

**NORTHWEST FEDERATION OF MINERALOGICAL SOCIETIES  
MINUTES OF NFMS MIDYEAR MEETING  
KENNEWICK, WA  
APRIL 20, 2013**

**OFFICERS**

**KATHY MOEDL  
DON INNES  
WARREN ROOD  
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TREASURER  
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President Kathy Moedl opened the meeting and led us all in the pledge of allegiance.

President Moedl introduced the officers at the front table starting with Secretary Joan Day, Parliamentarian Evan Day, Treasurer Lyle Vogelpohl., 1st Vice President Don Innes, and 2nd Vice President Warren Rood.

Committee Chairs and Club Representatives introduced themselves. Shirley Leeson remarked that we had 10 Past NFMS Presidents and 3 AFMS Past Presidents in attendance. Both Shirley Leeson and Kathy Model have seen Doug True at Quartzite and he looks much better now, he is just trying to take it easy so he will be up to the Show in Butte.

Pastor Evan Day gave the invocation.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Lyle Vogelpohl announced that we have one new club, the Central Oregon Club and they meet in a local grocery store, which is an interesting place. They have been approved by the Executive Board, and will be voted into membership in August at Butte.

Joe Slouber talked about the 2013 Annual Show in Butte Montana to be held on the 9th, 10th, and 11th of August. There are show packets in the back for you to take if you are planning to go. He also put in various places to visit in the area. Gas is cheaper in Butte than Washington – no sales tax. Chuck Sonner gave us a “pep talk” about each club bringing ½ bucket of cleaned rock from their home area to be Silent Auctioned off. He gave the example of rock from Utah that will sell well to people who don’t go to Utah to collect, and coprolite from near his home that will sell to people from Utah. Chuck also requested articles of fine jewelry, mineral specimens, etc. for the Voice Auction.

Judi Allison added a bit about Butte – they have the most interesting museum with rocks from all over the area. Then she spoke about the 2014 show to be held in Hermiston, Oregon. It will be called “The Biggest Little Show in Town” to be on August 15th through 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

President Kathy announced that we have an opening for the 2015 Show, but the Willamette Agate and Mineral Society has agreed to host the combined AFMS/NFMS show in 2016.

President Kathy said we have two openings – 1 for Supplies Chair and 1 for Bulletin Aids Chair.

Past President **Chris Blickfeldt** is the “arm twister” to sell tickets for the AFMS Endowment Fund.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### PRESIDENT

**KATHY MOEDL**

The last 6 months have been pretty bumpy for me with my mother’s continuing illness, 2 surgeries, 3 trips to the emergency room, all of which I have never experienced before now. It has been one long series of unfortunate events. In spite of all this the NFMS has been running smoothly because of all of the volunteers that make the NFMS. I know I’m not the only person to have issues but I am very appreciative of all of you; the executives, committee chairs, delegates and advisers that make the NFMS the success that it is.

We do have some committees that are in needs of new volunteers for Supplies and for Bulletin Aids. Please look at yourself and say, “I can do that!” and step forward. Suggestions welcome.

### EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

**JOAN DAY**

All clubs are asked to designate e-mail contact persons for inclusion in the Directory, including the club’s NFMS Director and/or Delegate, so that minutes, notices and other NFMS business can be sent promptly and inexpensively to everyone. Please send an email with the addresses (or updated address if they have changed internet providers) to the Directory Chair and to me at [joanday@sisna.com](mailto:joanday@sisna.com).

Minutes of the 2012 Annual Meeting in Kennewick (without financial information) were published on the website. Anyone requesting the financial information will be sent copies directly. The minutes were approved by the Executive Board, but if there are any additions or corrections they may be added at the Annual Meeting

### TREASURER

**LYLE VOGELPOHL**

Lyle Vogelpohl's report is in **Appendix A**; after much trouble with his computer that decided to break down just as he was finishing the report. He also reported that we have \$23,000 in a fund for the Juniors and he has trouble giving it away. With 630 juniors surely some one needs money. We have one new club and one club, the North Lincoln Club that doesn’t seem to be talking to the NFMS and has not paid their dues.

### BUDGET – 1<sup>ST</sup> VICE PRESIDENT

**DON INNES**

See 2013-2014 report in **Appendix B**. Please notice that is only an estimate for travel expenses as we do not know what changes are to be made in airlines and gasoline costs. we will find out more as the year unfolds. There doesn't appear to be any major changes needed at this time.

### CIRCULATION

**TOM BURCHARD**

Our Treasurer, Lyle Vogelpohl, and our Directory Chair, Carol Willey, have delivered the “roster’s” to me, and I am in the process of updating the Mailing Labels List. There have been a lot fewer

Address Service Request (ASR) responses from the Post Office this year. And I mean a LOT fewer. ASR Responses cost the federation money for each one I receive. This is a good thing. So far in the updating I've completed there are fewer clubs reporting great numbers of 'deletions' and 'new members' than in the past. This means there are much fewer ex-members receiving newsletters that they shouldn't be receiving, AND, much fewer new-members NOT receiving newsletters that should be receiving them. Good Job Everyone. Thank You!

## **CUSTODIAN – 2<sup>ND</sup> VICE PRESIDENT**

**WARREN ROOD**

Report is in **Appendix C**. Also if you know of any body else that would have items that are part of the NFMS, I would appreciate you letting me know. He mentioned the "Forum" on the website. It is for everyone's use so please look for it and take part. Evan Day talked about something different that the Golden Spike Club had done this year that he will put on the Forum. We had judged cases in our show. It is a way for someone to have his case judged and looked at at the club level before they try to go to the NFMS show in competition.

## **EDUCATION**

**JIM & LIBBY SPENCER**

To date, we have received no submissions for the All American Club Award. If we do receive any submissions in time for the deadline, we will submit them immediately. We respectfully ask each officer, committee chair and delegate to encourage their home club to consider participating in this program. This is a great opportunity for a club to self-evaluate and grow from that process.

## **ENDOWMENT FUND**

**EDNA NELSON**

Jon Spunaugle gave a report on the endowment fund. We have \$189,000 in this fund at the moment. Please contribute if someone in your Club dies, any amount helps. Lyle Vogelpohl added that the Fund was established so that the NFMS would not have to raise dues. The last time the dues were raised was in 1986.

## **HISTORIAN**

**SHIRLEY LEESON**

Montana has lots of NFMS History...in the last few years clubs in Montana have put on the 2007 "Richest Hill on Earth" show in Butte, Montana followed by the 2009

"Earth and Sky Treasure" in Billings, Montana – which was also the combined NFMS/AFMS show and now Butte is once again hosting the NFMS in 2013, and this time it's the 75th NFMS Anniversary. I'm sure you can go back and find other earlier years when Montana clubs hosted the NFMS, but these three I was personally there and remember them well.

Butte has such a rich history of mining, you see it everywhere, even though they are not conducting mining anymore the presence of what occurred is never far from you when you are there visiting. Pete Knudsen and his merry band of club members and probably with the help of students from Montana Tech, put on a fabulous show with a trip to the Mineral Museum the highlight of the events.

Billings was the site of a well organized show orchestrated by Doug True and the Billings club. The

show took place in one location, the hotel was adjacent to the convention center, making it easy access. There was plenty to see and do and our out of state visitors from the AFMS were suitably impressed with all that took place.

This year Butte will again host the NFMS and this time it's the 75th anniversary of the NFMS. It's come a long way since it's early beginnings on February 5th, 1938 at Olympia Washington. Go back through all the locations and the leaders who have served this Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies. Many of whom have gone on to serve as AFMS presidents.

Take a few minutes to peruse your NFMS Directory and see how far back you can say "I was there, I remember attending that show."

## **JUNIORS**

## **AUDREY VOGELPOHL**

. We do not have very many and we need more. We have a packet of about 300 pages for the sponsors to help them get started. Evan Day commented that if we were to offer \$50 to any junior who entered a case in competition or just have a case at the show it might encourage them. Grace Thompson has put together a 32-page manual on how to present a class on minerals gems, and fossils. It is on the AFMS website and you can download it.

## **NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

## **BETH HEESACKER**

All things are going well. Many thanks to Pat Lambert for the show calendar information, to Tom Burchard for taking care of the mailing list and to Brad Larson for getting the newsletter up on the web so rapidly.

## **NOMINATING**

## **JUDI ALLISON**

After canvassing the current executive officers for their continued service, the committee sought suggestions for the position of Second Vice President. She introduced the people who have consented to run again and also the nominee for 2nd Vice President's spot. After speaking with a number of potential worthy candidates, the committee is proud to announce the nomination of Hidemi Kira for that position. As is true of our more seasoned candidates, we are certain he will be a positive force and contribute admirably to our Federation.

We are proud to announce the line up of candidates for Executive Officers of 2013-2014.

President – Don Innes

1st Vice President – Warren Rood

2nd Vice President – Hidemi Kira

Secretary – Joan Day

Treasurer – Lyle Vogelwohl

## **NORTHWEST ROCKHOUND RETREAT**

## **LAMAR TILGNER**

Lamar Tilgner reported that last year we had 43 people and we are allowed 50 so 7 of you missed

out. This is our 9th year and I already have 41 signed up for 2013 with some in the mail. If you do not make the cut off I will start a waiting list, but don't give up since every year some one drops out for one reason or another.

The camp is in a 50-acre plot in the middle of a Wilderness Area, cell phones do not work but there is an emergency landline on the property. We have been using donated trim saws that are worn out. We pour liquid in and liquid comes out just as fast. We really need new trim saws.

## **PAST PRESIDENTS' COUNCIL**

## **EVELYN CATALDO**

The only business referred to the Past Presidents Council was the proposal by the Willamette Agate and Mineral Society (WAMS) to host the 2016 Combined AFMS and NFMS Show and Convention.

The proposal was submitted to all Past Presidents for review. The response was unanimous in favor of recommending that the NFMS Executive Board accept the bid from WAMS. Recommendation was forwarded to the Executive Board.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

## **FRED BURTON**

The group was reminded that proposed Amendments to the By-Laws must be to the Newsletter Editor by her April deadline, which then satisfies the 90-day notice requirement.

Amendments to Operating Procedures or Resolutions do not require 90 days notice, but it is wise to do so.

President Kathy Moedl read the proposed OP change regarding the Scholarship Committee (Appendix D) to us.

## **ROCKHOUND OF THE YEAR**

## **VIOLA JONES**

Nominations have been received from the following clubs since the Annual Meeting in Kennewick, WA of May, 2012:

**Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club of Kennewick, WA** selected **Don Snyder** as their 2012 Rockhound of the Year.

**Bozeman Gem & Mineral Club of Bozeman, MT** chose **Chuck Borland** as their 2012 Rockhound of the Year.

**Timpanogos Gem & Mineral Society of Moab, Utah** named **Richard Peterson** as 2013 Rockhound of the Year.

**Hells Canyon Gem Club of Lewiston, ID** honored **David Dabritz** as their 2013 Rockhound of the year.

**Clackamette Mineral & Gem Club of Oregon City, OR** nominated **Jim Heiman** as 2013 Rockhound of the Year.

As a reminder to everyone—clubs can submit a nomination to honor an individual or a couple to the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies every year. The nomination should be brief (about 100 words), emphasizing your honoree's contributions to your club. Please send it to Vi Jones, P. O. Box 2841, Mount Vernon, WA 98273 or preferably via e-mail to [<rocks1x1vi.george@frontier.com>](mailto:<rocks1x1vi.george@frontier.com>) or call me at (360) 424-8340. Your nomination will be published in the AFMS Newsletter as well as the

## **RULES AND AWARDS**

## **LARRY HULSTROM**

Check your dates, what is the last possible day you can send your application in to compete in the 75th Anniversary NFMS Show in Butte, Montana, August 9 - 11.

It was back in 2009 that the JUNIORS of NFMS took the combined NFMS/AFMS show by storm in Billings. Among those exhibiting were: Alex Moedl, Idaho Falls (current president Kathy Moedl's daughter) Ranson Cutshall, Everett; Alexander Carrington, Everett; Laura Cimolino, Everett; and Nick Ernsberger, Ogden (grandson of Joan & Evan Day). It hasn't been duplicated since. The California Federation even offered \$100. for the best junior entry, and had several entered, but the following year there were no juniors. But NFMS hasn't failed any better, let's see that change...

This is a special year, let's make it memorable by having a record number of competitive exhibits. Wouldn't you like to have the bragging rights for the NFMS. California's show in May 31 – June 2 and they have 17 exhibits already – BUT NO JUNIORS and they are again offering a cash prize.

If you need help in deciding what division, or what class within that division, email me at: [beauholland@centurytel.net](mailto:beauholland@centurytel.net) and I'll try to help.

And speaking of help, the AFMS is offering a Judges and Exhibitors Training Seminar in 2014 at Ogden, Utah. This will be during the annual Golden Spike Gem Show in April. Think about attending and learning. We will have "book learning" on Friday and part of Saturday and Sunday morning you will help "judge" exhibits. This proved to be a great experience at the Reno Gem Show in 2011 with 30 people attending. More information on this in the NFMS Newsletter.

Dee Holland, Rules Committee

[beauholland@centurytel.net](mailto:beauholland@centurytel.net)

## **SAFETY**

## **CHUCK SONNER**

Safety Chair Chuck Sonner gave us a graphic lesson in safety as he described his recent unfortunate experience. He was re-roofing his shop when he fell off 10 feet, missed the buckets of rocks and landed in the blueberry bushes and hit his head on a rock.

## **SCHOLARSHIP**

## **EVELYN CATALDO**

Evelyn Cataldo gave her report verbally since she has received no donations. Talk your club into one.

## **SHOW COORDINATION**

**PAT LAMBERT**

A reminder – please include admission prices in the information you send me.

We were able to get, at least, one show mentioned on the Northwestern Outdoors Radio program.

I am sending information to the Western AAA Journal and Northwest Travel Magazine. They will publish information as time and space allow. The Gold Prospectors Association of America Newsletter is listing our show information. As suggested at a mid-year meeting, I am reminding everyone that Craig's list is a great place to advertise their show.

I send your show information to the NFMS newsletter and website. I, also, send it to Rocks and Minerals Magazine and Rock & Gem Magazine. If anyone has other sources that I could use to spread the word, please let me know.

## **SLIDE/VIDEO**

**SHARON & TIM DEGRIE**

2012 turned out to be quite busy for the library with an average of 5 videos a month. It's very good to see the interest in the material available, and hope to see it increase in the future.

At this time Sharon and I would like to thank the NFMS for the opportunity to serve as Librarians. We are not able to get out much and the interaction with the clubs and members is very welcome.

Once again we hope this year will bring as much use as last and hopefully improve. Remember its your Library, why not use it!

## **STAMPS**

**HERMINA KOLSKI**

March 20<sup>th</sup> I shipped 48 lbs of stamps to our dealer, so when we get the check, we will have totaled \$5765.30 for this project. So many of you have been just great sending your stamps directly to me - that I had no trouble filling the boxes (except for the flu of course). I'll be at the midyear meeting April 20<sup>th</sup> and at Butte in August 9-11<sup>th</sup> for the 75<sup>th</sup>.

Please continue to save your stamps for me, we surely need them. Use Commemorative stamps if possible, and ask that they be sent back to you for this project.

## **PUBLIC LANDS ADVISORY**

**ANDY JOHNSON**

Shirley Leeson told us that the Bruno Jasper area is closed. She has a young man here to talk at the ALLA meeting.

## **WEBMASTER NFMS**

**BRAD LARSON**

I hope this report finds everyone in good spirit and health. I was officially passed the "Keys" to the website by our past webmaster, Bryan Schroeder on July 7th of 2012. I want to wish him well with his current endeavors.

When I took over the web site, I took an inventory of what we had on our internet site and found that we had 1380 files, 38 folders and 133 MB for our file storage. My goal was to streamline the



efficiency of the website, so that within one to two clicks of a mouse you can get anything you would like to know or see within the website. In order to do this, I set up a test environment for implementing the new website, while leaving the existing site running, so as not to impede any access to the NFMS.

With help from our past President, Judi Allison, I was able to acquire the names of persons to help critique and guide me in the development of the website. I want to thank all who helped me dot those "i's" and cross those "t's", spelling and overall esthetics of the site. I also want to credit our 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Warren Rood, for use of his photo that we are using on our site.

Thank you all for letting me be your webmaster,

## **WEBSITE COMPETITION**

## **CHERI GEORGE**

Well, the entries have been received and have been forwarded to the Regional judges. After they have sent me their results, ALL of our entries will be going to the AFMS Judge. The new rules for this year allow for the top three entries in each Regional Federation's contest to be sent to the AFMS Judge. This means that some regions with only two or three are lucky to have the AFMS look at and judge ALL of their entries.

I finally managed to find a box that would hold the certificate and Plaque for our own Patti Rose from the Mt Baker Rock Club who was the First place winner in all of AFMS for 2012. I hope she will forgive me for taking so long to get it to her. This year Patti is a judge for another Federation. Each year the winners are polled and asked if they would like to join the ranks of the AFMS judges for the Website Contest. This is quite an honor.

I don't know what it takes to get the Webmasters from the various clubs in the NFMS to enter their websites. I ask each year, actually it comes down to begging; but only two or three seem interested. Wouldn't you like to have a moving ".gif" on your website that tells everyone that you were the 1st place or 2nd place winner for your hard work? I would like to challenge each of our webmasters to enter their websites for 2014; there is a lot of recognition out there for hardworking people like our Webmasters.

## **ALAA**

## **SHIRLEY LEESON**

### **"A VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS"**

We will have **John George of Bates, Oregon** speak to ALAA Saturday afternoon immediately following the NFMS Director's meeting. John is a special person. Not everyone is willing to stand up for their convictions and take on the Wallawa-Whitmann Forest Service.(which isn't too far from where this meeting in Kennewick is being held)

All of us have had an instant where we've said to ourselves, "I wish I could do something, I wish I could make a difference." Well, meet John George, a "ranchhand" by his definition. His family has been in the mountains here in North-east Oregon for 92 years. He's a hunter, like many men in the area. He has tangled with the Forest Service and their proposed "travel management plan" and who

