



# WEEKEND GOLDMINER Newsletter

*Prospecting sites in the Heart of Georgia's Gold Belt*

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## Calendar of Events

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

**Meeting Time: September 3, 2016**  
**Turner Property**  
**Board Meeting 11:00 P.M.**  
**Picnic starts 1:00 P.M.**  
**General Meeting 4:00 P.M.**

**Clean-up day for the picnic- Turner property**  
**August 27, 2016 starting 9:00 A.M.**  
**Bring blowers, rakes, week eaters**  
**More info call Rodney Lung 352-678-6714**

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

**2016 Commons: All commons subject to change**  
**Sept. 17 & 18**

**\*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 6th, 2016

President Ray Sparks called the August 6, 2016 general meeting to order.

He welcomed new member #3364 James Deuel.

Quests were Joy Quappo, sister of #2583 Denise Johnson, Russell Foster, son of Drema Wilson, Raymond Kiser, guest of #3180 David Owens.

Birthdays for August were #3299 Frank Reed on the 17th, Kim Burton today, William Quick on the 3rd,

Nancy Healy on the 28th. HAPPY! HAPPY! HAPPY!

Anniversaries were #2686 Don & June Vincent, 50 blessed years on the 5th, John & Shirley Sullenger , 48 years on the 17th and #2188 Henry & Celeste Wilkerson , 17 years last month. HAPPY! HAPPY! HAPPY!

Ray presented a letter from a gentleman that stated that his 12 year old son, who is home schooled, wanted to learn more about prospecting and wants someone in the club to give him a demonstration for school purposes. Ray ask for volunteers.

Also, he had a letter from a movie studio, wanting volunteers to be in a film about prospecting in the wilderness. He left both letters for members to read if interested.

#2533 Bill Quick made a motion to accept the July 2, 2016 general meeting minutes posted in the newsletter. #2854 Mark Nesbitt seconded. Motion carried and passed.

Bookkeeper Judy Hall Johnson gave the July 2016 Treasurer report as follows:

Beg. Checking Bal	\$37,779.68
Income	10,254.88
Disbursements	14,832.04
Ending Checking Bal	\$33,202.52

Money Market #1	\$48,097.67
Money Market #2	\$20,417.38

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

Membership Ray Sparks gave the July 2016 Membership report as follows:

3- new members for July  
55 – new members YTD

Officers and Committees	
<b>OFFICERS</b>	
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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

#3365 last member number issued  
\$270.00 – total collected

WEGM Auxiliary Chairperson Denise Johnson thanked everybody for buying the food and raffle tickets. She stated that she had \$109.01 in expenses last month and has a balance of \$1,698.76. She also thanked the members for the wagon the board purchased for her to carry everything from the storage to the clubhouse.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

#3247 Rodney Lung, who is in charge of the Annual September picnic, gave the following report: He stated that there will be a "Bounce House" for the kids plus there will be "gemstone" dig for the kids to look for gemstones and other games. There will also be a special raffle for the kids like we had last year. The food for the picnic will be catered and will consist of hand pulled BBQ pork, chopped BBQ chicken & St. Louis pork spare ribs, creamy cole slaw, country style baked beans, dill pickles and Martin potato buns, plus sauces: spicy, mild or NC vinegar base. Everybody is asked to bring a cover dish of vegetables and dessert. Drinks will be furnished. Picnic starts at 1:00 P.M. and we will start serving the food at 2:00 P.M.. Please bring a lawn chair. The band, Georgia Rose will be playing again this year. General meeting starts at 4:00 P.M. Year-end raffles will be held at end of the general meeting.

There will be a workday on August 27th at the Turner property to clean up for the picnic. Bring blowers, rakes and a weed eater if you have one. Clean up will start around 9:00 A.M. while it's cooler.

Contact Rodney Lung at [Lungster67@yahoo.com](mailto:Lungster67@yahoo.com) or 352-678-9714, if you need more info concerning the picnic.

The member only raffle will be a 3" Keene dredge with air. You will have to have been a member by July 31, 2016. Your dues must be paid up to date in order to receive a ticket. You have to be present to win.

If there is enough water in the creek in September we will have another common. This will be on September 17th & 18th. We will just have to wait until the September meeting to make a final decision.

Ray Sparks thanked #3247 Rodney Lung for trimming the Honey Farm road on the Allison property. He told the membership that the roads on the Honey Farm

have been fixed but they need more gravel and a new road to the Blue Berry Patch gate has been made to by-pass the mess at the trailer. Next the road down to the river on the Turner property will be fixed.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Lifetime member for August is ##3058 Michael Chastang.

There was a show of hands vote by the membership present to approve the Officers & Directors Insurance policy in the amount of \$1581.00. The vote was unanimous with no “Nay” votes.

The board has approved the 2016-17 budget.

President Ray Sparks turned the meeting over to member #2757 Dean Willard. Dean addressed the membership concerning the July 2, 2016 general meeting as follows:

No. 1 As I read the July 2, 2016 newsletter it appeared there has been quite a discussion about a trailer and a campsite on the Blueberry Patch property. Discussion also about the gate standing open and or left unlocked as well as signing in and out when entering and leaving the property and speeding with 4-wheel gator type vehicles.

No.2 Under the action contrary to stated policy and By-laws, Article III, section 5, the Board is only responsible and able to take action for violations as mentioned above as they deem necessary.

No. 3 However, during this discussion the Board members were numerous and continuously subjected to demeaning, defaming, dishonorable attacks as to their honesty and truthfulness with the words of liar, lying and stating that everybody was lying.

No. 4 Our Board of Directors are the governing body of our club. They have been duly elected to serve the membership and such should be respected and honored.

Motion: Therefore I make a motion that a vote of the membership present at this general meeting be taken to determine if the membership of Ben Worthington be terminated for his dishonorable, demeaning, defaming attack on the honorable women and men on our Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted, #2757 Dean Willard.

The motion was seconded by #2854 Mark Nesbitt.

President Ray Sparks told the membership that the board of Directors would take their decision into consideration and make the final decision.

Member #3180 David Owens addressed the membership and gave his comments concerning the mess across the creek and all the violations he had witnessed from Ben Worthington and the members camping at his house.

President Ray Sparks turned the meeting over to Election Chairman Judy Hall Johnson. She presented the approved May 7, 2016 ballot to the membership. For Vice-President, Barbara Lawson and for the board position #3204 David Griffith. She then asked for nominations from the membership. The following were nominated for the position of Board, #3247 Rodney Lung, #2533 William Quick and #3180 David Owens. All accepted the nomination. There were no nominations for Vice-President.

Each candidate was given 5 minutes each to tell the membership why they were running for office.

Ballots were then handed out to the members in “Good Standing” and the election was held.

Judy Hall Johnson turned the meeting back over to President Ray Sparks.

A vote was taken from the membership present to spend \$3,400 on a 3” Keene dredge/with air, for the member raffle at the picnic. The vote was unanimous with no “nay” votes.

Raffles were held: #3328 Clint Walker won the door prize of a Prospectors Silver round.

Blue ticket winners were:

Bag of Ore - #2883 Daryl Combs  
 Bag of Ore - #2505 Harry Sands  
 Bag of Ore - #1483 Robert Johnson  
 Bag of Ore - #2505 Harry Sands  
 Bag of Ore - #2855 James Grancio  
 Gold Nugget - #3205 Christopher Mote

Green Ticket winners were:

Bag of ore - #2744 John Burton  
 Bag of ore - Dione Walker daughter of #3328 Clint Walker  
 Bag of ore - #2976 Linda Shupe  
 Bag of ore - #2931 Wesley Gentry  
 Gold nugget - #2976 Linda Shupe

WEGM Auxiliary winners were:  
 Bag of ore - #2179 Daryl Fuller  
 Bag of ore - #0859 Brenda Shedd  
 Camping shovel - #2855 James Grancio  
 Camping shovel - #3161 William Reid  
 50 ft. rope - #2883 Daryl Combs  
 Gold Nugget - #2610 Ray Sparks

August 6, 2016 Election results:

Vice-President:	Meeting	Absentee	Total
#2890 Barbara Lawson	81	24	105
#3247 Rodney Lung	2	0	2
#1290 Benny Chester	2	0	2
Hillbilly Gold	1	0	1
#2533 Bill Quick	1	0	1
#1900 Nancy Healy	1	0	1
#3180 David Owens	0	1	1
#2405 Ben Worthington	1	0	1
Board of Directors			
#3204 David Griffith	78	12	90
#3247 Rodney Lung	11	7	18
#2533 Bill Quick	1	4	5
#3180 David Owens	0	6	6
Richard Robinson	1	0	1
#1900 Nancy Healy	1	0	1

All ballots will be held for thirty (30) days in case of a recount.

President Ray Sparks declared the winners as  
 Office of Vice-President - #2890 Barbara Lawson  
 Office of Board of Directors-#3204 David Griffith  
 #3247 Rodney Lung

WEGM Officers for 2016-2017 are:  
 President – Ray Sparks  
 Vice-President – Barbara Lawson  
 Board members:  
 Don Vincent  
 Andrew Whelchel – Chairman of the Board  
 David Griffith  
 Rodney Lung  
 State Agent – Ray Sparks  
 Membership Director- Ray Sparks  
 Secretary- Judy Hall Johnson  
 Newsletter Editor- Judy Hall Johnson  
 Bookkeeper – Judy Hall Johnson

Next Meeting:  
 Board meeting at 11:00 A.M.  
 Picnic starts at 1:00 P.M.  
 Start serving food at 2:00 P.M.  
 General meeting at 4:00 P.M.

Raffles around 4:30 P.M.

#2686 Don Vincent made a motion to adjourn the August 6, 2016 general meeting. Rodney Lung seconded. Meeting adjourned.

**RULE OF THE MONTH:**

General Conduct

Public drunkenness, profanity, excessive noise and other such behavior is prohibited. No member will threaten another member in any way. Members and guests will abide by Federal, State and local laws, rules and regulations. No alcoholic beverages are allowed at club functions.

WEGM Board

**FOR SALE SUBMISSION POLICY**

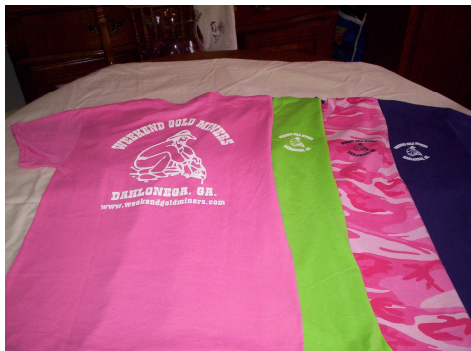
The FOR SALE section is free for members only. Membership number, name and phone number must accompany the ad. Ads will be run the month of submission only. You may resubmit your ad each month. Business ads must be approved by the board, the fee for a small block ad is \$120.00 per year.

**FOR SALE**

2 ½ Keene Dredge-with air & all accessories. \$1600.00  
 Call Martin- 321-984-1462

WEGM Membership -\$750 Call Andy -706-581-2078

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**

<b>NAME:</b>		
<b>PHONE NUMBER:</b>		
<b>ADDRESS:</b>		
<b>CITY:</b>	<b>STATE:</b>	<b>ZIP:</b>
<b>SPOUSE'S NAME:</b>	<b>Children Under 21:</b>	
<b>MEMBER NAME:</b>		

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.

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Guest Signature

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Date