



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: August 6, 2016
Auraria Community Center
Board Meeting 3:00 P.M.
General Meeting 5:00 P.M.
Election Meeting

**There will be no more metal detecting hunts
Until October 2016**

2016 Commons:
July 16 & 17 (cancelled lack of water)
Sept. 17 & 18
All commons subject to change.

Election –August 6, 2016
Annual Picnic – September 3, 2016

***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 July 2nd, 2016

President Ray Sparks called the July 2, 2016 general meeting to order.

He welcomed new member #3337 Rodney Verdin from Dallas, Georgia. Guests were Rusty Foster, son of Drema Foster Wilson and Mark Haggard, cousin of #2583 Denise Johnson.

Birthdays for July 2016 are #2342 Celeste Wilkerson on the 15th, Heidi Lung on the 1st, #3328 Clint Walker on the 10th, #0546 Johnny Crumley on the 13th and

#0617 Martha Harwell on the 21st. HAPPY! HAPPY! HAPPY!

Happy anniversary to #3151 Robert and Sandy Russell, 33 years on the 9th. HAPPY! HAPPY! HAPPY!

#2854 Mark Nesbitt made a motion to accept the June 4, 2016 general meeting minutes as posted in the newsletter. #3247 Rodney Lung seconded. Motion carried and passed.

Judy Hall Johnson gave the June 2016 treasurer report as follows:

Beg. Checking Bal. 6-1-16	\$34,278.14
Income	5,946.64
Disbursements	2,445.10
Ending Checking Bal 6-30-16	\$37,779.68

Money Market #1	\$48,094.53
Money Markey #2	\$20,416.54

#2890 Barbara Lawson made a motion to accept the June 2016 Treasurer report as read. #2533 Bill Quick seconded. Motion carried and passed.

Membership Director Ray Sparks gave the June 2016 Membership report as follows:

- 11 – new members for June 2016
- 52 – new members YTD
- 3361 – last member number issued
- \$1080.00 collected for new members
- 10.00 – logo item sale
- \$1090.00 – Total collected

#2583 Denise Johnson gave the June 2016 WEGM Auxiliary report. She thanked everybody for purchasing food and buying raffle tickets. She stated that they spent \$78.50 on food and \$85.60 on the raffle leaving a balance of \$1,610.21.

Ray told the membership that the common for July 16

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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

& 17, 2016 has been canceled due to not enough water at the common area. Several members suggested that we have a common using just dredges so we could use the river. There are a lot of members that don't know how to dredge and need some instructions on how to set up a dredge. Ray said that we would have to set a date and property at least a month ahead of time so we could get the information out to the members.

Ray told the members that he met with Lloyd Hyder on the Allison property to look at what needed to be done to fix the roads on the Honey Farm side and building a new road to by-pass the obstructions and mess at the trailer before you get to the gate on the Berry Patch. They are going to do all this after we get some rain. He said that Mr. Hyder said that the ground is so hard right now that it would be a waste of time to try and fix them now.

Ray Sparks opened the floor to the candidates that are running for office in the August 6, 2016 election to give a speech as to why they want to be elected. #2890 Barbara Lawson running for Vice-President and #3204 David Griffith running for Board. #2533 William Quick decided to put his name in as a write-in candidate for the board.

Ray Sparks told the members that due to the August 6, 2016 Election, the meeting time will change to Board meeting at 3:00 P.M. and the General Meeting time will be at 5:00 P.M. Please make note of this.

Ray told the members to be very careful with their fires while camping on the properties this Holiday weekend. This area is in a drought. Be sure and put your fire totally out with water before you leave.

The Board of Directors have decided to make the Lawrence Road side of the Turner property as "Day Use Only". There will be no camping allowed.

There was a "Show of Hands" vote taken by the membership present to approve \$4,000.00 for the road work on the Allison property. There were no "Nay" votes and the vote was unanimous.

Ray Sparks ask if anyone had anything to discuss at this time. #2504 Ben Worthington stated that he had been asking for years to get a campsite at the Blue Berry Patch but has always been told that there were no more campsites available. Mr. Lester Allison did not want any more than ten (10) campers on the Berry Patch. Ben Worthington said that a camper had been

moved in in the past month. #1581 Judy Johnson stated that the camper in question had been there for eight (8) years and had been sharing her campsite. The camper was sold to another member and he asked the board if he could move it across the road to another empty campsite. The board gave him permission to move the camper. There are still only ten campers on the Blue Berry Patch. Ben said that he was also told by a former officer of the club that if anybody moved out on the Blue Berry Patch, that the campsite would become a temporary site and no more campers were allowed. The board was not aware of any decision about that. Ben asked if there was a waiting list for campsites for the Blue Berry Patch. The board said that there was not. Ben Worthington kept saying that the Board of Directors was lying to him. #1483 Robert Johnson made a suggestion to make a "Waiting List" for camper sites on the Blue Berry Patch" Don Vincent agreed.

Chairman Barbara Lawson asked Ben Worthington if he and the members camped on his rental property were leaving the gate open and if they were speeding with the 4-wheelers on the property. She said that they had numerous complaints from other members that were camped on the berry Patch. Ben denied all the violations. Ben said again that everybody was lying.

#2540 Ben Worthington also brought up about signing in and out on the lease property. #3030 Jessie Giles said that they were told that they had to sign in and out every time they went through the gate. Ray Sparks stated that they had to sign in the first time they went in and at the end of the day if they leave the property they have to sign out. If you go out to go to the store or eat, etc. then you don't have to sign in and out. If you leave to go to another lease property you have to sign in and out. Ben Worthington kept telling the board that they were being lied to. President Ray Sparks stated that the club will put another gate up in behind the trailer that Ben Worthington is renting from the Allison's'. This would make the Lease property more secure. Ray stated that this was enough discussion and it was time to get on with the meeting.

Ray asked the membership for a volunteer to handle the September Annual Picnic. #3247 Rodney Lung and wife Heidi said that they would coordinate the picnic if Judy Johnson would tell them what they need to do. Judy said that she would help them get everything coordinated. Rodney asked for volunteers from the membership to help with clean-up before and after and with the picnic. He got a list of the members that volunteered. The Annual Picnic will be September 3, 2016 at the Turner property and will start at 1:00 P.M.

Raffles were held: Red ticket door prize of a Prospector Silver Round was won by #3204 David Griffith.

Blue Ticket winners were:

Bag of ore - #2845 Terry Willman
 Bag of ore - #1581 Judy Johnson
 Bag of ore - #2610 Ray Sparks
 Bag of ore - #2188 Henry Wilkerson
 Bag of ore - #2854 Mark Nesbitt
 \$85 Can of ore - #3316 Don Ferguson
 Gold nugget - Kim Burton wife of #2744 John Burton

Green Ticket winners were:

Bag of ore - #3204 David Griffith
 Bag of ore - #3299 Frank Reed
 Bag of ore - #1581 Judy Johnson
 Bag of ore - #2686 Don Vincent
 \$85 Can of ore - #2883 Daryl Combs
 Gold Nugget - #2744 John Burton

John Burton gave his gold nugget to #3247 Rodney & Heidi Lung's granddaughter, Makayla Humbert.

WEGM Auxiliary winners were:

Bag of ore - #3299 Frank Reed
 Bag of ore - #2610 Ray Sparks
 Bag of ore - #2855 James Granico
 Gold Magnet - #2854 Mark Nesbitt
 Gold Nugget - #1879 David Harwell

**** Meeting time changed due to election.

Next Meeting: August 6, 2106
 Board meeting at 3:00 P.M.
 General Meeting at 5:00 P.M.

#2748 Jasper Ellis made a motion to adjourn the July 2, 2016 general meeting. #2854 Mark Nesbitt seconded. Meeting adjourned.

RULE OF THE MONTH:

1. It is mandatory that you sign in and out on all the WEGM properties.
2. It is mandatory that the gates are kept locked at all times except during club functions.

WEGM Board

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.

ON THE FUNNY SIDE OF LIFE:

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

Three weeks went by and finally the old man got a fax from the boat. It read: "Sir, sorry to inform you, we found your wife dead at the bottom of the ocean. We hauled her up to the deck and attached to her butt was an oyster and it had a pearl worth \$50,000.... please advise"

The old man faxed back: "Send me the pearl and re-bait the trap"

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.



Mens Shirt Colors: Black, Tan, Grey, Hunter Green, Camo
 Sizes: Small, Med., Large, X-Large, 2X.
 Camo shirts do not have a pocket.

From Board Chairman Barbara Lawson:

I want to thank the following members, #3212 Billy Page, #3012 Scott Anderson, #2038 David Cochran and #2488 Francine Cochran for taking time out of their Memorial Day Weekend to help me clean up the trash left on two campsites abandoned by members on the Turner property.



Ladies Shirt

Colors: Pink, Green, Purple and Pink Camo.
 Sizes: Small, Med., Large, X-Large and 2X.

Ladies shirts do not have a pocket.

ELECTIONS:

I am **Barbara Lawson** and I am running for the office of Vice-President. I have served on the Board of Directors as Chairman for the past two years and worked really hard to help get the properties cleaned up and trying to solve the problems we have with campsites. I have worked on all the clean-up days and at the events that we have. I live close to the properties and am available to get to the properties if needed. My main goal is see that everybody is abiding by the Rules & Regulations no matter who they are. If you elect me as your Vice-President I will continue to work just as hard to keep this club running in the correct way.

Thank you for your vote.

From: #3204 David Griffith:

I would like to run for the office of Board member for OUR club. I love the great time I have with OUR club, metal detecting, dredging and high banking.

A little about myself, I am a veteran with over 20 years of service and currently work as a Parts Manager for a major Trucking Company. I have been a deputy sheriff, marshal and game warden. I think OUR club has done great things and I would like to help OUR club grow and become even a greater place to fellowship and enjoy our great outdoors, and most importantly all of OUR passions for prospecting.

Hopefully my fellow club members will allow me to serve on OUR Board to help when and where I can.

Thank you for your consideration.



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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