



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: May 6th, 2017
Board Meeting 5:00 P.M.
General Meeting 7:00 P.M.

Metal Detecting Hunt
May 6, 2017 2:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M.,
Weather Permitting - check WEGM Forum
Or call 423-838-1373 – Last Hunt until Fall

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**

WEEKEND GOLD MINERS PROSPECTING CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES APRIL 1, 2017

President Ray Sparks called the April 1st meeting to order.

Ray Sparks mother has suffered a stroke and we ask you to keep her in your prayers.

There were no new members or guests present.

Barbara Lawsons Birthday is April 15th.
Benny Chester has a new Great Grand Child.
Dan Ferguson has a new Grand Child.
There were no anniversaries.

Member #2533 Bill Quick made a motion to accept the

March 2017 General Meeting Minutes as posted in the Newsletter. The motion was seconded by member 3307 Mark Harris. The motion carried and passed.

Ray Sparks shared our current account balances and explained that we do not have a standard Treasurer Report due to changing Book Keepers. Member 1379 Sally Crumley made a motion was made to forego the March 2017 Treasurer Report due to changing Book Keepers. Member 3307 Mark Harris seconded. Motion carried and passed.

Membership Director Ray Sparks gave the March 2017 membership report as follows:

2- new members for March 2017
Last member number issued #3395
Total fees collected \$200

Rodney Lung announced that EMC Magazine is doing an article on the club.

Ray asked if we had any volunteers for Treasurer, John Burton volunteered. We give a big thank you to John for stepping up.

Ray discussed the Blackburn Elementary School Project. A member raised concerns about cost. Ray explained our role in giving back to the community. Ray went on to ask for volunteers for panning day at the school, usually toward the end of the school year.

Bear on the square is April 22nd and 23rd, this year we are being asked to pay for one of our two spaces. Member 1900 Nancy Healy made the motion to pay for it, Member 3277 David Tripplett seconded.

Ray announced that we must have volunteers for the Election Committee Bill Quick, Alan McCay and Sally Crumley volunteered. Alan has since stepped down so that he can run for office. Please call Bill Quick (706-344-9087) if you would like to run for President, Treasurer, Secretary or Board Member.

Ray did not have the new lifetime member list but will

Officers and Committees	
OFFICERS	
President	Ray Sparks 770-531-9346 weekendgoldminers@yahoo.com
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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

have it for the next meeting.

There will be a Common on April 29, 9 am to 5 pm at the Turner property.

Hunt Master asked if we should have a May hunt, the room supported the idea. Robert said that he has 5 rolls of mercury dimes for \$68 a roll, Member 2757 Dean Willard made a motion to buy them for the hunt and Member 2890 Barbara Lawson seconded. We had 16 people hunting today. Robert also announced that he would be retiring, so we will need a new Hunt Master.

Raffles were held.

Red Ticket Drawing – Jasper Ellis 2748, Silver round

Blue Ticket Drawing

- Bag of Ore – John Dunagan 909
- Bag of Ore – Harry Sands 2505
- Bag of Ore – Judy Johnson 1581
- Bag of Ore – Frank Reed 3299
- Gold Nugget – Don Vincent 2686

Green Tickets

- Bag of Ore – Chris Motes 3205
- Bag of Ore – Carol Reid 3161
- Bag of Ore – William Reid 3161
- Bag of Ore – Harry Sands 2505
- Bag of Ore – Carol Reid 3161
- Gold Nugget – Kathy McCary 3161

WEGM Auxillary

- Jerky – Kathy McCary 1775
- Bag of Ore – Ann Neneth 3044
- Bag of Ore – Chris Motes 3205
- Gold Nugget – Ray Sparks 2610

Next Meeting May 6th 2017

- Detecting Hunt at 2 pm.
- Boar Meeting at 5 pm.
- General Meeting 7 pm.

Member 2890 Barbara Lawson made a motion to adjourn the April 2017 General Meeting. Member 2533 Bill Quick 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

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