



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: September 5, 2015
Turner Property
11:00 A.M. Board meeting
1:00 P.M. Picnic
4:00 P.M. General Meeting

Commons for 2015:
All Commons Have Been Canceled

Clean-up day on the Turner property for the picnic. Thursday & Friday, Sept.. 3 & 4, 2015
Starting at 10:00 A. M. both days.

Annual Picnic – September 5, 2015
Turner property starting at 1:00 P.M.

Annual Christmas Party – December 5, 2015

***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 August 1, 2015

President Roger Moore called the August 1, 2015 General meeting to order.

He welcomed new members Larry Neal and Dave Roberts and guests John and Shirley Sullenger.

Roger asked the membership to be in prayer for Sandra Russell wife of #3151 Robert Russell. She is having knee replacement surgery. Also, Woody Mahannah's mother-in-law who has had a stroke,

please remember that family during her recovery and former WEGM President John Duncan who is in failing health.

As most of you know, #1407 Kenneth Limle passed away on July 8, 2015 from cancer. The meetings will not be the same without our “Mr. Lucky”. Please remember this family in your thoughts and prayers.

Birthdays for July 2015 are Kim Burton, wife of #2744 John Burton, on the 2nd and #1900 Nancy Healy on the 28th. Happy, Happy Happy!!!!

Anniversaries are #2686 Donald and June Vincent, 49 years on the 5th and guests John and Shirley Sullenger celebrating 47 years. Happy, Happy, Happy!!!

#2854 Mark Nesbitt made a motion to accept the July 4, 2015 general meeting minutes as posted in the newsletter. #2583 Bill Johnson seconded. Motion carried and passed.

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

Checking Bal. 7-1-15	\$46,810.60
Income	9,585.00
Disbursements	17,297.61
Checking Bal. 7-31-15	\$39,097.99

Money Market #1	\$48,059.12
Money Market #2	\$20,407.14

#3261 Eric Willoughby made a motion to accept the July 2015 Treasurer report. #2583 Bill Johnson seconded. Motion carried and passed.

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

- 9- new member for July
- 73- new members YTD
- #3279 – last member number issued
- \$810.00 – total paid new members
- 10.00 – keys sold

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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

\$820.00 –Total
 Membership Director had a total of \$23.20 in expenses.

WEGM Auxiliary Chairperson Denise Johnson was under the weather so Joyce Conner gave the WEGM Auxiliary report as follows: She stated that they had \$1,298.13 in the account.

OLD BUSINESS:

#3271 Bobbie Taylor and Laura Wilson wife of #2166 Bob Wilson volunteered to take care of the kid's games at the picnic.

The new floor has been installed in the Auraria Community Center. Mrs. Davis, who takes care of the center came by and thanked the membership for the new floor. She said that they are very pleased with it. Although they put down the wrong color, which is lighter than ordered, it looks great. The flooring company gave us a \$1000 for their mistake.

There will be two clean-up days on Thursday and Friday, September 3rd & 4th starting at 10:00 A.M. on both days, to get ready for the Annual September Picnic. Please come out and help.

Annual September Picnic will start at 1:00 P.M. on September 5, 2015. The club will be catering plates with BBQ pork or BBQ chicken, baked beans, potato salad and bread from Smokin Gold in Dahlonega. Please bring a covered dish of your favorite foods. We will have plenty drinks and water. We are having a new band this year, "Georgia Rose" a bluegrass, country and gospel. Please bring a chair.

Also, we will be having a member raffle. The board has decided to raffle off three (3) \$1,000 gift certificates. This will be for members only. You have to be a member as of August 1, 2015. You must be up to date on your dues and maintenance fees in order to get a ticket. Only one ticket per member and each ticket will be recorded with the name. You must be present to win.

The general meeting will start at 4:00 P.M. We will hurry up and take care of business so we can get to the end of the year raffles. Tickets for these raffles will be the blue and green tickets from October 2014 thru September 2015. You can buy both blue and green tickets at the picnic. You do not have to be present to win. If the prize is not claimed at the picnic the winning tickets will be posted in the September

newsletter and you must claim your prize by the October 3, 2015 meeting. We will have lots of good prizes such as generators, Desert Fox machines, Blue bowls, sluice boxes, Gold Cube, pop-up canopies, camping equipment, grills, gift certificates, metal detectors, gold pans, classifiers, water table, etc. There will be \$10,000 in prizes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lifetime members are: #2343 Phil Graham, #2386 Donald Santamour, #2541 Scott Holland and #3004 Kathleen Minzey.

There was a vote taken by show of hands by members present for approval of a check in the amount of \$2,601.56 to Crisson Mine for sales tax that they did not charge us in 2014 and 2015. The vote was unanimous with no “No” votes.

Benny Chester addressed the membership to inform them that he has resigned his positions as Vice-President and Membership Director due to health reasons. He also withdrew his name from the ballot for President. Any votes he might get will be counted but will be voided.

Roger Moore opened the floor for the candidates that are running for office to give their speech as to why they would like to be elected. Giving speeches were #1719 Gary Smith for President, #2188 Henry Wilkerson for President, #2686 Don Vincent for Board, #2539 Andrew Whelchel for Board and #2610 Ray Sparks for Board.

Roger Moore appointed two observers for the election. They were #0482 Brent Deuel and #3261 Eric Willoughby.

Ballots were passed out to the members to cast their vote in the August 1, 2015 election.

Roger Moore stated that they would have the raffles before the ballots are counted.

Raffles were held: Guest John Sullenger won the red ticket door prize of a prospector silver round.

Blue ticket winners were:

- Bag of ore - #2757 Dean Willard
- Bag of ore - #1900 Nancy Healy
- Bag of ore - #3044 Andrew Curti
- Bag of ore - #2744 John Burton
- Bag of ore - #2890 Barbara Lawson
- Gold Nugget - #2624 George Olliff Sr.

Green Ticket winners were:

- Bag of ore - #2890 Barbara Lawson
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- Bag of ore - Laura Wilson wife of #2166 Bob Wilson
- Bag of ore - #2890 Barbara Lawson
- Gold Nugget - #2757 Dean Willard

WEGM Auxiliary winners were:

- Bag of ore - Laura Wilson, wife of #2166 Bob Wilson
- Bag of ore - #1581 Judy Johnson
- Gold Nugget - Les Martin, grandson of #2867 James Wheeler

Remember; find all you blue and green tickets from October 2014 thru this month for the end of year raffles at the picnic.

Election Chairman Roger Moore picked the following to be counters for the election: #2867 James Wheeler, #2583 Bill Johnson, #2533 Bill Quick, and #2854 Mark Nesbitt.

The process of counting ballots began with #3044 Andrew Curti in charge of the counting of ballots.

President Roger Moore presented the following election results:

Office of President	Meet	Absentee	Total
#1290 Benny Chester (Withdrew name)		75	VOIDED
#1719 Gary Smith	16	4	20
#2188 Henry Wilkerson	16	40	56
#0076 Leon Richards		1	1

#2188 Henry Wilkerson – winner

Board of Directors	Meet	Absentee	Total
#2686 Donald Vincent	7	58	65
#2539 Andrew Whelchel	27	72	99
#2610 Ray Sparks	25	71	96

#2539 Andrew Whelchel – winner
#2610 Ray Sparks - winner

Next meeting: September 5, 2015

- 11:00 A.M. Board meeting
- 1:00 P.M. Picnic
- 4:00 P.M. General meeting (End of year raffles)

#2854 Mark Nesbitt made a motion to adjourn the August 1, 2015 General meeting. #2686 Donald Vincent seconded. Meeting adjourned.

ON THE FUNNY SIDE OF LIFE:

A Sunday school teacher asked her children as they were on the way to church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One bright little girl replied, 'Because people are sleeping.'

A prayer from 4-year old Reese:
'Our Father, Who does art in heaven,
Harold, is his name.'

A little boy was overheard praying: 'Lord, if you can't make me a better boy don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am.'

RULE OF THE MONTH:

FIRE: State and County Fire regulations must be observed at all times. Do not leave fire unattended. Make sure fire is out cold before leaving. Burning of trash/garbage is prohibited. All internal combustion engines shall have approved arrestors. Shut off all internal combustion engines before refueling.

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.

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

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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