



“Owyhee Gem”



Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society

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September President's Message

Hello all hope this finds you all well and having just enjoyed your Labor Day weekend. Thank heavens it is finally cooling down with our days reaching moderate temps what a relief.

It hardly seems possible but it is once again election time for our club. If you would like to serve on the Board as a Director please let me know or one of the Board Members as we encourage new growth and ideas.

September brings us once again offering a youth group at our meetings. I know Caroline has put a lot of effort into having things for all the ages to participate in. The only thing we as a club ask is that if your child is involved in the youth program please consider helping out. It is a big job for just one person when we have a number of youth who attend. We do embrace the more the merrier we just need more oversight as everyone learns more when all the questions can be answered or help given with the various projects.

November is just around the corner so wanted to remind you that we have our Annual Christmas Auction in that month so start thinking about what you would like to donate. These would be items you could give for a gift or maybe just purchase your own Christmas present. Any way you look at it our auctions are always a lot of fun thanks largely in part to Ed as our auctioneer.

Be sure to run through the adjustments to the By-Laws so we can discuss them and make any more adjustments that may be needed.

Think that about covers it other than I look forward to seeing you all on the 16th at the Best Western in Caldwell at 7:30 pm.

- Willa Renken, OGMS President

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**August 19, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President, Willa Renken.

Willa requested additions or corrections to the previous meeting minutes. Brad Larson made a motion that the minutes be approved as printed in the newsletter; Dixie Booker-Lair seconded the motion. The previous meeting minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Secretary: The lovely Larry Beattie was appointed to serve in the absence of Debbie Lawrence this evening.

Vice President: Jim Hopkins arranged a presentation on noxious weeds given by Canyon County code enforcement officer, Jim Martell. The presentation was very interesting and informative.

Treasurer: Janie Ehlers reported the picnic auction added \$850.00 to the club's account and some vendor fees for the 2016 show were received. Income for the past month was approximately \$3543 and expenses for the newsletter and miscellaneous items was \$843.45.

Show Chairman: Susan Beattie requested suggestions for the 2016 show theme so that Darell Ehlers could begin submitting information to advertisers. The club will be expanding advertising this year to the television market.

Request for venue donations was also made. The club will need donations for the silent auction, wheel of gems, grab bags and the sand dig. If each member contributes 10 items, it would go a long way toward meeting the clubs needs for the show.

The membership contributed many great theme ideas and voted that "Gemstones are Keen, for 2016" will be the theme for the upcoming show.

Federation Chairman: Ed Moser thanked Red Larson for bringing a nice book of stamps for the cancer research fund-raising effort. Ed also asked the membership to please keep the stamps coming! The Federation field trip will be the week of September 16-21.

Sunshine Chairman: Rose Mary Peterson reported that Gene and Joan Alvey could use some calls from members, as they have both been under the weather lately.

Membership Chairman: Kathi Larson offered a new membership application for the club's approval and reminded the membership that dues for next year are due by the October meeting. Please give your membership dues to Kathi before the October meeting.

Field Trip Chairman: Ithel Kildow reported that the next field trip is to the Pink Plume Claim. Meet at the Homedale city park at 7:00 a.m. And leave for the Owyhee Junction at 7:30 a.m. To pick up other members, leave the Owyhee Junction at 8:00 a.m. A high clearance vehicle is necessary for this trip.

Web Master: Brad Larson reported that everything is up to date.

Refreshments: Jessica requested that members sign up to bring refreshments for September. Singles will bring refreshments (and popcorn balls for Willa) in October.

Historian: Pauline Prather had nothing new to report.

Unfinished Business: Willa requested the membership to review the bylaws printed in the newsletter and make suggestions for revision. Denise will keep track of all revisions and the membership will have one more meeting to review the draft bylaws before voting on them. Bylaws are one of several requirements the club must meet to qualify for 501 (3c) tax status.

Willa asked Susan to contact the BLM regarding how the recent fire activity at the clubs big egg claim may affect planned work.

New Business: No items were presented to the membership.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. Minutes are respectfully submitted by the lovely Larry Beattie, Secretarial Intern.



Welcome to our new members!

Lynn & Susan Cameron
 Don Daman
 Mark & Cindy Kochanek
 Samuel & Michelle Welch
 Connie Werner



Membership Report

Now accepting payment of 2016 dues

Membership forms are available at every meeting. Invite your "rockhound" friends to our next one! Any member needing a name badge, membership card, or patch, please call me so I can have them ready for you to pick up at the next meeting.

If you need a "replacement" of any of these, there will be a nominal charge of \$2 for the Name badge and \$3 for the Small patch. In addition, large patches are available to members for \$10.

Hi my name is

Please remember to wear your name badge to the meetings, as it makes it so much easier to identify you.

Your yearly dues cover membership privileges from October 31st through the following October 31st . You can either pay at a meeting or by mailing the form below to P.O. Box 1053, Caldwell, ID 83605-1053.

-Kathi Larson, Membership Chairperson
 465-8083, redkatnthat@gmail.com

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY DUES				Year: 2016
	Family	Couple	Single	Child
	\$20	\$18	\$12	\$3
LAST NAME: (Please Print) _____				Date Paid: _____ Amount: _____
FIRST NAME(s): _____				
ADDRESS: _____				
CITY: _____	STATE: _____	ZIP: _____		
PHONE: _____	ANNIV: _____ - _____		BDAY: _____ - _____ / _____ - _____	
EMAIL: _____				
RENEWAL _____ NEW _____	CASH _____ CHECK # _____		RECD BY _____	

September Birthdays

- 4 Roy Bethel
- 9 Robert Simon
- 10 Joan Alvey
- 15 Andy Krivy
- 15 Dan Nash
- 19 Peggy Dean
- 19 Ken Rahm
- 20 Janet Bailey
- 20 Mia Mick
- 20 Alicia Sherer
- 20 Carolyn Whipple
- 25 Olan Flick
- 25 Eva Roberts
- 26 Bonnie Coulson



September Anniversaries

- 3 Darell & Janie Ehlers
- 3 Tom & Jeannie Magan
- 13 Mark & Cindy Kochanek
- 18 Loren & Luva Francis
- 18 David & Patty Sturm
- 21 Samuel & Michelle Welch
- 23 Larry & June McConnell
- 24 Dan & Diane Stevens



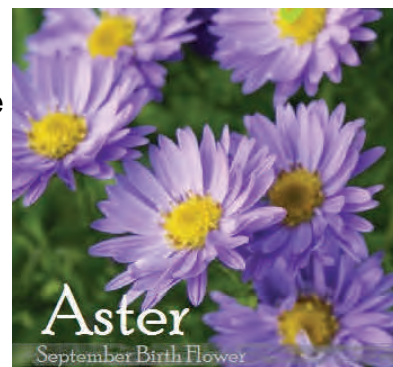
Sapphire, the September birthstone, has been popular since the Middle Ages and, according to folklore, will protect your loved ones from envy and harm. Medieval clergy wore sapphires to symbolize heaven, while commoners thought the gem attracted heavenly blessings. Blue sapphires range from very light to very dark greenish or violetish blue, as well as various shades of pure blue. The most prized colors are a medium to medium dark blue or slightly violetish blue. Sapphire is a variety of the gem species corundum and occurs in all colors of the rainbow.

Aster flowers, one of the September birth flowers, are symbols of Love, Afterthought, Faith, Wisdom, Valor, and Light.

The genus Aster includes some 600 species of widely distributed flowering plants in the family Asteraceae. Aster comes from Greek word for "star", and refers to the shape of the flower head.

Many of the species are popular garden plants because of their showy flower heads.

Believed in ancient times that burning the leaves of the aster flower drove away serpents. Also to symbolize afterthought, aster's were laid on the graves of soldiers.



Newsletter Editor

Please let me know if I don't have your correct information, or if you are not on the lists above and should be.

If you would like just the email edition and not the mailed edition, let me know.

Email me at: denisemstringer@gmail.com

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M-F 1:30-5:30 pm

Other Hours By Appointment



Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society August Field Trip

September 19, 2015—Big Egg Claim

Meet at the park in Homedale at 7:30 a.m.,

We will make a second stop at Succor Creek State Park at 8:30 a.m.

It is a dig site, so bring tools.

We need a volunteer to be responsible for the porta-potty equipment.



BONUS TRIP: Overnighter to McDermitt, Nevada—September 25—27

Attend the September meeting to learn more about these field trips.

Useful items to bring: bucket/canvas bag, shovel, pick, rock hammer, small rakes, gloves, appropriate clothing, first aid kit, drinking water, lunch and snacks.

Generally a high-clearance vehicle and sometimes a 4WD or ATV is required.

If you would like to be a field trip assistant next year, please see Ithel at the September meeting.

FIELD TRIP CHAIRMAN:

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ASSISTANTS:

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*All field trips are subject to change depending on weather and road conditions.

OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**August 31, 2015**

The Business Meeting was called to order at the Caldwell Library by President Willa Renken at 7pm.

A motion was made by Ed Moser to approve the minutes as printed and seconded by Susan Beattie. Motion carried.

Secretary: Received two Dealer contracts, one membership application, and an invitation to a Gem & Mineral show in Kelso, WA, and information from the BLM regarding our claim.

Vice President: Jim has a program lined up for the next meeting.

Treasurer: There hasn't been much activity since the last meeting.

Show Chairman: There are 10 dealers that have paid for the 2016 Gem Show, most of the Chairmen have been signed up for the venues, and the theme has been selected. It was decided to make another wheel for the 'spin the wheel' venue. There was a discussion regarding pricing for television advertising prices. There will be another meeting planned when more information is received. Susan will be going to the trailers to pick up the books to be restored. Books will be given to Randy to take in for restoration.

Federation Chairman: Camping for the Federation Field Trip will be limited to areas that are barren of vegetation and will be headquartered out of Succor Creek.

Field Trip Chairman: Ithel was not present. The next field trip will be to the Blue Egg Claim and the following weekend there will be a field trip to McDermitt. Held a discussion on ways to excavate the claim. Forrest from the BLM is willing to go out with a club member to help locate the coordinates of the claim.

Unfinished Business: Discussion on the bylaws concerning the guidelines of honorary and lifetime memberships. Randy had information on the fees The College of Idaho would charge to hold our monthly meetings there. It was decided to take a vote at the next general meeting to have the club decide where to hold meetings.

New Business: A slate of officers was discussed, those interested were noted. The floor is always open for nominations for the Board for the next year.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm.— Debbie Lawrence, Secretary

NFMS Field Trip Update—From Warren Rood:

As you all know, this has been the year of the fires. Currently the BLM is saying we cannot camp on and that has any vegetation because of the extreme fire danger. They say there are not any places without vegetation large enough for our entire group. Because of this, they have urged me to use the park as our headquarters. So right now Succor Creek State Park just south of Homedale ID will be our headquarters. We will try to get as many vehicles and tents as possible into the State Park. It does have vault toilets and picnic tables and is a nice place to camp, but room for maybe 30- 40 units. There is no camping fee at the park or on BLM land. There are smaller places along the Succor Creek Road that are nice with no vegetation, where individuals can also camp. Directions are the same as was posted earlier on the website and newsletter, just go till you hit the State Park or clear areas with no vegetation. If there are any changes, I will post them on this website.

For all of those camping, please register around 6pm on Wednesday Sept. 16. at the State Park. We will meet each day at 8:00 AM and leave at 8:30 AM.

The leaders will bring samples of the material that you will find on each day.

Thursday: GRASSY MOUNTAIN AREA. Meet at Succor Creek State Park 8 AM

Friday: GRAVEYARD POINT and REYNOLDS CREEK. Meet in Homedale Park, ID at 8AM.

Saturday: SUCCOR CREEK. Meet at Succor Creek State Park 8 AM

Sunday: WAGON TOWN AND JORDAN VALLEY. Meet at Succor Creek State Park 8 AM

**By-Laws of the
OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.**

January 2015

Article I—Name

The Corporation name, as specified in the Articles of Incorporation, and under which the business of the Corporation shall be conducted is OWYHEE GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY, INC.

Article II—Registered Office

The principal or registered office of the corporation shall be Canyon County, Idaho

Article III —Management & Corporate Powers

The Management and Corporate Powers shall be vested in and exercised by the Board of Directors elected by the voting members at the October meeting each year.

Article IV —Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the Corporation shall commence at 8:00 P.M. on the third Wednesday of January of each year and end at 8:00 P.M. on the third Wednesday of the next succeeding year.

Article V —Property Rights and Property

All contracts, leases, options or bills of sale, licenses, franchises, notes, mortgages and other instruments, evidencing the title to or interest in property, both real and personal, belonging to the Corporation, or evidencing any claim or lien thereon in favor of the Corporation, shall be taken in the name of the Corporation, or in such other name or names in trust for the use and benefit of the Corporation as the Board of Directors may determine and designate.

Article VI —Legal Assistance

The Board of Directors may employ such legal assistance as may be deemed necessary in carrying on the business of the Corporation.

Article VII —Auditing

The books and all transactions of the Corporation shall be audited annually, no later than the third Wednesday in January, and at such other times as the Board of Directors shall determine.

Article VIII —Annual Dues

The annual dues to the Corporation are due and payable by October 31 of each year. Payment of these dues will cover each calendar year following the due date.

Article IX —No Member May Benefit From Earnings

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustee, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III of the Articles of Incorporation. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be used to influence legislation. The corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in, any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, or the Articles of Incorporation, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation.

Article X —Dissolution

In the event of the dissolution of the corporation, the remaining net assets shall be distributed to qualified organization(s) under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future tax code, at the discretion of the Board of Directors by majority vote thereof. A Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located shall dispose of any such assets not so disposed of.

Article XI—Board of Directors

Section 1. A person, to be eligible for election to the Board of Directors of the Corporation, must be a member in good standing.

Section 2. The business and property of the Corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors, who shall be elected at the regular member meeting each October for a term of one year. They shall take over their duties at the first regular meeting in January. Vacancies in the Board shall be filled by or appointed by the remaining Directors and any member so appointed to fill any vacancy shall hold office until the next regular election. The number of such Directors shall be eleven (11).

Section 3. The Board shall set the time and place of the board meetings and shall have the power to call special meetings of its members when deemed necessary. The Board shall have power to conduct, manage, and control the business and affairs of the corporation, to appoint such agents and employees as the Board may deem advantageous or necessary, and to remove the same at any time. The Board can prescribe their authority, duties, and fix their compensation.

Section 4. The Board shall have power to incur indebtedness, the terms and amounts and particulars of which shall be entered in the Minutes of the Board and of the Corporation. Evidence of any such business duly presented by the President and attested by the Secretary shall bind the corporation. Monthly reports shall be printed in the newsletter as evidence to the membership and will be passed on by the Directors at their next board meeting. The Board shall provide the membership a detailed budget for the recurring expenses of the club each year. Said budget shall be presented in April for member review and approval.

Article XII—Officers

Section 1. The Officers and Directors of this Corporation shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Field Marshall, Asst. Field Marshall, Federation Director, Bulletin Editor, Show Chairman, Asst. Show Chairman, and Past President. To be eligible for election as President, a member must have served for at least one year as a member of the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The President and in his/her absence or inability to act, the Vice-President, shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and of the general membership, and perform and render such services as the Board of Directors may require. The President shall sign all certificates, contracts, and other instruments approved by the Board. He/She shall be titular head of the corporation and shall have such powers and duties as regularly devolve on a President.

Section 3. The Vice-President in addition to filling in when the President is absent shall also serve as the program chairman of the corporation.

Section 4. The Secretary shall be the secretary of the corporation and shall keep, or cause to be kept, the minutes and records of the Corporation and such other books, records, and accounts as may be required, and shall render notices of all meetings to the members and such other services as may be required by the Board of Directors.

Section 5. The Treasurer shall collect, or cause to be collected, and receive all monies due or which may become due to the Corporation, and shall deposit the same in such financial institutions as may be designated for that purpose by the Board, and shall pay out the same only upon the order of and in the manner directed by the Board. He/She shall provide a budget as designated by the Board of Directors for member approval and monthly reports showing the condition of the finances and affairs of the Corporation.

Section 6. The Federation Director shall act as the Corporation's official representative to the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies; shall attend meetings of the NFMS and shall report to the Board and the general membership on any and all matters concerning the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies.

Section 7. The Field Marshall shall direct, supervise and guide all field trips as directed by the Board; shall make appointments of such assistants as may be necessary and shall be responsible for all coordination of all field outings and all equipment provided by the Corporation to be able to perform all duties as required by the Board.

Section 8. The Assistant Field Marshall shall perform all duties assigned at the discretion of the Field Marshall.

Section 9. The Bulletin Editor shall publish the Corporation's official news bulletin, "Owyhee Gem" taking care of securing the necessary news and other information shall cause this to be printed in proper form for mailing to all members in good standing and for exchange with other rock clubs.

Section 10. The Show Chairman will be responsible for the contract for the building where the show is to be held. He/She will be responsible for all contracts involving dealers for the annual show. Organize all committee chairmen for the various event venues as needed; shall be responsible for all advertising and promotion of the Annual Show.

Section 11. The Assistant Show Chairman shall perform all duties as assigned at the discretion of the Show Chairman.

Section 12. The Custodian will be appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Directors. The duties of this position will be to obtain an itemized listing of the Corporation's property in the form of an inventory including condition, repairs necessary and location. One copy of this inventory will be maintained in the Secretary's possession with a copy for the President and one for the Treasurer for her use in acquiring insurance and any reports needed for the IRS to maintain our current tax status. He or she will attend Board meetings and perform any other duties regarding property as requested by the President.

Article XIII—Method of Election

Section 1. At the August Board meeting the President shall appoint a nominating committee which shall consist of three members one of which shall be a member of the Board who will serve as Chairman. Their duties are to secure a slate of Officers to present to the Board of Directors at the September board meeting. At the time of election, additional nominations shall be received from the floor.

Section 2. The election of Directors shall be by written ballot, and shall be held at the general member meeting in October. If the slate of Officers is uncontested then a vote of acclamation may be rendered by the membership in lieu of a written ballot.

Section 3. The newly elected Directors shall officially take office at the regular member meeting in December and shall have no voting powers until after their installation.

Article XIV—Membership

Section 1. The number of members of the Corporation shall be unlimited. Membership shall be granted only to persons in sympathy with the purposes of the Corporation. Persons under nineteen years of age shall be classified as Junior Members. The rights and privileges of each member shall be equal and identical.

Section 2. Any individual of good character is eligible for membership. Each application for membership shall be considered at all Board meetings. No person shall be admitted to membership without the approval of a majority of the Board of Directors. Upon said approval and payment of dues as hereinafter more fully set out, he/she shall be declared to be a member in good standing.

Section 3. All members whose dues were paid on or before July 15, 1938, shall constitute the charter members.

Section 4. The membership fee shall be adjusted as needed for increases of any Federation dues which are paid by December 31 of each year. Dues are to be paid by the October general meeting in order to be eligible to vote. The age for adults is any member nineteen and over, and under nineteen to be considered junior members.

Section 5. No person shall be eligible for nomination for or election to an office in the corporation unless he/she is a member in good standing.

Section 6. Any club member in good standing may nominate a person or a couple for lifetime membership consideration. Recommendations shall be made in writing to the President, or presented in person, at a Board of Directors meeting. To be eligible for a lifetime membership the person must be a member in good standing having contributed exemplary service with a minimum of 25 years of membership or reached the age of 80. If a club member is recommended and approved for Lifetime Membership, then the 25 year membership requirement shall be waived for his or her spouse, if they are determined to be otherwise eligible. For approval of a Lifetime Membership the recommendation must receive a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Section 7. Honorary membership may be considered for any member in good standing having contributed their services on behalf of the club above and beyond that which is required for membership. To be considered for a honorary membership the member must be presented to the Board of Directors for their approval by majority vote.

Article XV—Roster of Members

Section 1. A roster of the names and address of each member in good standing of the Corporation shall be maintained by the Membership Chairman.

Section 2. The Membership Chairman shall contact all members of the Corporation that are two months delinquent in payment of dues and advise such members that their names are being dropped from the roster at the end of the third month of delinquency.

Article XVI—Expulsion or Withdrawal From and Restoration to Membership

Section 1. Members whose dues are two months in arrears shall be notified in writing by the Membership Chairman and if payment is not received within thirty days shall be suspended from membership and their names removed from the roster. Members dropped for non-payment of dues may be reinstated to membership at any time by bringing their dues current.

Section 2. A member may be expelled from the Corporation for:

- a. Any flagrant or continued violation of any of the provisions of the By-Laws or Operating Procedures.
- b. Any improper or unlawful conduct that violates the rights and privileges of other members.

Such expulsion must be by no less than a 4/5 vote of the Board of Directors present at a meeting duly called to consider the matter. The time and place of the meeting called to consider the expulsion shall be given in writing to the accused five days prior thereto.

Article XVII—Members Meetings

Section 1. The annual meeting of the members of the Corporation shall be held in Canyon County, Idaho in December of each year at such time and place as may be determined by the Board of Directors, for the transaction of such business that may lawfully come before it.

Section 2. The regular monthly meetings shall be held in Canyon County, Idaho on the third Wednesday of each month at such time and place as may be determined by the Board of Directors, for the purpose of transacting such business as may lawfully come before it.

Section 3. Special meetings of the members may be called by the Board of Directors, or by the President, for the transaction of such business as may arise.

Section 4. Notice of the time and place of any meeting of the members shall be mailed to each member at least five days before the time specified for the holding thereof.

Section 5. The members present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of such business as may arise. All meetings shall be conducted according to Roberts Rules of Order, except as otherwise provided in the By-Laws

Article XVIII—Banking

All bills of the corporation shall be paid by check and all bank accounts of the Corporation shall require the signature of the Treasurer and President for the withdrawal of funds of the same. In case one of these officers cannot act, the Vice-President or Secretary shall have the power and duty of signing in his/her stead.

Article XIX—Expenses

Expenses of members relative to the operation of the Corporation shall be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval and payment according to IRS reimbursement when warranted.

Article XX—Standing Committees

All committees shall be established or eliminated by the Board of Directors and shall be maintained in the Operating Procedures. The duties of all standing committees shall be detailed and maintained as a part of the Standing Committees Operating Procedures Manual.

Article XXI—Operating Procedures

Operating Procedures are intended to help define the areas of operational details that are not covered in the Articles of Incorporation, or the By-Laws.

Section 1. Proposed operating procedures and amendments thereto shall be submitted in writing by any member in good standing to the President or at any Board of Directors meeting.

Section 2. Proposed Operating Procedures and amendments thereto shall be reviewed by the Board of Directors, at their regular meeting, to ensure compliance with the Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws.

Section 3. Following the review by the Board, and publication in the official club publication, the membership shall ratify the proposed amendments at the next regular member meeting following such publication. Once ratified, the amendments shall become a part of the Corporation, and are mandatory on the membership and administration, until amended, suspended or rescinded.

Article XXII—Amendment of By-Laws

The Board of Directors may, by a majority vote, repeal, alter, or amend the By-Laws of the Corporation, provided that thirty (30) days prior notice of any and all such proposed changes be made available to the entire club membership by publishing any and all such proposed changes of these By-Laws in the Corporations official publication.

Article XXIII—Annual Confirmation of By-Laws Update

I hereby certify that, to the best of the By-Law Review Committees' ability, all amendments effecting the By-Laws and the Operating Procedures, duly adopted by the membership and the Board of Directors during the current year, have been included and officially entered herein at the regular Board meeting of:

Day _____ Month _____ Year _____.

Upcoming Events

Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society September Meeting

September 16, 2015—7:30 p.m.

Location: Best Western Hotel , Exit #29, 908 Specht Ave, Caldwell

Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society September Field Trips

September 19, 2015—Big Egg Claim

September 25—27, 2015—McDermitt, Nevada

Outdoor Idaho "Rockhounds"

Tune in to this TV show to learn about rockhounding in Idaho.

September 24, 2015 (Thursday) 8:00 pm—KAID/KIPT (MT)

September 24, 2015 (Thursday) 8:00 pm—KUID/KCDT (PT)

September 24, 2015 (Thursday) 8:00 pm/ 7:00 pm MT/PT (Digital Cable)

September 25, 2015 (Friday) 3:00 am/ 2:00 am MT/PT (Digital Cable)

Federation Director

Bring your postage stamps to this month's meeting. Remember to **cut ½ inch all the way around the stamp**. The money raised will go to help support cancer research. Thank you all for this. It helps others and it might just help someone you know.



The dates of the Northwest Federation Field trip have been rescheduled to Sept. 16—21, due to fire hazards. More information will be provided as those dates get closer.

-Ed Moser, Federation Director
340-8060, edmoser15@gmail.com

Have You Visited our Club Website?

Our awesome website has great information on it. There are some great pictures of our outings, and our newsletter is posted on it. Brad Larson, our Web Master, does a great job of keeping it up to date with all kinds of information like upcoming shows, field trip dates, times and much more.

<http://www.owyheerocks.com/>



Owyhee Gem & Mineral Society
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Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society Purpose:

To promote interest in the wonders of nature and in particular, rocks, gems, minerals, and fossils.
To conduct field trips for exploration and collection.
To encourage as wide a participation as possible in the "Rock Hound" hobby and the many activities that go along with it.

MEMBERSHIP DUES:

- Family** - \$20.00 per year
- Couples** - \$18.00 per year
- Singles** - \$12.00 per year
- Children (under 19)** - \$3.00 per year



The Owyhee Gem and Mineral Society was established in 1938 at the College of Idaho in Caldwell, Idaho.

GENERAL MEETING: The club meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. except for the July picnic and the December holiday party. Field trips are scheduled once a month. Visitors are welcome at all these events!

Bring a friend—Wear your name tag— Bring an unidentified rock and we'll help you figure out what it is!

