

Minutes January 3, 2001 WCRC Meeting

Meeting held in the Creede Town Hall
Called to order by Chairman Zeke Ward at 1:10 PM

Those Attending:

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Call to order (Zeke Ward) Meeting called to order 1:00pm **Intro of Members and Miscellaneous Business** Amy Bergstedt- Amy is new to the EPA. Peter Ismert is showing her around and introducing her to the different projects in their district. Zeke will be speaking to the SLV Resource Conservation District on Feb. 22. Any who would like to attend are welcome. **Minutes**- Procedures for corrections and additions were discussed and it was resolved that a rough draft would be emailed with-in a one week period after the meeting to all who attended the meeting. Suggestions or corrections should be submitted prior to the next meeting. Minutes would be approved at the next meeting and posted after approval. Chuck Barnes motioned to accept the minutes as corrected. The minutes from December were read at the meeting. See Notes. JB Alexander seconded the motion. The motion carried. **Commodore update** (Byron Walker)- The work at the Commodore is done and looks good. The iron components of the structure were left unpainted and allowed to rust providing a more historically accurate look. The flume is steel and left unpainted to allow for rust build up so that it will blend with other metals in area. The catch basin needs to have bentonite. Glen Miller motioned that the Committee should purchase bentonite. JB Alexander seconded. The motion carried. The bill needs to be sent to Jim Herron. The committee recognized several individuals for their efforts and decided that letters of thanks should be sent and that appropriate agencies be notified that

the work has been satisfactorily completed. **Commodore Five underground report** (Glen Miller and Jim Herron) Glen and Jim gave a report on Commodore/Nelson Mine Workings Reconnaissance done on Dec.7, 2000. The evaluations were conducted by: Ken Wyley, Stephen Wardell, and Glen Miller of Creede; Jim Herron, Steve Renner, and John Nelson of the Colorado Division of Minerals & Geology; Robert Kirkham of the Colorado Geologic Survey. Glen Miller did the notes, mapping, and initial report. Jim Herron did the cost evaluation of the structural rehabilitation. Important things accomplished during this evaluation were: 1) We discovered the main shafts from Snake Alley south that access the Nelson level. 2) We obtained water samples on the Peak Drift and field measurements on the Overholt. 3) Obtained a lab sample at the Berkshire. 4) Reached the Commodore/Nelson join just north of the park Regent and learned that there was no water here as well as low oxygen levels and no apparent airflow from the Park Regent Shaft, but that we can gain access to the Nelson Level at this point. 5) Obtained information for a preliminary structural rehabilitation evaluation. Not least of all, we obtained an overall feel for the Amethyst Vein Workings from which we can now plan future activities. Recommendations for further investigations were made and it was generally agreed that understanding conditions in this complex is a top priority. The committee discussed the necessary rehabilitation work and investigations which should be included in the next grant request. Hopefully, there will be some local contractors willing to bid on the rehab work. **Nelson Tunnel Water chemistry** (JB Alexander) JB Alexander presented the available information, and summarized by pointing out that the water chemistry and flow are changing and it would be appropriate to monitor conditions on a monthly schedule. **Imperious Mill Site** (Mike Wireman) Mike Wireman reported that the EPA had a meeting in which the Imperious mill site was discussed and that two scenarios exist for proceeding with a transfer of ownership and remediation. The current effort uses the prospective purchaser agreement process. An alternative process would be to use the Voluntary Clean Up Agreement process but that the EPA would require adequate site characterization and would have to approve the remediation and redevelopment plan. Adjourned 4:30 pm Minutes submitted by: _____ Approved and accepted: _____

Dawn L. Ward
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Zeke Ward
Chairman