



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: August 1, 2015
Auraria Community Center
Board Meeting 2:00 P.M.
General Meeting 4:00 P.M.
Time Change Due to Election

Commons for 2015:
All Commons Have Been Canceled

Election August 1, 2015

9-4-15 Cleanup Day on Turner Property for picnic. Annual Picnic – September 5, 2015

***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 July 4th, 2015

Acting President Benny Chester called the July 4, 2015 general meeting to order in the absence of President Roger Moore.

Benny welcomed new members J.T. Tew and Bobbie Taylor and #3262 Joseph Hensel and wife Patricia.

He also welcomed guests Andy Reed, Jan Miller and Frank “Tater” Reed, John & Shirley Sullenger, sister of Janie Brumbalow and Joey Cash, grandson of #3151 Robert Russell.

Birthdays for July are #2867 James Wheeler on the

18th, Carol Wheeler on the 24th, #2757 Dean Williard on the 21st. Happy! Happy! Happy!

Anniversaries for July are #3151 Robert and Sandy Russell, 32 years on the 9th, #2188 Henry and #2342 Celeste Wilkerson 16 years on the 15th, #1407 Kenneth and Barbara Limie, 50 years and #3262 Joseph and Patricia Hensel, 41 years. Congratulations and Happy! Happy! Happy!

#2466 Serena Blackwell made a motion to accept the June 6, 2015 general meeting minutes as posted in the newsletter. #1900 Nancy Healy seconded. Motion carried and passed.

Judy Hall Johnson gave the June 2015 Treasurer report as follows:

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| Checking Beg, Balance 6-01-15 | \$43,111.88 |
| Income | 7,399.00 |
| Disbursements | 3,700.28 |
| Checking Ending Bal. 6-30-15 | \$46,810.60 |

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| Money Market #1 | \$48,055.96 |
| Money Market #2 | \$20,406.31 |

#2890 Barbara Lawson made a motion to approve the June 2015 Treasurer report as given. #2854 Mark Nesbitt seconded. Motion carried and passed.

Membership Director Benny Chester gave the June 2015 membership report as follows:

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| 11- new members for June 2015 | |
| 64- new members YTD | |
| #3270 - last member number issued | |
| #1080.00 – new members | |
| 30.00 – Logo Items | |
| 10.00 – Key s | |
| 5.00 - Permit | |
| \$1128.00- Total | |

Membership Director had expenses of \$177.80 for June 2015.

WEGM Auxiliary Chairperson Denise Johnson stated

| Officers and Committees | |
|---------------------------|---|
| OFFICERS | |
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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

that they had \$ 1.114.03 in the account and that they would be serving chili at the next meeting.

Hunt Master Robert Johnson thanked everybody for supporting the raffles. He stated that there was \$2,048.38 in the account. The metal detecting hunts will start back October 3, 2015.

OLD BUSINESS:

There is a camper and all personal belonging that has been abandoned on the Allison "Blueberry" site, Lot #7 that is up for bid. Please send bids in to WEGM Secretary, P.O. Box 910, Dahlonega, Ga. 30533. Deadline is August 1, 2015. All bids are sealed until August 1, 2015 and opened at the board meeting. To get more info please contact Membership Director at 770-531-9346 at weekendgoldminers@yahoo.com.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lifetime members for June 2015 are: #2379 Ronald Brannon, #2258 Harry Haney, #2728 James R. Boag. Congratulations!

Statements will be mailed out on July 6, 2015.

The board of directors have approved to donate new flooring for the Auraria Community Center. We have an estimate from Harris Flooring for \$4,956.49 which includes tile, removing all furniture and removing and disposing of all the old flooring and installing the new tile. There was a vote by show of hands to donate \$4,956.49 to have a new floor put in the Auraria Community Center, The vote was unanimous with zero "No" votes.

The board has agreed to spend \$5,000.00 each for the Blue Ticket and Hunt Master raffles for the annual September Picnic. There was a vote taken by show of hands from the membership present to spend \$5,000.00 on the Blue Ticket raffle prizes. Vote was unanimous with zero "no" votes. There was a vote taken by show of hands from the membership present to spend \$5,000.00 on the Hunt Master raffle prizes for the Annual September Picnic. The vote was unanimous with zero "No" votes.

Benny Chester stated that as of now, there wouldn't be a special member raffle this year. The board has decided to have the picnic catered so that most all the members can relax and enjoy the picnic. Also, we will be having a new band this year "Georgia Rose". They play bluegrass, country, and gospel.

Due to the election the August 1, 2015 meeting times have been changed to Board meeting at 2:00 P.M. and the general meeting at 4:00 P.M.

Acting President Benny Chester opened the floor up to the candidates present to give a five minute speech as to why they would like to be elected. Giving speeches were #1290 Benny Chester for President, #2539 Andrew Whelechel for board member, #2686 Don Vincent for board member, #1719 Gary Smith for President, #2188 Henry Wilkerson for President and #2610 Ray Sparks for board member.

Benny Chester wanted to thank all the veterans that have served their country so that we could enjoy our freedom. We had a room full of vets from Korean conflict, Vietnam War, Dessert Storm, Iraq war and several that had served more than one tour. Thanks from the bottom of our hearts!

Also on a sad note, we lost another member, #0749 B.J. "Bobby" Jones who passed on 6-15-2015 and be in prayer for former WEGM President, #0909 John Duncan who is in ill health.

Raffles were held:

Red Ticket Door prize of a Prospector Silver round was won by #3084 Leona Welch.

Blue Ticket Raffle winners were:

Bag of ore - #2744 John Burton
 Bag of ore - #3151 Robert Russell
 Bag of ore - #1483 Robert Johnson
 Bag of ore - #2505 Harry Sands
 Bag of ore - #2757 Dean Willard
 Two snuffer tubes - #0525 Janie Brumbalow
 Gold Nugget - #1581 Judy Hall Johnson

Green Ticket Raffle winners were:

Bag of ore - #1483 Robert Johnson
 Bag of ore - #2890 Barbara Lawson
 Bag of ore - #2757 Dean Willard
 Bag of ore - #1417 Kenneth Limie
 Two snuffer tubes - #2318 Roger Bagley
 Gold Nugget - Kim Burton wife of #2744 John Burton

WEGM Auxiliary raffle winners were:

Bag of ore - #2883 Daryl Combs
 Bag of ore - Frank "Tater" Reed
 Watermelon - #2610 Ray Sparks
 Two Snuffer tubes - #1900 Nancy Healy
 Gold Nugget - Carol Wheeler wife of #2867 James Wheeler

#2533 William Quick made a motion to adjourn the July 4, 2015 general meeting. #0525 Larry Brumbalow seconded. Meeting adjourned.

ON THE FUNNY SIDE OF LIFE:

BREAK THE HABIT

Two elderly women were fussing about their husbands over tea one day. "I do wish Leroy would stop biting his nails. That makes me terribly nervous", the first one said.

"Oh, my Elmer used to do the same thing, " the other woman commented, "but I broke him of that habit real quick. "What did you do?" "I hid his teeth!"

GOOD CHURCH EXCUSE

A friend of mine was in front of me coming out of church one day, and the preacher was standing at the door, as always, to shake hands with the worshipers. He grabbed my friend by the hand and pulled him aside. The preacher said to him "You need to join the Army of the Lord."

My friend replied, "I'm already in the army of the Lord," So the preacher inquired, "Then how come I only see you at Christmas and at Easter?" My friend whispered back, "I'm in the secret service."

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

ELECTIONS:

WEGM Board Position - Andrew Whelchel

I have been in the club since September 2010. Over the years have helped pass on some of what I know, have helped with cleaning up, helped with elections and participated in commons. I feel that the board has done a good job with clarifying and enforcing the rules which I feel should be continued. I think the focus should be on finding new properties, group activities and getting people more involved. Thanks!!!

RAY SPARKS #2610

I retired in 2002 after 33 years with AT&T and currently reside in Lumpkin County, 11 miles from the Turner property. I have been a member of WEGM for about 4 years having served as Secretary and replacement Board Member. I ask for the opportunity to continue the task of serving the members of WEGM for the betterment of the club and the welfare of its members. I promise to be fair and impartial in any decisions regarding WEGM and will work hard to insure the future of the club. Thank you in advance for your vote.

From Donald Vincent:

I am running for re-election to the board for several different reasons. I would like to see the club get more involved in events and festivals in the area in order to reach the public about our club and let them know what we are about. I have been a member since 2011 and I really want to serve for the betterment of the club. I promise to work hard for the members and help get their views heard by the board and to keep this organization thriving.

From Henry Wilkerson:

My name is Henry Wilkerson and I am running for President of our club. I have been a member since 2008 and have served on the Board several times as Chairman of The Board. I'm very familiar with the club rules. I've been involved with Gold mining since the early 1980s. I'm also a retired SFC from the Army. I feel like I can make a difference with the knowledge I have of prospecting and the experience I have while serving this club in the past.

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