

CORC April Meeting Minutes 4/19/23

Meeting opened at 6:01 PM.

- April welcomed new members and asked everyone to say “Hi” at the break.
- Officer Reports
 - President
 - Name tags are available for those who ordered them. We raised about \$400 so far on name tags, with another \$70 tonight. Name Tags are \$10 each and all proceeds go to the club. Those who order between now and then will get their name tags at the next meeting.
 - Bylaws & Articles of Incorporation were signed into effect tonight. The updated copies will be posted on the website soon.
 - Terri Coffey has resigned as Treasurer for personal reasons. Nancy Johnston has volunteered to complete the term through the end of the year. She was unanimously confirmed by the board.
 - The club voted to reimburse the Field Trip Leader for gas for the May field trip.
 - We discussed joining Oregon Council of Rock and Mineral Clubs. They were brought up last year when we discussed leaving the Federation. The purpose of OCRMC is to preserve access to public lands for rock and mineral collectors and establish communication regarding recreational land use between rock clubs and various land managers. We are a 501c3 and cannot engage in political lobbying. OCRMC is a 501c4 non-profit, which allows them to lobby for political causes such as public land management. By joining, we would be gaining a voice in Oregon. We can send three representatives to their meetings three times per year. The president and board of OCRMC are members of the Oregon Public Land Advisory Committee, directly giving them a voice in public policy. They also have a committee who monitors issues with mining claims, monitor court rulings, etc. OCRMC has a committee that actively partners with BLM at least once a year, bringing together rock clubs from across the state to clean up popular rockhounding areas such as Hampton Butte. There are 16 Oregon clubs who are members. Membership is \$0.25 per member per year.
 - April asked for a vote on joining OCRMC. Suzie moved to vote, Bruce seconded. The club voted unanimously to join OCRMC. (With the updated bylaws we do not need to move for a vote or have it seconded)
 - April asked if anyone would like to be delegates to OCRMC to let her know.
 - Secretary
 - Tonia reported our membership is at 246 with about 10 more who joined tonight.
 - Everyone who has not filled out a membership since January needs to do so, as we updated our privacy notice and insurance release.

- The meeting minutes will now be available on our website for everyone to read.
 - Treasurer
 - Tonia gave the treasurer report as she filled in until Nancy is up to date.
 - We put \$5000 into a three month CD with a 2% interest rate. We can take out the money on July 12th or roll it over. The bank officer suggested the CD as interest rates are high now, but expected to go down soon.
 - We have \$5800 and change in our checking.
- Committee Reports
 - Claim
 - Name the Claim ends tonight.
- Field Trip Committee
 - There were 35 members at the Richardson's Rock Ranch field trip. The bullhorn worked great.
 - The May field trip is a guided trip to Rufus for Beer's Mt Jasper and China Hollow jasper and agate. Beer's Mt Jasper is similar to Deschutes Jasper. There are several articles on the internet about it, also called Bigg's Jasper. Beer's Mt Jasper is \$5/lb. China Hollow jasper and agate it \$2/lb. There is a 25 car limit once we leave the shop, so people should start thinking about carpooling. There are no maps. They will guide us. Bring food and drink. It is on the Columbia River Gorge so it will probably very windy. Outhouses are available. A rock hammer, pick, shovel is recommended.
 - We will meet at the Madras Safeway at 6:45 AM. Those that would like to camp or stay the night closer to Rufus, we need to meet at the rock store at 8:30 AM. They will take us all out together. Ken Lawson and Suzie Meeker leaders
 - The Rome field trip for Snakeskin agate is May 20–21 and is an overnight trip. There is not much camping but there are a few cabins. John Moreau leader
 - Ed Taft (ET) is planning a trip to the Spectrum Mine in Plush, Oregon for Sunstones on June 17th-18th. It is a free dig weekend. Anyone who would like to go please contact ET or the club email and we will forward to ET.
- Program – Rock ID and Rock Doc's – Jules Wetzels and John Moreau
 - Jules and John talked about several sites available to us locally.
 - BLM in Prineville has a Public Room where there are samples of rocks and minerals with where they were found and what they are.
 - Identifying Rocks books – Rockhounding Oregon and Gem and Trail of Oregon
 - Tim Fisher thumb drive is also a good resource. Orerockon.com is the website.
 - The BLM rockhounding is a good source also.
 - Mile Post 32/Post Paulina Hwy. Petrified wood, leaf fossils, calcite. Take a left turn right before MP 32. If you hit MP 32 you've gone too far. A prybar and a pick are recommended.

- Smokey Butte – Limb casts, jasper (red and yellow), some agatized
- Hampton Butte – Petrified wood, mainly green but there are other colors as well. You only need to dig 12-18 inches down.
- Congleton Hollow – Limb casts – Past Post
- Ochoco Jasper – Ahern Creek – The rock quarry is a good place to look.
- Mark’s Creek – Agate – Great place for kids.
- McDonald’s Ranch – Angel wing agate, petrified wood, thunder eggs – Alex McDonald is the owner. You can contact him personally. He usually takes groups out. One of his big, petrified logs is in the Smithsonian.
- New Claim area – Ochoco agate – We will be taking a field trip to our new claim October 14th.
- Rome, Oregon – Snakeskin agate – Field trip May 20-21
 - Rock Doc’s identified a few rocks
 - The Huckleberry Ice cream place in Terrebonne has changed owners and now has rocks for sale.
- Show and Tell
- Rock Bingo for door prizes
- 68 people in attendance

Meeting ended at 7:33 PM