

Bellevue Rock Club

Meeting Minutes

May 1, 2012 7:00—9:15 p.m.



Meeting Minutes

Old Business

- Minutes from the April meeting were approved.
- We currently have [REDACTED] in the bank and [REDACTED] in petty cash.
- There was discussion of our liability insurance policy which covers the liability of the club during our activities but not individual members. This kind of policy is required for us to have access to places like Kalama and to rent meeting places.
- Show: Bruce H. is working on advertising, federation announcements & flyers
 - The 2012 show is on October 27/28
 - Dealer contracts will go out in a couple of months.
- Cascade Min. Society
 - Should we join their proposed consortium to finance and manage a lapidary workshop?
 - Issues discussed: financially infeasible, sparse access, too open ended, no set plan or cost. Would be an issue of maybe poorly maintained equipment and those who are not.
 - Motion passed to let them know we are not interested as a club.
 - Makes more sense to us for them to set up a new club for lapidary only.
 - Arvid suggested that we could do more sharing within the club to better effect than the proposed co-op workshop. There was general agreement and Dave will solicit input for a list of members who are willing to share equipment and expertise.
 - Jackie reminded us that the Issaquah club also has a great workshop (through a member) that is open to club members once per month, so club members who are looking for a shared shop experience can join Issaquah.
- Club activities. Emery Bayley is working on a club-subsidized summer geology bus trip.
 - There are currently 22 positive responses for a trip to Mt. St. Helens in September. Emery chose the date of September 15. If you have not responded to Emery, let him know if you would go on such a trip.
 - \$1741 for the bus +tip +park fees. Emery will set up.
 - Bus will hold 36, club members can bring friends at \$25 each.
 - Will start taking reservations soon! In order to discourage no-shows, club members should send a check for \$25/person to be held until the trip. If the club member does not show up for the trip, the club will cash the check, but if they do show up, the check will be destroyed.

New Business

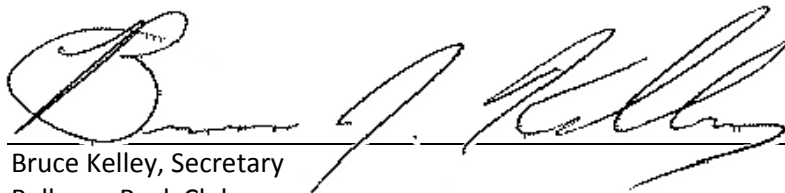
- Federation representative. Mike Diverde will go to the Kennewick meeting and show and volunteered to represent BRC.
- Jackie will also be going to the pet wood class at Kennewick and welcomes riders.
- Kalama is closed for logging until further notice. Someone apparently went into Kalama despite it being closed. This has raised some issue with the landowners, Longview Fiber and Weyerhaeuser. We don't know where it was, but the person says he wasn't the prohibited areas. At any rate, it bears repeating: Kalama is closed; please respect this as trespassers make the rock clubs look bad and risk us losing future access.
- Dave is setting up his yearly summer trip for July 14-22.

Program

- There was a silent auction with a nice variety of specimens and rough.
- A visitor brought a nice amethyst geode, hoping to sell it.
- We had 7 people showing bragging rocks.
- Mathias Zacke demonstrated faceting with his Ultra Tec V2 and V5 machines. He turned a piece of Oregon Sunstone into a cut gem and answered questions for about an hour.



Approval:


Bruce Kelley, Secretary
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Date