

**OREGON COUNCIL OF ROCK AND MINERAL CLUBS**  
**FALL MEETING NOTES\***  
**HILLSBORO, OREGON**  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023**

- **Call to Order** – Meeting was held at the Hillsboro Brookwood Library in conjunction with the Portland Regional Show.
- **Attendees** – Sonia Watt (OAMS), Tomoko Kira (CMGC/MHRC), Hidemi Kira (CMGC/MHRC), Susie Koppert (MHRC), Dave & Maureen Williams (UGMC), Gordon Hale (TVGC), Don Starr (SHRMC), Ed Anderson (SHRMC), Ed Taft (CORC), Adam Kneeland (Columbia Gorge Rockhounds)
- **Minutes Update** – The Council’s annual meeting, usually held at the Prineville show, was canceled in 2023 due to attendance issues related to officer’s health concerns and scheduling conflicts. Minutes from the April 2, 2023 Sweet Home meeting will not be available because notes and recordings have been lost.
- **Treasurer’s Report/Approval** – Maureen Williams distributed the current treasurer’s report and mailed copies to absent representatives. Report was approved without revisions. A discussion about raising Council dues to .50 cents per member was tabled for further review.
- **Old Business**

**2023 Final Club Membership/2024 Membership Renewal/Website Update** – Maureen announced the Council represented 17 clubs in 2023 with a total membership of 2277. The 2024 membership renewal request and application will be mailed in November. Karl Granzow continues to serve as our Webmaster and we are very appreciative for his services. Maureen works with Karl to keep our website updated.

**BLM Informational Update** – Discussions covered proposed lithium mining at McDermitt and a claim filing on the Bear Creek petrified wood collection site. The Council sent a letter to the BLM commenting on access limitations to rockhounding sites at McDermitt. Bear Creek should still be open to access as petrified wood is not a locatable commodity. Susie Koppert has attended several BLM RAC and McDermitt scoping meetings. She also shared some BLM rockhounding maps and site summary information.

- **New Business**

**OCRMC Officer Vacancies** – The Council has been operating without a Secretary, Director and Information Officer for some time now. After a discussion of the job duties for these positions, Ed Taft (CORC) has volunteered to be our new Information Officer. Adam Kneeland has stepped forward to be a new Director. Thanks to both for agreeing to fill these posts.

**Oregon Trophy Display Case Award** - Priscilla Hall-Ford (Oregon Agate & Mineral Society) won the Oregon Trophy for the Best All Oregon Rock display case as judged at the Portland Regional Show.

**2023 Hampton Butte NPLD Reclamation Project Update** – Dave Williams and Hidemi Kira reported the Council’s National Public Lands Day event on September 23, 2023 was again well attended with 42 workers. The Mt. Hood Club won the award for the most participants with 22. Other clubs with representatives included UGMC, TVGC, OAMS, STRC, SHRMS, CORC, CMGC and three staff members from the BLM. Our stewardship efforts showed great results with many previous digs filled and leveled. The Prineville BLM is very pleased with our continuing NPLD partnership.

**OCRMC Show Case** – Thanks to Hidemi and Tomoko Kira the Oregon Council show case was on display at the Portland Regional show. We hope to have the case at our spring meeting usually held in Sweet Home.

**Capitol Display Case Update** – Vicki Johnson, our capitol case agent, was unable to attend. She had previously advised that the capitol is in the middle of a seismic retrofit project and we are not able to access our case.

**Spring 2024 Meeting Location/Date** – It was decided to hold our next meeting at the Sweet Home Show on March 30, 2024.

- **Adjourn**

Submitted by Dave Williams – OCRMC President

\*- Because the Council is without a secretary, these notes should not be considered as actual minutes. They are, however, a summary of the topics discussed at our meeting.