



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

August 3rd, 2013 Meeting:

*****Meeting Time Changed due to election**

Board Meeting 3:00 P.M.

General Meeting 5:00 P.M.

Commons for 2013:

July 13 & 14, 2013 - Moved to the Turner Property

October 19 & 20 , 2013 - Turner property

Election August 3, 2013

Yonah Mountain Crush Fest on August 31, 2013

Call Benny Chester for details 770-531-9346

Annual September Picnic on Sept. 7, 2013

If you are interested in running for office in the election in August:

Please contact Andrew Whelchel 770-561-1303 or andywhelchel@gmail.com

**Positions open: President
 Board positions (2)
 Secretary**

If you have any questions about any of these events call Membership Director Benny Chester 770-531-9346.

Joyce Conner celebrated a birthday on the 6st, Scott Wilson #2697 on the 6th, #546 Johnny Crumley on the 13th. President Roger Moore celebrated his 60th birthday this month as well. Anniversaries for July include Celeste Wilkerson #2342 and Henry Wilkerson #2188 celebrating 14 years on the 15th and #1407 Kenneth Limie and his wife celebrating 48 years on the 10th. Congratulations to all!!!

#2697 Scott Wilson made a motion to accept the June 1, 2013 General Meeting minutes as posted in the Newsletter, #2843 Charlie Gardner seconded. Motion carried and passed.

#2583 Bill Johnson made a motion to accept the June 1, 2013 Treasurer Report. #2843 Charlie Gardner seconded. Motion carried and passed.

Checking Beg.	\$44,627.18
Income.....	\$ 7,790.50
Disbursements.....	\$ 4,233.93
Checking End. BAL.....	\$48,183.75

Money Market #1.....	\$27,990.61
Money Market #2.....	\$20,385.91

Membership Director Benny Chester gave the June 2013 membership report as follows:

- 14-new members for June
- 90-new members YTD
- #3070 last member number issued
- \$1260.00-total new members
- \$200.00-Logo items
- \$10.00-Keys
- \$135.00-Camper Permits
- \$1710.00-Total

Hunt Master #1483 Robert Johnson gave the June Hunt Master report as follows. Balance for the Hunt account was \$406.83. Hunts will resume in October.

The WEGM Auxiliary report was given by #2342 Celeste Wilkerson.

**WEEKEND GOLD MINERS PROSPECTING CLUB
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 6, 2013**

President Roger Moore called the July 6, 2013 general meeting to order. He welcomed new members #3059 Kirk Edwards and wife Irish as well as #0951 Laurie Taylor. This was Laurie's first meeting.

Officers and Committees	
OFFICERS	
President	Roger Moore 423-364-3703 cybersldr@msn.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

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of a check for \$1600.00 for road work on the Turner property to Lloyd Hyder was voted on and was approved by a majority of the members present.

Approval of a check for \$1155.00 for gravel on the Turner property was voted on and was approved by a majority of the members present.

Roger Moore reminded all that the July Common will be held on the Turner property on the 13th and 14th. William Quick reminded all to bring a chair and a change of clothes because you will get wet and muddy.

The annual picnic will be held on September 7, 2013. Come join in the fun, there will be a live band, Mudd Bros. Band, games for the kids and plenty of good food. You need to bring a covered dish to share. Bring your blue & green tickets for the raffles. There will be lots of good prizes to win. You do not have to be present to win. All prizes that are not claimed at the picnic will be raffled off at the October meeting. Tickets will be on sale the day of the picnic. Benny Chester has ordered 6 dozen special hats. These will be white with gold letters commemorating the WEGM's 30th Anniversary. Only members present will be given a hat free of charge. Andrew Welechel, Election Committee chairman opened the floor up to all the candidates to give a 5 minute speech. Speeches were given by #6697 Scott Wilson, # 2583 Bill Johnson, #2843 Charley Gardner, #1073 Roger Moore, #2533 William Quick, Roger Moore delivered a speech on behalf of #1375 Chris Benson.

NEW BUSINESS:

A lifetime membership certificate was awarded to #2484 Kathi Thompson.

Club members were informed of a bear cub sighting on the Turner property. Please give all wildlife a wide berth. Momma bears can be very aggressive when cubs are involved.

Benny Chester stated that the GPK Co, will be placing an ad in the newsletter. This company offers kits to smelt gold, silver, copper or old jewelry in a microwave oven.

A member ask if the club was looking at any new

properties. Henry Wilkerson said that they were making inquiries on 900 acres. Roger Moore said that he is still in touch with Consolidated Mines about the Yahooola property.

RED TICKET RAFFLE:

Ellen Begush, Wife of #1706 Tom Begush won the silver prospector round.

BLUE TICKET RAFFLE:

- #2583 Bill Johnson.....Bag of Ore.
- #2595 Anderson Parker.....Bag of Ore.
- #1483 Robert Johnson.....Bag of Ore.
- #2883 Darrell Combs.....Bag of Ore.
- #2890 Barbra Lawson.....Bag of Ore.
- #2533 William Quick.....Nugget

GREEN TICKET RAFFLE:

- #2466 Serena Blackwell.....Bag of Ore.
- #1706 Ellen Begush.....Bag of Ore.
- #1483 Robert Johnson.....Bag of Ore.
- #2466 Serena Blackwell.....Bag of Ore.
- #2583 Bill Johnson.....Bag of Ore.
- #1073 Roger Moore.....Bag of Ore.
- #1581 Judy Hall Johnson.....Nugget

WEGM AUXILIARY:

- #2686 Don Vincent..... CoolieTowel
- #1407 Kenneth Limie.....Bag of Ore.
- #1581 Judy Hall Johnson.....Nugget

July 6, 2013 General Meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by: Ray Sparks, WEGM Secretary

ON THE FUNNY SIDE OF LIFE:

The Cruise:

An elderly couple was on a cruise and it was really stormy. They were standing on the back of the boat watching the moon, when a wave came up and washed the old man overboard.

They searched for days and couldn't find him, so the Captain sent the old woman back to shore, with the promise that he would notify her as soon as they found something.

Three weeks went by and finally the old woman got a fax from the boat Captain. It read: Ma'am, sorry to inform you that we found your husband dead at the bottom of the ocean. We hauled him up to the deck and attached to his butt was an oyster. Inside it was a pearl worth \$50,000.....please advise.

The old woman faxed back: Send me the pearl and re-bait the trap.

Rule of The Month -OBSTRUCTIONS AND HAZARDS: Individuals creating obstructions or hazards are responsible for their removal and returning the area to a useable and safe condition. **All mining areas (holes or otherwise) above the high water line must be filled in when leaving the area. Trees, three inch in diameter or larger, on claims must have the Board approval prior to removal.**

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 add each month. Business ads must be approved by the board, the fee for a small block ad is \$120.00 per year.

AMENDMENTS TO THE WEGM RULES & REGULATIONS

Amended 8-4-12

1. It is mandatory that you sign in and out on all the properties.
2. It is mandatory that the gates are kept locked at all times except at club functions.
3. To keep your permanent campsite you must utilize (camp overnight) that campsite every 6 (6) months.
4. The speed limit on all lease property roads: 5 MPH.

FIREARMS: Absolutely no use of firearms, bows, cross-bows, pellet guns or BB guns on club property. There shall be no carrying of firearms, bows, cross-bows, pellet guns or BB guns on the physical person. Hunting of waterfowl or any other game or wildlife is prohibited. Violators will be terminated. *Amended 11-3-12.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Hi everyone my name is Henry Wilkerson, Chairman of the weekend goldminers board. At this last meeting several things were changed in the current rules. All of you will be receiving a copy with your Absentee ballot. Please try to remember that the board represents the entire membership

and not just those who are close enough to attend meetings. All of us work hard at being fair to everyone. Sometimes this is not easy and sometimes it may not be popular with everyone.

All of the people have to share the responsibility to be absolutely fair whether we like it or not.

Thank you for being patient with us

ELECTION LETTERS

It has been an honor to serve as your President for the past 2 years. I am running for re-election in August. I am sure you have noticed that the club runs much smoother now than it has in the past. This is due in part to the careful choices the voters made at the last election, and the hard work by the Officers and members of this club. . If I am re-elected I will continue to work hard to serve the members and make this club even better. Thank you for your vote.

Roger Moore President, WEGM

BOARD CANDIDATE

My name is **Bill Johnson** and I am running for board member. The qualifications I bring I feel are as follows:

1. I served on a 501-C (3) corporation for 2+ years in Florida.
2. My wife and I set up our own 501-C (3) corporation in Florida, dealing with helping seniors, the homeless and the poor in Arkansas.
3. 3+ years membership in WEGM attending and participating in every meeting I was able to attend.
4. With my varied background I can bring a fresh perspective to the club.

Thank you,
Pastor Bill Johnson

Hello,

My name is **Bill Quick**. Some of you know me, some don't. I hope to get to know you all soon. I am on the ballot.

When I came up here from Florida, I knew nothing about prospecting. I listened and learned from the older members. I hope to pass on what I have learned. In the last two years on the Board, I have been able to help the club in several ways: running Commons, working Bear on the Square, giving tours, checking new properties, and working with new members. Plus, living in Dahlonga, I am close to the properties.

#1375 Chris Benson, candidate for Board of Directors: I have been a member of this club for over 6 years and have served on the WEGM board for the last two years and it has been a big learning experience. I didn't realize what it took to run this club. I want to serve the members of this club and help do what is best for all members. I try to keep an open mind to all problems we may have and want to find a solution that will work for everybody. Please let my experience work for you and I would appreciate your vote.

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