

**OREGON COUNCIL OF ROCK AND MINERAL CLUBS  
FALL MEETING – HILLSBORO, OREGON  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2022- DRAFT-revised 2-15-23**

- **Call to Order-12:20**
  
- **Attendees-**Sonia Watt(OAMS), Tomoko Kira(CMGC), Hidemi Kira(CMGC), Susie Koppert(MHRC), Dave Williams(UMGC), Maureen Williams(UGMC), Judi Allison(HRC), Gordon Hale(TVGC), Don Starr(SWMC).
  
- **Approval of Minutes from June 18, 2022 Prineville Annual Meeting –** Revisions made to Minutes. Revised Notes approved and passed unanimously- First Motion- Sonia Watt; Second Motion- Hidemi Kira.
  
- **Treasurer’s Report/Approval –** Maureen Williams- report distributed to attendees and mailed to missing representatives. Report is approved with no revision.
  
- **Old Business**

**2022 Final Club Membership/2023 Membership Renewal/Website Update – Maureen Williams-** Applications’ packets for 2023 membership have been distributed. Oregon Council membership for 2022 is 16 clubs and 2021 was 15 clubs.

-A general discussion occurred regarding club field trips. It was suggested member clubs belonging to the OCRMC might want to share field trip locations and invite member clubs to join in field trips. A member from MHRC suggested a group field trip to the Owyhee rock hounding area in July. It was agreed most clubs have areas they go to for favorite field trip sites, but may not want to share with other clubs. ALAA requests members to complete a field trip form. Discussion TBC.

-Website- We are very fortunate to have a well maintained website with the help of Karl Granzow. Susie, Dave and Maureen have received calls from people to get information about rock hounding clubs and collection sites in our state because of the website. Susie, Sonia and Judi contributed information about different states support of rock hounding and distribution of information.

**BLM Collection Site Signage Project/Rockhound Management Plan/Categorical Exclusion Permit (Reclamation Equipment – Tractor Use) – Dave Williams**-Mark Cooley, a BLM ranger, thought the BLM may be able to furnish a small piece of equipment to do remediation. At Hampton Butte, also, Mark reported the subject of signage is “still on the table.”

Dave shared a pamphlet from the USDA/Forest Services, Rock Hound Guide with information from this federal agency.

-OCRMC would like to encourage each club to schedule one field trip a year to a favorite collection site to do remediation. Good stewardship is part of the AFMS Code of Ethics.

### **BLM RAC Membership/Meetings –Susie Koppert-**

-Susie was recently assigned a position on the John Day-Snake River (North East) RAC. There are 15 people on the board. She is planning to go to a meeting in Prineville, October 20+21, 2022. Susie will go to the RAC meetings and be allowed to talk for 15 minutes regarding rock hounding. She is included as the mining representative on the RAC. Susie stressed her position on the RAC was that of a representative not a lobbyist.

-A discussion took place regarding defacto withdrawals by to mining, timber and oil/gas companies. The companies are allowed to use public lands for private uses.

-Dave asked Susie to pursue getting signage at Hampton Butte, approval for small tractor use during our National Public Lands’ Day remediation work, and a public policy for recreational rock hounding.

-Dave will write to Amanda Roberts, Prineville BLM director, about our concerns.

-Sonia asked about a stipend and reimbursement for representations. Maureen and Dave defined the OCRMC’s limitation because OCRMC is a 501C(4)nonprofit organization. We are not allowed to give stipends and reimbursements.

- **New Business**

**2022 Hampton Butte Reclamation Project Update– Hidemi Kira, Dave Williams**-National Public Lands Day, September 24, 2022, 1 BLM staff person, Ranger Mark Cooley and 24 participants. Clubs and number of participants- MHRC-18+, TVGC-3, UGMC-2, CMGC-2, and SHRC-2. Dave turned 70 years (young)old that day. The Prineville BLM is pleased with our continuing partnership project.

**OCRMC Show Case – Hidemi Kira-** Hidemi and Tomoko Kira, and Dave and Maureen Williams have created an informational display case about the purpose and activities of the OCRMC. It has been in the Sweet Home and Portland Regional rock shows. Robert Rose' donated a leaf fossil for the display.

**Oregon Council All Oregon Rock Display case winners-**Tara Baker and Debbie Shannon of North America Research Group, won the 2022 Oregon Trophy for the Best All Oregon Rock display case at the Portland Regional Rock Show. Dave will arrange a new rotating trophy because the old one has no more room for winners' names.

**Capitol Display Case Update – Vicki Johnson-Absent-** no report, but we missed her.

**Spring Meeting Location/Date - Sweet Home Show, March 24-26, 2023.**

It was discussed to arrange a Zoom component for members who cannot travel to the meetings. The expense for paying fees is a concern. The Zoom meeting would only be used 3-4 times per year with unknown amount of participation.

**Also, suggested to move our meetings to Sundays and earlier in the day. This was suggested by Hidemi so members who have a display case at the show could come back for the meeting and take down display cases. Dave will do a survey of members' input.**

**Announcements - Future Meetings, Shows, Events**

- **Adjourn-2:35pm**
- Respectfully Submitted, Maureen Williams