



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: November 5, 2016

Board Meeting 3:00 P.M.

General Meeting 5:00 P.M.

November 5, 2016 Auraria Community Center

12:00 p.m. UNTIL 2:00 p.m.

Silver & Clad Coins

Token Prize-Gold Nugget

WEATHER PERMITTING !!!

Info: Call Robert at 423-458-4088

Common – October 15, 2016 One Day Only!

Turner property – down at the river

Starting at 9:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M.

Lunch will be served – bring chairs

Bring extra hose for high bankers – we will be getting water from the river.

For info call Rodney Lung 352-678-9714

A clean-up day is planned for October 8, 2016 – Cancelled

Check WEGM Forum for changes & Details

***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

October 1st, 2016

President Ray Sparks called the October 1, 2016 general meeting to order.

He welcomed new members and guests. Guests were: Bruce (he didn't give his last name)

Birthdays for October, 2016 were Shirley Sullenger wife of #3350 John Sullenger on the 1st. HAPPY! HAPPY! HAPPY!

Anniversaries were: #3271 John & Bobbie Jo Trew, one year this month. #3007 Mark & Mary Harris, 5 years. HAPPY! HAPPY! HAPPY!

#2533 Bill Quick made a motion to approve the September 6, 2016 General meeting minutes. #3307 Mark Harris seconded. Motion carried and passed.

Judy Hall Johnson gave the September Treasurer report as follows:

Beg. Bal. 9-1-16 -	\$34,798.97
Income -	\$ 7,201.00
Disbursements -	\$ 5,545.18
Ending Bal -	\$36,454.79

Money Market #1 - \$48,104.22

Money Market #2 - \$20,419.11

#1073 Roger Moore made a motion to approve the September 2016 Treasurer report as posted in the newsletter, #3307 Mark Harris seconded. Motion carried and passed.

Membership Director Ray Sparks gave the September membership report as follows:

8- new members for October

68 – new members YTD

#3377 – last member number issued.

\$720 – Total collect on new members

\$170 – Logo items sold

\$890.00 – Total collected.

OLD BUSINESS:

The next Common will be October 15, 2016 and will be a one day common. It will be on the Turner property and due to the shortage of water at the common area; will be down at the river if we get the

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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

road repaired. The road work is scheduled for Oct. 10th. Ray said to bring extra hose for your high bankers because you will have to pump water from the river. The dirt will come from the area down at the river. Lunch consisting of Bojangles chicken, green beans, mashed potatoes, mac N' Cheese, slaw and biscuits. Drinks will be provided. We will be bringing picnic tables down to the river but you need to bring some chairs. For more information contact Ray Sparks at 770-531-9346 or Rodney Lung at 352-678-9714.

Ray Sparks reported that the extra gravel on the Allison Honey Farm road will cost another \$1,800.00. This was approved on the original estimate. Estimate for the Turner property was: repair the road down to the river and clean up common area plus dig dirt for common was \$1,200.00 and to cut the new road for more campsites would be \$1,500.00.

There was a show of hands vote from the membership present to approve \$3,000.00 for the road work at the Turner property. The vote was unanimous with no "nay" votes.

President Ray Sparks told the membership that they will talk to the Allison's this month concerning the lease renewal. He will present the Allison lease for approval in November 2016.

Ray Sparks told the membership that #2405 Ben Worthington, who was voted to be terminated by the membership in the August 6, 2016 general meeting for his behavior and disrespect to the Board of Directors at the July 2, 2016 general meeting, wishes to address the membership. #2405 Ben Worthington addressed the membership and apologized for his behavior at the July 2, 2016 meeting and his disrespect to the board of directors. He stated that circumstances had been building for several years with complaints against him and others that were camping at his residence. He stated that he had had a lot on his plate this summer and he knows that he should have addressed the board instead of the membership. He also stated that he had apologized to the board members and officers in question. He told the membership that he was a Lifetime member and that he didn't want to lose his membership and stated that he normally helps members while on the property. He asked the membership to please reconsider their recommendation to terminate him. #2405 Ben Worthington was asked to leave the meeting room so that the membership could decide about his membership.

President Ray Sparks told the membership that Ben Worthington did apologize to the board and officers of the club for his attack on them and his behavior for the past several years. Some of the members that were not present at the July 2, 2016 and the August 6, 2016 meeting asked if the board would explain what the vote was about. #2757 Dean Willard read his statement to the membership. President Ray Sparks told the membership that the board had voted to have the following conditions placed on #2405 Ben Worthington's membership: 1. He will be on probation for one (1) year. 2. He will not allow any WEGM members to camp on the property that he is renting from the Allison's. The membership present took another vote concerning #2405 Ben Worthington's membership. The vote was by show of hands with twenty-seven (27) votes for NOT to terminate him and one (1) vote to terminate him. #2405 Ben Worthington will keep his membership with the conditions put forth by the Board of Directors.

Lifetime members for September were: #2584 Gerald E. Bird

Time change for the meetings due to Daylight Savings Time:

November 5, 2016 meeting.

Board meeting 3:00 P.M.

General Meeting 5:00 P.M.

Metal Detecting Hunt 12:00 P.M.

The Membership present took a show of hands vote to pay Tim Thomas CPA \$1,800.00 for the club's annual review. The vote was unanimous with no "Nay" votes.

The membership present took a show of hands vote to approve \$3000.00 for road work on the Turner property. The vote was unanimous with no "Nay" votes.

Ray Sparks talked to the members about the problems with campsites and members breaking the Rules & Regulations concerning campsites. He stated that there had been ninety-seven (97) letters sent out since January 1, 2016 concerning violations. He proposed that we collect a \$100.00 fee on all new campsites which would be returnable if the campsite is left cleaned up. All members that have campsites now would be grandfathered in and would not pay this fee. He said that this was just an idea and asked the members to think about it.

President Ray Sparks talked to the membership about the financial state of the club. (Note: the figures were compiled by Ray Sparks and not by the bookkeeper)

He first showed the members what this club is supposed to be about. "To foster the science, education and art of recreational prospecting in service to and for the club members. To offer education programs to members and the general public through schools, scouts and other organizations of Broad of Directors approval. He presented a chart comparing the finances for 2015 and 2016. He pointed out to the members that we were wasting money on the end of year raffles and Christmas party. He told the membership that he thought we needed to save that money to buy property and not lease property. Ray took an "informative" vote from the members present to see whether they would like to "party" with club money or start saving money to buy property. The members present voted to start saving money instead of "partying" or having end of year raffles and Christmas party and donations. Ray told the members that he knew "why" but he didn't know "how" were going to fix the problem.

In August 2016, David Morgan of Greenville, South Carolina contacted the club concerning his 12 year old son Lucas, who is home schooled and would like to talk to someone or maybe get a demonstration of the art of prospecting for a school project.

Ray presented the email to the general membership at the August meeting and asked if anyone would be interested in working with Lucas on this project. Member #3328 Clint Walker contacted Mr. Morgan and invited them down to the property to show him and his son Lucas, the art of prospecting. David Morgan and his son Lucas were present tonight and thanked Clint Walker and the club for being so responsive to them. Lucas told the membership that he had learned a lot and he thanked everybody. That is what this club is about, thanks Clint Walker.

WEGM Auxiliary Chairperson Denise Johnson gave the Auxiliary report as follows: She stated that they made \$275.00 at the August 2016 meeting and expenses were \$209.52. She thanked everybody for buying tickets for the raffle and the food she prepared for tonight. Thanks to Denise and her sister Joyce for all their hard work.

Judy Johnson wanted to thank everybody for coming to the metal detecting hunt today. We had 23 hunters on the field. We buried clad silver dollars and silver half dollars. #3364 James Deuel found the winning token for a gold nugget. Next hunt will be November 6, 2016 starting at 12:00 P.M. Another gold nugget will be the token prize.

Raffles were held:

Winners of the unclaimed prizes from the September end of year raffle were:

Green Ticket:

Powerhouse Generator - #3228 Lynn Johnson
 Gold Cube - #2744 John Burton
 A52 Sluice Box - #2188 Henry Wilkerson
 Tailgate Grill - #3228 Lynn Johnson
 Patio Heater - #2854 Mark Nesbitt
 \$85 can of ore - #2890 Barbara Lawson
 \$85 cans of ore - #2744 John Burton
 Two Director chairs - #2757 Dean Willard

Blue Ticket winners were:

Powerhouse generator - #2890 Barbara Lawson
 Buddy Heater - #2188 Henry Wilkerson
 2-burner gas stove - #2188 Henry Wilkerson
 Gas Grill – #3204 David Griffith
 Two Directors chairs - #2686 Don Vincent
 \$85 can of ore - #2854 Mark Nesbitt
 Two Directors chairs - #1006 Steve Finnemore

Red Ticket Door Prize winner of a Prospector silver round was #1073 Roger Moore.

Regular Blue Ticket raffle winners were:

Bag of ore - #2439 Andrew Whelchel
 Bag of ore - #3352 Rodney Kochen
 Bag of ore - #2890 Barbara Lawson
 Bag of ore - #2855 James Grancio
 Bag of ore - #2757 Dean Willard
 Gold Nugget - #2439 Andrew Whelchel

Green Ticket raffle winners were:

Bag of ore - #0482 Brent Deuel
 Bag of ore - Heidi Lung wife of #3247 Rodney Lung
 Bag of ore - #2744 John Burton
 Bag of ore - #2610 Ray Sparks
 Gold Nugget - #3207 Chris Mote

WEGM Auxiliary raffle winner were:

Bag of ore - #2855 James Grancio
 Bag of ore - #2744 John Burton
 Jar - #3364 James Deuel
 Candles - #2610 Ray Sparks
 Gold Nugget - #2610 Ray Sparks

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Metal Detecting hunt at 12:00 P.M.

#3307 Mark Harris made a motion to adjourn the October 1, 2016 general meeting. #2533 Bill Quick seconded. Meeting adjourned.

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 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

ON THE FUNNY SIDE OF LIFE:

Lack Of Vision

70-year-old George went for his annual physical. He told the doctor that he felt fine, but often had to go to the bathroom during the night. Then he said "But you know Doc, I'm blessed. God knows my eyesight is going, so he puts on the light when I pee and turns it off when I'm done!."

A little later in the day, Dr. Smith called George's wife and said, "Your husband's test results were fine, but he said something strange that has been bugging me. He claims that God turns the light on and off for him when he uses the bathroom at night."

Thelma exclaimed, "That old fool! He's been peeing in the refrigerator again!"

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.



#3364 James Deuel winner of gold nugget at metal detecting hunt.



October 1, 2016 Metal Detecting Hunt



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RELEASE OF LIABILITY OF GUEST

NAME:

PHONE NUMBER:

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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