



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: April 1, 2017
Board Meeting 3:00 P.M.
General Meeting 5:00 P.M.

Metal Detecting Hunt
April 1, 2017 12:00 P.M. until 2:00 P.M.,
Weather Permitting - check WEGM Forum
Or call 423-838-1373 – Last Hunt until Fall

Locks will be changed first week of April 2017
Keep your old key until you are sure locks have been changed.

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

resigned her positions with the club. She was presented with a rose for her garden and several members presented her with a gift.

The board has decided to divide Judys role into 3 parts due to recommendations from our CPA and ease the burder of those in the role. We will continue to have a Secretary and Treasurer, roles that should no longer be filled by the same person. In addition we will hire an outside Bookkeeper. Payments will continue to go to our same P.O. Box.

The two CPA Recommendations are as follows.

The duties of Secretary and that of an acting Treasurer are currently combined functions that should be separated. The person with check-signing authority should not be the same person that approves expense reimbursements or that record in the minutes where all expense reports were approved.

In addition, your By-laws state in Article V, Section 2 that, “the Board of Directors shall not be paid a salary.” However, the acting Treasurer and Secretary is being paid a salary for her bookkeeping duties. While it is reasonable that she should be paid for this service, the Board should decide whether to amend the by-laws to include a provision for salary for the bookkeeper (acting as Treasurer), or the bookkeeper should not be a member of the board.

#2533 William Quick made a motion to accept the January-February 2017 General Meeting Minutes. #3352 Ann seconded. Motion carried and passed.

#3307 Robert Russell made a motion to accept the January-February 2017 Treasurer report. #3151 seconded. Motion carried and passed.

Membership Director Ray Sparks gave the January-February 2017 membership report as follows:

4- new members for January-February 2017
 Last member number issued #3393
 Total fees collected \$200

WEEKEND GOLD MINERS PROSPECTING CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES MARCH 4, 2017

President Ray Sparks called the March 4th meeting to order.

He welcomed guest George Dalton and new member Patt Chaco 3388.

Birthdays for Ashley Whelchel March 4th, Dean Walder's daughter is 16, David Tripplett 3277 and Bob Scarborough 2820.

Anniversaries for March 2017 John and Kim Burton 14 years.

Ray Sparks announced that Judy Johnson has

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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

NEW BUSINESS:

We need to be careful turning off the breakers, last month all of the breakers were turned off and the icecream melted.

There will be a Common on April 29-30 at the Turner property.

Andrew Whelchel will be serving as Secretary.

We currently need a Treasurer, which is a bonded position. Please submit resumes to the board if you are interested.

Bear on the square is April 22nd and 23rd.

The club needs an election chairperson and committee. The sample ballot must be submitted to the board by the May 2017 board meeting so we need to get someone asap.

Lifetime Members were #3352 Ann, #2757 Dean Willard, #2564 Steffan Elberts and #2924 William Rotay

Locks will be changed first week of April 2017. Keep both your keys to you are sure locks have been changed.

Your dues and maintenance fees must be paid in full by March 1, 2017 to get a key. Keys mailed by March 15, 2017

Next meeting:
April 1, 2017
Board Meeting at 3:00 P.M.
General Meeting at 5:00 P.M.
Metal Detecting Hunt at 12:00 P.M.

Raffles were held.

Red Ticket Drawing – 1775 Alan McCay, Silver round

Blue Ticket Drawing
Bag of Ore – Harry Sands 2505
Bag of Ore – Terry William 2845
Bag of Ore – Patty Chaco 3388
Bag of Ore – Brian Crowe 3213
Gold Nugget – Chris Motes 320

Green Tickets
Bag of Ore – Alan McCay 1775
Bag of Ore – Robert Johnson 1483

Bag of Ore – James Palmer 3200
Bag of Ore – Harry Sands 2505
Bag of Ore – Judy Johnson 1581
Gold Nugget – Barbara Lawson

WEGM Auxillary

Bag of Ore – Barbara Lawson 2890
Bag of Ore – Mike Reed 3299
Bag of Ore - Judy Jenkins 3353
Gold Nugget – John Burton, he gave the nugget to the birthday girl.

#2533 William Quick made a motion to adjourn the March 2017 General Meeting. #3307 Mark Harris seconded. Meeting adjourned.

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

3" Keene High Banker Dredge Combo
Extra long hose for water intake
Adapted to use on floats
Setup for easy priming
Clean out hose
Also: Complete wet suit w/thin skins
New price \$2900 – Sale price \$1900
Call Dean 615-631-2150

2 ½ Keene Dredge-with air & all accessories. \$1600.00
Call Martin- 321-984-1462

WEGM Membership - \$750 Call Andy -706-581-2078

David Pierreon has some equipment for sale. All for \$2,000. Call 803-226-4875 or davidpierron@att.net

- 3 inch Keene Dredge
- Highbanker
- Trailer
- Lifetime Membership

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.
Camo shirts do not have a pocket.



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RELEASE OF LIABILITY OF GUEST

NAME:		
PHONE NUMBER:		
ADDRESS:		
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:
SPOUSE'S NAME:	Children Under 21:	
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