



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: July 7, 2018
Auraria Community Center
Board Meeting 5:00 P.M. *Note Change
General Meeting 7:00 P.M. *Note Change

Metal Detecting Hunts – Start back October 2018
Hunt Master – 423-838-0939 or 423-838-1373

New Election Committee Chairman ;
Jonathan Heard 678-850-7404
Jheard82@icloud.com

Absentee ballots mailed out June 19, 2018

Election August 4, 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 June 2nd, 2018

President Judy Hall Johnson called the June 2, 2018 general meeting to order.

She wished all a Happy Father's Day #2267 Ben Tighe youngest father, Oldest father, #3151 Robert Russell.

Conrad Allison had a stroke, please keep his family in your prayers. Brenda Shed, who broke her leg is in rehab continued prayers for a speedy recovery.

Birthdays for June are #2687 Don Vincent, Ben Worthington 65yrs 6/2, Joyce Conner 6/6.

Anniversaries #1483 Robert and Judy Johnson 11 yrs, Leona Webb & Bobby 35yrs.

New members #3444 Chris Mc Campbell. Guests Triston Winnington.

#3316 Don Ferguson made a motion to accept the May 5, 2018 general meeting minutes as posted in the newsletter. # 2872 Rick Humburger seconded. Motion carried and passed.

Treasurer John Burton gave May 2018 Treasurers report as follows:

Beg. Checking Bal. 05-01-18 21, 987.55
Income 3,460.00
Disbursements 8,909.86
Ending Bal 16,537.69
Money Market #1 48,171.54
Money Market#2 15, 434.59

#2533 Bill Quick made motion to accept May 2018 Treasurer report. #2872 Rick Humburger seconded. Motion carried and passed.

Membership director Benny Chester gave the May 2018 report as follows:

4-new members
21-new members YTD
\$430.00 total new membership fees
\$10.00-Logo items sold.
\$430.00- Total fees collected.
#3457 last member numbers issued.
Expenses \$150.59

OLD BUSINESS

Ballots.: Running for Vice President #1290 Benny Chester. Running for office of board #3247 Rodney Lung, #2890 Barbara Lawson, #3383 Lee Day, #2267 Ben Tighe, #1073 Roger Moore, .Open forum does anyone else want to run for either vice president or the board? Show of hands votes to accept this ballot. No "nay" votes. Unanimous and this will be the ballot mailed for absentee votes. To be mailed out 6/19. All

Officers and Committees	
OFFICERS	
President	Judy Johnson 423-458-4088 & 423-838-1373 jnanaju@aol.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

those running your campaign message must be in by 6/6. Put it in Microsoft word & email to Judy Johnson. These need to be put in newsletter. They will be printed and put in with the ballot.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lifetime members:
#2777 Adan Pederson, #2862 David Killough, #2867 James Wheeler, #293 Robert Johnson, #2040 Steve Gratzner, #3130 Greg North, #3295 James Myers.

The board discussed a little on the picnic. We must start early to get everything planned. We have kind of come up what we're going to do on the prizes & what we are going to do on the food. The meat will be pulled pork and chicken, the club will pay for that. Everyone should bring food for the potluck. The club wants to thank #2845 Terry Willman for cooking the pork and chicken for everyone to try. What we have is a question about is the music. We have had bands in the past. Anyone have any suggestions on entertainment? Last we had a DJ which was \$250.00 have the cost of a band. Cost is an issue this year. Think about it, if you come up with something let us know next meeting.

Questions and Answers:

#2610 Ray Sparks see on the internet 14 acres of land for sale on the back end of Turner they want a little over a \$100,000. It has been gold mined before. He didn't bring info.

#2533 Bill quick if there was any news from Michael Turner, none yet.

Benny Chester will be doing the show and tell at the library on 6/30. Please remember to help clean up after meetings putting up chairs, sweeping, mopping and helping

Raffles:

Red Ticket Door Prize:
Silver round- Judy Alan – guest of #2931 Wesley Gentry

Blue Ticket Winners:

Bag of Ore - #1483 Robert Johnson
Bag of Ore - #2610 Ray Sparks
Bag of Ore - #2845 Terry Willman
Bag of ore - #3352 Rodney Kocher
Nugget - #3247 Rodney Lung

Green Ticket winners:

Bag of ore #2993 Mark Beckwith
Bag of ore #3247 Rodney Lung
Bag of ore #2744 John Burton
Bag of ore #2744 John Burton
Nugget #2894 Kris Willman

Yellow Ticket winners:

Bag of ore #1775 Kathy McClary
Bag of ore #2744 John Burton
Bag of ore #2993 Mark Beckwith
Bag of ore #0546 Johnny Crumley
Nugget #2744 John Burton

Next Meeting July 7,2018
Board Meeting 5:00pm
General Meeting 7:00pm

#3328 Clint Walker. Made a motion to adjourn the June 2, 2018 general meeting. #2533 Bill Quick seconded. Motion carried and passed. Meeting adjourned.

Prepared by: Heidi Lung,WEGM Secretary

MOORE FROM THE GOLD FIELDS:

A word about mining safety. This time of the year we have a lot of storms through the area. The river will rise very rapidly after a rain, even upstream. It may be sunny at your spot. You may be under water dredging and suddenly find yourself being washed down stream or large boulders are moving and falling into your dredge hole. If you hear scraping sounds while dredging, this is boulders being washed down stream. This has happened to me a few times. If you have trouble staying on the bottom or the water starts clouding, you should surface and check the weather conditions. In the past I have seen good conditions change to dangerous conditions in just a few minutes time. When you get out tie your dredge as high as you can. I have seen the water rise several feet in a short time, pulling dredges underwater and flooding the camps next to the river. Sometimes if tied too low the stress causes the dredge to break loose. Even if pulled out the dredge should be tied to a sturdy branch above your head. This happens on our properties. Even beware of camps too close to the river. Be safe and have fun.

CAMPAIGN MESSAGES:

FROM #3385 LEE DAY:

I came to visit the club with a friend and enjoyed it so much I moved from Florida to Cleveland, Ga. and joined the club in December 2016. Since then I have become active in helping keep the properties clean by picking up trash, trimming the roads and landings and the 14 day temporary campsites, helping at events and encouraging people to join the club. I live close to both properties and I feel that if elected to the board of Directors I can help make a difference and keep this club going forward.

FROM #1073 ROGER MOORE:

I'm #1073 Roger Moore, 21 year club member and I am running for the Board. In the past I have served as Secretary 2 years, Board 8 years and President 4 years. I have been concerned about some of the reckless decisions made in 2017 and feel that with my experience I can work with the board to help keep the club going in the right direction. Let's make this club GREAT AGAIN!

FROM RODNEY LUNG:

My name is Rodney Lung. I've been a member of Weekend Gold Miners for 4 years and chairman for the last 2. I've organized 3 common digs and 2 picnics. . With each event the club member participation has been phenomenal. There is a lot I'd like to do if I get another chance. My main focus is the growth of this club for generations to come. For the first time in a long time we have a full board. Let's continue moving this progress forward. I want to thank you for your consideration and appreciate your votes again.

Chairman

FROM #2267 BEN TIGHE:

I have been a member for 2011. I am running for the position of board. Please vote for me so I can make a difference in this club.

FROM #2890 BARBARA LAWSON:

My name is #2890 Barbara Lawson and I am running for the Board of Directors. I have been a member since July 2012 and a Lifetime member. I was elected to the board in 2014 and served as Chairman of the Board (first woman to hold that position) In 2016 I was elected as first woman Vice-President. I have participated in all club activities as possible and hope you will re-elect me to the Board. Thanking you in advance for your consideration.

WORDS OF WISDOM:

If you want something you've never had, then you've got to do something you've never done.

RULE OF THE MONTH

Equipment: 4. All mining equipment shall have membership number affixed in 3 (3) inch numbers to be visible from both sides. *Amended 05-07-05

UNDERMINING: 1. Undermining of trees and banks is strictly prohibited. This includes any tree three (3) inches in diameter or larger along the banks of any river.

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.

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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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