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Club purpose: Promote activities of mutual interest for collecting and displaying of gems and minerals.

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GEODE Submission Deadlines:

- 19th – member articles & photos
E-mail: Patty DeForest at pjdeforest@gmail.com
- **Membership:** Please contact Mark Kidder to pay your dues or make updates to your street address or email at markkidder@msn.com or (206) 478-3685.

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Club Meeting on Zoom February 3 at 7pm

Patrick Donohue will present “The Meteorites of Washington State”.

If you have not used Zoom before, click on the link in Option 1 below and download the Zoom app to your device. You can use a laptop, computer, android, iPhone, tablet or iPad. After it is downloaded, create a username and log in.

How to Use Zoom overview video at: <https://youtu.be/5iap0Ffl5Lg>

Option 1: Use direct link to meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95861269849?pwd=VEkwNng0UGxraGt3NVQ5TXZESGJQU09>

Option 2: Login into zoom on device and enter the meeting id and the passcode

Meeting ID: 958 6126 9849

Passcode: 232250

Minutes – Club Meeting – January 6, 2021

Bill Hamel called the online meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

General Business

- **Treasurers Report:** Not printed per historic Club policy.
- **Secretary's Report:** The November minutes stand as printed.

Old Business

- April show planning is on hold for the time being. The Board will discuss how to move forward during their January 18 meeting. Larry has reserved a tentative time slot at the fairgrounds for late September if necessary.
- Bill has filed our 2020 tax reports for the state.
- Lakeside dues have been waived for the membership until we are able to once again meet in person.
- Mark has the Federation dues paperwork ready for the general and junior clubs.

New Business

- Recommendations are appreciated for upcoming field trips. Please email Bill with any suggestions.

Federation News

- The Northwest Federation has a new Treasurer in place. Judi reported that they are looking for someone to fill the Secretary and Endowment Fund Chair positions. The work is easy and interesting, and they meet via Zoom or by phone once a month. Please let Judi know if you're interested in helping out.

Program:

- Larry gave a very interesting Power Point presentation showing us his Fluorite collection from around the world. What a range of color! He used his phone to take pictures and load directly into Power Point, and said it was easy, fun and somewhat addictive putting the presentation together.
- Anyone interested in showing off their collection or what they're working on is encouraged to let Bill or Larry know.

Next Zoom Meetings: February 3, 2021, 7:00 p.m.; Board meeting February 15, 2021, 6:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sally Lyon, Secretary

Jr Rock Club Meeting Jan. 12, 2021 minutes by Thora Trumbo, advisor

At least 13 students and half again as many parents joined together on ZOOM to see a great presentation by Larry Hulstrom. His advice to the students to document thoroughly their personal collection was extraordinary. Each specimen's details should include: name(s), place collected and/or purchased and from whom, price, color, hardness, and so many other details, including photographs. Detailed information is invaluable as collections grow and years pass.

Larry Hulstrom shared beautiful detailed photographs of his amazing fluorite collection. His fluorites varied in color and crystal formations. As he told where each specimen was from, Mrs. Trumbo pointed to the world map helping students realize greater detail. Although many were from the USA, a great number were from Europe and Eurasia (China and Mongolia specifically), South America and Africa's continent. Students began to realize the scope of his collection and maybe how focusing on their favorite minerals and the extent their collection might grow.

Students were told of a poster contest for Rock Club students which must be mailed before May 1st.

Details have been posted to the AFMS website

at [http://www.amfed.org/fra/PosterContest/National Youth Poster Contest 2021.pdf](http://www.amfed.org/fra/PosterContest/National_Youth_Poster_Contest_2021.pdf)

Later Mrs. Trumbo read a children's book *The Story of DINOSAURS* by Steve Parker. Students learned how paleontologists study fossils. The story shares the first known fossil found alongside a road in early 19th century Sussex, England by a woman named Mary Ann Mantell. Her husband Gideon was a doctor who identified it as an important discovery -the first fossil known to science, a dinosaur tooth! It wasn't long before North American fossils were also discovered.

Students and parents were reminded to get credit for all the knowledge they have acquired and gained, the lessons they've learned in club, and the experiences they've gained of gems and minerals, their collections have taught them and much more. Parents, please take your students to the American Federation website to read more about accumulating the badges your child has earned. Let's reward students for all their knowledge and hard work with badges to show how much they know. They deserve to be proud and recognized for all their accomplishments. Badges are easily earned by doing just a few of the multiple choices for each badge. There is a simple, one page checklist to mark and sign. Deliver that page to Mrs. Trumbo via mail or email (a photo is fine!). Go today before you forget: http://www.amfed.org/fra/fra_badge.htm

See the student badge program at: http://www.amfed.org/fra/fra_badge.htm and the poster contest at: [http://www.amfed.org/fra/PosterContest/National Youth Poster Contest 2021.pdf](http://www.amfed.org/fra/PosterContest/National_Youth_Poster_Contest_2021.pdf)

Students, don't forget to invite your friends to join us on ZOOM. They'll enjoy it like Cinda did last meeting. Also, keep adding data about your collection like Mr. Larry Hulstrom taught you during the last meeting. You may be interested in Diamond Dan's booklet: *Fluorite-Colors of the Rainbow*.

Fondly, Thora Trumbo

Minutes – Board Meeting (via Zoom Meetings) – January 18, 2021

Present: (Board Members) Bill Hamel, Wayne Larson, Larry Hulstrom, Chris Sorensen, Patty DeForest, Duane Schock, Sally Lyon; (Members) Mark Kidder, Jerry Sorensen
--Wayne Larson called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Old Business

- Discussion on whether or not it is feasible to continue planning for the April show. It was felt that due to the ongoing restrictions and Club liability in maintaining a safe show for the public and our members, vaccine availability and distribution, and overall expected participation by our membership to hold an April show, the motion was made and passed to postpone the show until a time to be determined at a later date. Larry reiterated that he has asked the fairgrounds to put us on the schedule for a show on September 25 and 26, 2021.
- Larry restated that the Federation is still looking for a club that is willing to host their show and meetings. Discussion on considering making our possible September show a Federation Show was tabled until the Board gets more information.
- Larry will check with Judi regarding vendor reservations and payments that will have to be moved to the September timeline.
- Patty sent an email to the membership asking how everyone is doing. She got back several responses and will publish them in the February Geode. We would love to hear from everyone on how you're getting along, and encourage you to check out the Zoom meetings.

New Business

- The motion was made and passed to send \$50 to the Northwest Federation Scholarship Fund in memory of longtime member, Elmer Ringering, who sadly passed away earlier this month.
- Wayne shared that Kingsley North offers a discount program to rock clubs for purchasing supplies and materials. He will contact them to get more information. Larry gets the findings used to make keychains from Kingsley, as well as lapidary supplies for the cabbing club.
- It was found that our website events calendar needs to be updated to add monthly meeting times. Larry will email Kevin Fiedler asking for the changes to be made.
- Our storage unit rental has been paid for the year.
- Duane received the updated membership paperwork from Mark and has issued a check to the Federation for dues.
- The American Federation show originally scheduled for April has been cancelled. The new show location will be in Big Piney, Wyoming on June 27 thru the 30th. Driving time to Big Piney from the Tri-Cities is about 11 hours, but that location sounds interesting, and the AFMS is looking at various field trips in the area.
- Rock and Gem Magazine has contacted Larry regarding interest in the Club advertising in their publication. This would be a great way to showcase the LSGM Club and the junior program. He will forward their email to the Board for discussion during the February meeting.

February Zoom Meeting Program

- Patrick Donahue will give a presentation on meteorites. This should be very interesting so please join us!

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Sally Lyon, Secretary

How are we doing and what are we up to?



--*Andy Johnson*

We moved into a house, so now we have room for all of our rocks!

--*Patrick and Morgen Donohue*

Wayne and I are doing well. We have a new grandchild born just before Thanksgiving. She's healthy and all we could hope for. We're hoping everyone is healthy and staying sane through this crazy year. And we're really looking forward to seeing everyone and going on field trips.

Merry Christmas everyone!

--*Wayne and Kathryn Larson*

Doing fine. I serviced on a submarine; great training for a covid lock down. See you all come spring.

--*Bear Bentrup*

Max Hatfield and Pat Lambert are OK and hoping to stay that way until it is our turn for the vaccine. Missing everyone. Will be happy when 2020 is hindsight and hoping when 2020 turns 2021 it doesn't start drinking (from a sign on 27th Avenue)

The Trumbo household members are doing very well, feeling blessed with great health, peace and joy. The Jr. Rock Club members are still meeting via ZOOM on-line services and having fun interacting with their classmates. Three different deliveries of gift bags have been enjoyed by many but sadly, not all. Therefore, I asked parents to RSVP bags for their own children so as I don't have so many leftover goodies in bags. Thankfully, I was able to donate leftovers to the TriCity Union Gospel Mission where children do reside. The next bags are planned for Valentine's. Merry Christmas to all of you!

--*Thora*

How are we doing and what are we up to?- continued

Hi everyone,

I am doing well in an isolation mode. Fortunately there is lots of social distancing room in the great outdoors, especially in the fall and winter. I spend 1-2 hours a day walking on the hill behind Prosser. A friend gave me a Garmin Inreach GPS satellite communicator and that is handy when I go out in the woods looking for rocks. When I find a good spot I mark it with the Garmin and it shows up on a map on a website that I use to track all of my wanderings. It is also good for mapping petrified wood and opal outcrops on the hill behind town and I have started predicting where I should find material and so have found a bunch of new exposures I never knew were there.

I went to First Creek just before Christmas and came back with a beautiful quartz crystal plate that was just barely peeking out of the mud. There is some good material there if you are willing to go out on very steep ground. I plan to work over all of the land in that area in the next few years, mostly during the winter months when there is no snow.

My sphere making is still ongoing but has slowed down...there is less incentive to do it when there is no way to show the finished work! I am sure you all entertain similar thoughts.

Well, have a good winter and we'll see you on the other side!

--*Kerry Norton*

Just had foot surgery and be healed by Spring. Looking forward to many more rockhounding adventures. Stay well and take care.

--*Carol Jackson*

Yes, everything is fine.

--*Cyndy Sharer*

We are doing fine. We hope everyone is doin well and staying in good health.

--*Mike Downing*

Thanks for the emails. I am doing fine. Carving some agate ornaments this year.

--*Jerry Johnson*

Yes I received and do enjoy the clubs news.

--*Barbara Harris*

I am confined to a wheel chair now. I have not been out.

--*Marvin Barger*

How are we doing and what are we up to?- continued

We're all fine in our household. No one is sick and we are staying home.

--Allyson & Herb Leonard

I'm still going to therapy and am able to bend my knee 100 degrees now after surgery June 11. Hope everyone out there are doing very well and being safe and that we can get together again next spring. Merry holidays for you all.

--Mike Zinski

I guess you probably already know what I have been doing. I have managed to make it to some of the zoom meetings and I have spent a great deal of time making gem trees. I gifted over 20 small ones at Christmas.

--Judi Allison

Happy holidays everyone! Jerry and I are doing well. Looking forward to when we can all meet again.

--Chris & Jerry Sorensen

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Merry Christmas everyone!

--Wayne and Kathryn Larson

I am a previous member of the club that is getting back in the grind of things. Is there anyone willing to cut Petrified Wood for cash? I have the ability to polish the stones, but I haven't invested in a rock saw yet. Please let me know if there is someone I could contact or pass my information on to someone to help me. wsuwilson@gmail.com Thank you for your time, Keith Wilson

Classifieds

Rock Saw Oil and Grit: Please have exact change and contact for pickup:

Rick Tobin, 2767 South Lyle St., Kennewick, 509 572-7345

Saw oil purchasing information:

- Must be a LSGM club member to purchase saw oil.
 - Membership forms are available if you need to join.
- Oil \$12 per gallon. Available in 5-gallon buckets, or bring your own containers

Tumbling grit all sold in 2# bags only:

- 80 grit: \$4.50 for 2# bag
- 220 grit: \$5.10 for 2# bag
- 600 grit: \$6.50 for 2# bag.
- Cerium Oxide Polish Powder: \$19.00 for 2# bag.
- For every 10 lbs. of tumbled rock you donate (no river rock), get 2 lbs. of 60/90 or 220 grit free.

Phone numbers are all Area Code 509. By-Laws specify two year elected terms of office for Board Members, beginning in November. President, Vice President and one Director begin in even numbered years. Secretary, Treasurer and one Director (*) begin in odd numbered years. Federation Representative, Junior Club Leader, Bulletin Editor and Committee Chairs are Board-approved volunteers. By-Laws at www.lakesidegemandmineralclub.com

Other Contact Info:

Rockhound Legislative Advocate

When notified by the AFMS, the NFMS, ALAA or club members about legislative issues that will affect rockhounding activities, forward that information to club members via email lists.



Club Affiliations:

American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS)
Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies (NFMS)
American Lands Access Association (ALAA)

<http://www.amfed.org>
<http://www.amfed.org/nfms>
<http://www.amlands.org>

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