. Now have 16 clubs with 1502 members total. It would be good to get more Eastern, Southern and Central Oregon clubs to join. Motion to approve (Linda Harvey) and seconded (Sonia Watts) Treasurer's report approved by all. Each member club gets the financial information mailed to them.
- **Old Business:**

**2022 Club Membership/Website Update - Maureen Williams** Let Maureen know if there are updates to website if it needs to be corrected. Carl to do updates on the website. Check to see if there is a picture of the board on the site. Make show information as generic as possible. Carl is doing a super job with the website - we are very fortunate to have him.

**BLM Signage Project/Rockhound Management Plan - Dave Williams** Spoke with Kevin Weldon (main contact @ BLM office) about the reclamation putting up signage about responsible stewardship, rockhounding & code of ethics for the last 3-4 years now. Dave will be dropping the questions due to the bureaucracy of moving it forward currently. There is too much review and approval from the BLM officials. When they are ready to do it we will help.

Dave is still planning to work with BLM to put together a rockhound management plan. To be used as a model for the rest of the nation.

Signage is still being looked at for some of the areas. Susie said the importance was put aside for a while and was not prioritized over the last 2 years. Signage needs to be approved through 6 different departments. Dave will ask Kevin about this as well.

**BLM RAC Membership/Meetings - Ed Anderson, Susie Koppert:** Ed - June meeting 1 hour spent introducing new senior representatives (government). It also included an hour review of funding parks business draft and proposed park and recreational sites. Review of costs and proposed site visit in Medford - plateaus - trails, brush clearing etc.

Ed has spent over 100 hours reviewing grants - trail reconstruction, fire protection, fisheries, soil conservation, etc.

Thank you Ed for your investment of time and money to sit on the RAC and for being our representative!

Having participants at the RAC meetings gives recreational rockhounds a voice we wouldn't have if not participating.

Susie - fees are needed to keep some of the areas open for recreation. BLM cannot sell property but can exchange property. Stewards but don't own it. We have lost access to Columbia River Gorge areas due to this. Susie, after 7 years, has now been appointed to the John Day River, Snake River RAC - more than 50% of Eastern Oregon rockhounding areas. She is attending the Southeast and John Day/Snake River meetings. Representing energy and mineral development.

- **New Business:**

**2022 Hampton Butte Reclamation Project - National Public Lands Day - Hidemi Kira, Dave Williams** - September 24, 2022 for this year. Meet up at 8am at Brothers Rest Area or at Hampton Butte dig site if later.

**OCRMC Show Case - Hidemi Kira** - a case was put in at the Sweet Home Show and the Mt Hood show. The next is Portland Regional (hosting NFMS)

**Display Case at the State Capitol - Vicki Johnson:** Capitol building will be closed to the public July 1, 2022. November 1982 the Oregon Council put in the first case. The following was submitted by Vicki Johnson 6-18-2022.

CAMSIII

Capitol Accessibility, Maintenance and Safety (CAMS)

Phase III of the CAMS project was approved by the 2022 Legislative Assembly and is an extension of the first two phases. It will concentrate on the 1938 portion of the Capitol.

I spoke with Stacy, who works in the visitor Services section. I asked her if any plans to continue our rock case that has been in the capitol for 40 years (well would have been if we had a case in now through November, 2022, as that would have been 40 years!!!)

Stacy said that she sent the information I gave to her in April, to Jodi, the planner for CAMSIII. She is aware of the value of our rock case and has talked with Stacy that the plans are not solidified yet, and probably won't be until January, 2023, but is planning on the rock case somewhere in the building. It will not be in the same area it was, as they are tearing down that area. Where the gift store was will now be stairs to the upper floor, and the cafeteria is being moved, just to mention a couple.

She is aware of the history of the case, and that Visitors, employees and Legislatures have immensely enjoyed and look forward to the Oregon Rocks that have been on display for almost 40 years. I will continue to work with them.

Stacy said that by January, 2023, they should have a better idea. To me this was encouraging.

**Fall 2022 Meeting:** The next meeting will be at the Portland Regional Show, Saturday, October 1, 2022 at 12:00pm - 3:00pm in Conference Room B.