



WEEKEND GOLDMINER

Newsletter

Prospecting sites in the Heart of Georgia's Gold Belt

Club Address: P.O. Box 910, Dahlonega, GA 30533
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Calendar of Events

"Miners Swap Meet" at every meeting. Bring camping & prospecting articles only.

Meeting Time: March 3, 2018
Auraria Community Center
Board Meeting 3:00 P.M.
General Meeting 5:00 P.M.

Metal Detecting Hunt March 3, 2018
Hunt 12:00 P.M. until 2:00 P.M.
Weather Permitting – Check WEGM Forum
Hunt Master – 423-838-0939 or 423-838-1373

Notice: Property gate locks will be changed on April 1, 2018. Must be paid up to date in dues and maintenance fees by March 15, 2018 to get a new key.

Bear on The Square- April 21 & 22, 2018

***If you have any questions about any of these events call Membership Director Benny Chester 770-531-9346. Or email at weekendgoldminers@yahoo.com**

WEEKEND GOLD MINERS PROSPECTING CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES February 3rd, 2018

President Judy Hall Johnson called the February 3, 2018 general meeting to order.

She welcomed guest Ray Sinclair and Joseph Thomason. There were no new members.

Birthdays for February are #3353 John Jenkins, 67 years young. HAPPY! HAPPY! HAPPY!

Anniversaries are #3194 Wayne and Rose Barrington, 16 years. HAPPY! HAPPY! HAPPY!

#3385 Lee Day made a motion to approve the January 6, 2018 general meeting minutes as posted in the newsletter. #2533 Bill Quick Seconded. Motion carried and passed.

Treasurer John Burton gave the January Treasurer report as follows:

Checking Beg. Bal. 01-01-18	\$5,602.10
Income	4,396.00
Disbursements	2,339.62
Checking Ending Bal. 01-31-18	\$7,659.48

Money Market #1	\$48,155.60
Money Market #2	\$15,431.40

#3044 Ann Nemeth made a motion to accept the January 6, 2018 Treasurer Report. #2610 Ray Sparks seconded. Motion carried and passed.

Membership Director Benny Chester was busy at the moment so Judy Johnson gave the January 2018 membership report as follows:

- 0 – new members for January 2018
- 0 – New members YTD
- #3436 – last number issued
- 00.00 – fees collected
- \$90.00 – Logo items
- 5.00 – Key sold
- \$95.00 – total collected.

Membership Director had \$78.39 in expenses.

#2533 Bill Quick made a motion to accept the January 2018 membership report as read. #1484 Bill Bryant seconded. Motion carried and passed.

A pocket watch has been found on the Honey Farm Road on the Allison Lease. If you have lost your pocket watch call 423-458-4088. You must be able to describe it.

OLD BUSINESS:

Judy Johnson apologized to the members for not getting the statements out in January but due to

Officers and Committees	
OFFICERS	
President	Judy Johnson 423-458-4088 & 423-838-1373 jnanaju@aol.com
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Bookkeeper	Please contact the Treasurer with questions.
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**PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR
MEMBER # ON YOUR CHECK**

New Properties Finders Fee

It is the policy of the WEGM to reward its members with a finders fee for locating new properties for the club to lease. The member will be paid \$240 or receive credit for \$240 in membership dues upon the club approving the lease for club use. The member must act as an agent between the landowner and the WEGM. To receive the finders fee, you must register in writing with the club secretary your intent to begin discussing a proposed lease with the landowner. You cannot receive the finders fee unless registration is complete and the lease is approved by the WEGM.

- STANDING RULES**
1. No use of alcohol on Association outings.
 2. Smoking will not be permitted at Association meetings or activities unless held in the open air.
 3. Members are expected to adhere to the Association's Code of Ethics while prospecting or mining
 4. Members are expected to conduct themselves at all times in accordance with the laws of the land and reasonable moral behavior
 5. Violation of Standing Rules will result in disciplinary action as determined by the Executive Board of Directors
 6. The President, Vice-President or their appointed spokesperson(s) are the only people authorized to speak on behalf of the WEGM
 7. Regular monthly meetings will be held on the first Saturday of each month at a scheduled time as stated in the club newsletter and website
 8. Fun must be had by all

Robert's mother having a stroke on the 8th and passing away on the 21st, just didn't have time to get them out. Statements will go out this next week.

If you have not turned in your camper renewal please do so as soon as possible.

Hunt Master Robert gave the Hunt Master report as follows: He said he had 19 people to hunt today which was really good considering how cold it was. #3213 Brian Crowe won the Valentine \$100 nugget. He wanted to thank Bill Bryant, Alan McClary and Jack Akins for helping bury the coins. Next hunt will be March 3, 2018 starting at 12:00 P.M. until 2:00 P.M. Weather permitting!!

NEW BUSINESS:

Lifetime Member for January was #2872 Richard Hunberger.

Locks on the lease property lease gates will be changed on April 1, 2018. To get a new gate key you must be paid up to date on dues and maintenance fees by March 15, 2018. After that date, when you pay up to date you will receive a gate key. Keys will be mailed out on March 15, 2018.

At the March meeting we will be asking for volunteers for the Election committee. We will need 3 volunteers to try and recruit members to run for the following positions. There will be two (2) board positions and Vice-President. Please be thinking about stepping up to help.

Board member #3204 David Griffith retired from his board position today. We want to thank David for his years of serving on the board and hope he and Carol has a wonderful retirement. He will be missed. The board will appoint a member to finish the term which will be from March 2018 to August 2018. The following members have asked to be considered for that position: #1073 Roger Moore, #1775 Alan McCary, #1290 Benny Chester and #1484 Bill Bryant. At the March 3, 2018 board meeting the board will appoint one of these members and then the membership present will have to approve by a show of hands vote.

Also we need a secretary. Judy Johnson asked for a volunteer for secretary and Heidi Lung volunteered. She will have to board approved at the March 3, 2018 meeting.

The application for Bear on The Square on April 21 & 22nd, 2018 has been turned in but Membership Director Benny Chester hasn't heard anything yet.

The board of Directors have decided to lower the monthly payments on the now current membership from \$35.00 to \$20.00. This will mean you will have to pay more months to become a life member. They thought this might help members to keep their membership up to date. They are going to change all the invoices in 2017 to \$20 instead of \$35 which will lower the balance due as of 12-31-18. This will help members catch up. This proposal was presented to the membership present to vote on. The vote was by a show of hands. The vote was unanimous with no "nays." Motion to change monthly payments to \$20 was accepted.

The board presented an abandoned camper to be put up for a silent bid. The camper is located on the Turner property on the road that goes thru the picnic area on to the top of the hill on the right. The campsite will be marked with green tape. Whoever wins the silent bid will have to remove the camper from the property and it cannot be put back on the property. The campsite will have to be cleaned up also. They will have thirty (30) days to remove property and clean up campsite. Bids are to be mailed ONLY to: Secretary/Silent Bid, Weekend Gold Miners Prospecting Club, P.O. Box 910, Dahlonega, Ga. 30533. You have to have "Secretary/Silent Bid" on envelope or the bid will be voided. Bids will not be open until the March 3, 2018 at the Board Meeting. If you have any questions call Benny Chester at 770-531-9346.

Judy Johnson open the floor up to questions and answers: Chairman of the Board Rodney Lung told the members that there had been rumors spreading about a club of his called Gorilla Gold Club. Several members have concerns that he is bringing people on the WEGM properties and letting them dredge free of charge and that he is using club resources for personal gain. Rodney told the members that the rumors were not correct, that the Gorilla Gold Club was a public social media club and that he is using the Gorilla Gold Club to bring in new members. He was asked what the purpose of the WEGM members being a member of the club. He said the club was about gathering information about prospecting ideas and techniques. Rodney assured the members that there was no wrong doing and no money involved. The discussion was beginning to get "heated" so President Judy Johnson stopped the discussion and told the members that the situation would continue to be watched.

#2405 Ben Worthington ask if the board was going to put up a gate going to the back of his place to stop people from going back there at night. Rodney told him that the board had approved the gate and when the weather warms up that they will put the chain gate up with a sign "No Admittance after 11:00 P.M." Mr. Worthington will put up the chain himself every night.

Raffles were held:

Winner of the Door prize of a Prospectors Silver Round was #495 Robert Thomason.

Blue Ticket Raffle winners were:

- Bag of gold ore.....#2845 Terry Willman
- Bag of gold ore.....#2890 Barbara Lawson
- Bag of gold ore.....#2533 Bill Quick
- Bag of gold ore.....#3247 Rodney Lung
- Gold Nugget.....#3353 John Jenkins

Green Ticket Raffle winners were:

- Bag of gold ore.....Ray Sinclair –guest
- Bag of gold ore.....#0495 Robert Thomason
- Bag of gold ore.....#3194 Wayne Barrington
- Bag of gold ore.....#3264 Robert Manning
- Gold Nugget.....#2872 Rick Hunberger

Yellow Ticket Raffle winners were :

- Bag of gold ore.....#1581 Judy Johnson
- Bag of gold ore.....#Joseph Thomason – guest
- Bag of gold ore.....#2845 Terry Willman
- Bag of gold ore.....#3194 Wayne Barrington
- Gold Nugget.....#0495 Robert Thomason

Next meeting: March 3, 2018

Board meeting at 3:00 P.M.

General meeting at 5:00 P.M.

Metal Detecting Hunt at 12:00 P.M. until 2:00 P.M.

#3194 Wayne Barrington made a motion to adjourn the February 3, 2018 general meeting. #1484 Bill Bryant seconded. Meeting adjourned.



MOORE FROM THE GOLD FIELDS: By Roger Moore

All the older members will remember a time in our club when things ran smooth and the members got along and we all had fun. I remember pot luck suppers and live music around the campfires. I remember the stories of finding good gold told by the elders. I remember the Alaska Days held in the middle of winter outside. We built a giant teepee and had a bonfire. Even though it was very cold, we had more people attend that night than we do at most meetings today. I remember the local finds contests we had at the meetings. People would bring in gold and artifacts found locally. The members at the meeting would vote and the winner would receive a silver round. I remember at the raffles you could win gold pans, bottles, sniffers, hats, shirts, flashlights, other camping gear and bags of gold. Back then Tammy put the pay in heavy plastic bags weighing in at about 50 pounds. Now she concentrates the bags down to about a pound. The gold was always good back then and still good now, even in the concentrated form, and it's much easier to carry. I remember helping many of the older members get their heavy bags of pay to the car. There was a time when we had more volunteers than we could use for the work day to do roadwork, brush clearing, and setting up for events. The work day was an event in itself and members looked forward to helping out. I remember panning contests and other activities for the kids at the meetings. There was a time when the club house was too small to contain all the members who showed up for the meetings. The Board considered finding a new location for the meetings. Then a few years ago things started to change. Some people that were voted into the office positions had hidden agendas that were not good for the club and would try to push these bad agendas to the membership. Some were power hungry and never quite figured out that only the club members have the power. There were screaming matches, and threats made, law suits were filed and disharmony was at an all time high. The meetings got so bitter that more than once an off duty police officer was called to make sure that meetings went without incident. Members started dropping out and not attending the meetings or functions. Lifetime members were selling their memberships and mining equipment. Members almost stopped volunteering for anything. It became harder and harder to get anyone to run at election time. I think now things are slowly improving. We need more people in office who can conduct themselves in a professional manner at the meetings. Only the members have the power to change things for the better. I miss the smiles and the fellowship of the old days. I pray for better days in the future.

ON THE FUNNY SIDE OF LIFE:

Bobby was sitting on the porch talking to his Grandpa when he innocently asked, "Grandpa, do you know how to make animal sounds?"

"I sure do." Grandpa replied. "What sort of animal sound would you want to hear?"

"How about a toad?" Do you know how to sound like a toad?"

"Sure." said Grandpa, cupping his hand to his mouth, "croak croak, how did you like that?"

"Yipee!" screamed Bobby jumping up and down. "We are going to Miami."

"Huh?" Questioned Grandpa "Why's that?"

"Because Grandma said so." Bobby patiently explained. "she said that after you croak we'll all go to Miami!"



#3213 Brian Crowe
Winner of Valentine \$100 Gold Nugget
Metal Detecting Hunt

FOR SALE SUBMISSION POLICY

The **FOR SALE** section is free for members only. Membership number, name and phone number must accompany the ad. Ads will be run the month of submission only. You may resubmit your ad each month. Business ads must be approved by the board, the fee for a small block ad is \$120.00 per year.

FOR SALE

Lifetime Membership for sale- #1559 Joe Christmas - \$750 or best offer -706-442-7314

4" Keene Dredge-3 stage
6.5 Honda motor
T80 compressor w/reserve tank
Air lines & regulator
Homemade dredge cart
\$2600 or best offer
423-838-09393

WORDS OF WISDOM:

When things go wrong, don't go with them.
Life is short. Use the good towels.

These are the new WEGM T-shirts for the men and ladies. All shirts are \$10.00 ea. There will be a \$6.50 shipping and handling charge for each shirt. If you want to place an order please state the color and size of shirt and how many. Send your order to: T-Shirt Order. P.O. Box 910, Dahlonega, Ga. 30533. Make check or money order to Weekend Gold Miners Club.



Ladies Shirt Colors: Pink, Green, Purple and Pink Camo.
Sizes: Small, Med., Large, X-Large and 2X.
Ladies shirts do not have a pocket.



Mens Shirt Colors: Black, Tan, Grey, Hunter Green, Camo
Sizes: Small, Med., Large, X-Large, 2X.
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MEMBER NAME:		

I recognize that mining and prospecting are inherently dangerous, and that the club's properties have unmarked and unidentified hazards, to include abandoned mine shafts, caves, sink holes, steep slopes and other people, both invitees, licensees and trespassers and that any one or combination of the above can cause injury or death. I waive any claim against the Week End Gold Miners, Inc. or the land owners and covenant not to sue for any damage, injury or death caused to me, or for the loss of equipment or personal items while on the properties. I further recognize that there are special dangers to minors and I shall assume all responsibility for each minor accompanying me. I further agree to carry such insurance as I feel necessary to protect my interest and to indemnify and hold harmless owners from any liability arising out of my actions while on the properties.

Guest Signature

Date