



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: December 3rd, 2016
Board Meeting 3:00 P.M.
General Meeting 5:00 P.M.

Pot Luck Christmas Dinner December 3, 2016
Auraria Community Center 1:00 P.M.
Bring a cover dish of either meat, veggies or dessert.

No Metal Detecting Hunt
Due to Christmas Dinner
Next hunt –January 7, 2017

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 November 5th, 2016

President Ray Sparks called the November 5, 2016 meeting to order.

He welcomed guest Joe Kiera. There were no new

members present.

Birthdays for November were #2466 Serena Blackwell 23rd, Jan Reed, wife of #3299 Frank Reed on the 14th and #1569 Allen Howard on the 6th. A belated birthday to #1483 Robert Johnson's mother, Shirley Lorrens, 81 years young on October 10, 2016 HAPPY! HAPPY! HAPPY!

Congratulations to Frank and Jan Reed married on November 3, 2016. Joyce Conner presented them with a wedding cake for all to enjoy.

#2854 Mark Nesbitt made a motion to accept the October 1, 2016 General Meeting Minutes as posted in the newsletter. #2533 Bill Quick seconded. Motion carried and passed.

#0859 Brenda Shedd made a motion to accept the October 2016 Treasurer report. #2759 Dean Willard seconded. Motion carried and passed.

Membership Director Ray Sparks gave the October 2016 membership report as follows:

- 2- new members for October
- 79-new members YTD
- #3379 – last member number issued
- \$180.00 – collected new members
- 5.00 – key sold
- \$185.00 – Total collected

OLD BUSINESS:

Ray Sparks gave a report on the road work: He stated that they put two (2) more loads of gravel on the Honey Farm road and that they are in good shape now. On the Turner property he said that the road down to the river has been fixed and the common area has been cleaned up somewhat. Also the new road has been cut to make more campsites

Ray Sparks told the membership that the Allison lease has been negotiated with the addition of terms and conditions regarding the rental house occupants and

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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

the access roads and no WEGM members camping on the rental property. Also, Lloyd Allison asked to have it put in the lease that NO WEGM members can pick any produce (grapes/berries) without paying. Ray said that you must "Pay to Pick". Ray said that if you are caught doing so, you will be TERMINATED for breaking the lease.

Ray said that he and Barbara Lawson will be meeting with K.K. Turner to talk about the lease renewal.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lifetime Members are: #2535 Bill Johnson and #2514 Eugene Wright

There was a vote taken by show of hands to approve \$1,800.00 for Tim Thomas, CPA for the 2015 Review. The membership voted to approve the payment with one (1) NO vote.

There was a vote by show of hands to approve the renewal of the Allison lease for \$16,000.00. The vote was unanimous with NO votes.

Member #3151 Robert Russell wanted to know what the discussion at the October meeting was about concerning saving money and not having some of the raffles and no Christmas party. Ray explained that he wanted the club to buy property instead of leasing it and that we needed to cut back everywhere we could to be able to do that. Ray said that the membership present last month voted to do that. The raffles would be cut back by using the monies that are collected at each meeting instead of taking money out of the general funds. There was a lengthy discussion about the pros and cons of this club buying property. Conclusion was that the raffle will still go on every month as usual but the decision about only using what the Blue Ticket and Hunt Master accounts have in them at the end of the year.

Ray told the members that the membership is way down this year due to, he thinks, all the negative, false rumors about the club that are being put on Facebook by some members. He stated that for the past year that there have been negative, totally false rumors being put on Facebook. Some of the members stated that those members needed to be terminated. Ray said that every member has the right of freedom of speech but posting false accusations is slander and defamation of character. We have several members that have quit this club because of these false statements. If you are going to post on Facebook

about the club, make sure you have your facts straight.

New Board member Rodney Lung told the membership that when he became a board member in August and he got to read the closed board meeting minutes for the past 6 months, he found out that what his friends were telling him about an incident on the property and what the facts were in the minutes were two different things. He found out that all the rumors were blown totally out of perspective.

A new member of the club told the membership that since she has been on the properties that there have been certain members that just go around talking negative about everything and everybody just trying to stir up trouble. She said that she didn't join this club to listen to all the complaints and negative bull. She said that she really enjoys being on the property and has met some really nice members that really care about this club.

The club needs a SECRETARY!!!! If you are interested in the job send a resume to: Secretary, WEGM Board of Directors, P.O. Box 910, Dahlonega, Ga. 30533.

Since there will be no Christmas Party as in the past, the members voted to have a "Pot Luck Christmas Dinner" on December 3, 2016 at the Auraria Community Center at 1:00 P.M. Bring a cover dish of your favorite foods.

Hunt Master Robert Johnson told the members that he had about 20 people at the hunt today. #1006 Steve Finnemore won the token prize of a gold nugget. He thanked everybody for coming and buying raffle tickets. Member Ann Kochen thanked Robert for being so helpful in teaching her how to use her metal detector. Robert told the membership that there would not be a metal detecting hunt in December due to the Christmas dinner. There will be a hunt in January 7, 2017 WEATHER PERMITTING.

Raffles were held: Winner of the Red Ticket Door Prize of a Prospector Silver Round was #3151 Robert Russell.

Blue Ticket Raffle winners were:

Bag of Ore - #3367 Jeffery Palmrose
 Bag of Ore - #3213 Brian Crowe
 Bag of Ore - #2890 Barbara Lawson
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 Bag of Ore - #3367 Jeffery Palmrose
 Gold Nugget - #2539 Andrew Whelchel

Green Ticket Raffle winners were:

Bag of Ore - #3367 Jeffery Palmrose
 Bag of Ore - #2757 Dean Willard
 Bag of Ore - #2854 Mark Nesbitt
 Bag of Ore - #2744 John Burton
 Gold Nugget - #3367 Jeffery Palmrose
 2 rolls of nickels - #2757 Dean Willard

WEGM Auxiliary Raffle winners were:

Knife Holder - #2748 Jasper Ellis
 Bag of Ore - #2855 James Grancio
 Bag of Ore - #3293 Lee Webb
 Pennies - #2796 Linda Shupe
 Digging Tool - #0482 Brent Deuel
 Tire Pump - Kim Burton
 Pot holder - #3299 Frank Reed
 Gold Nugget - #2748 Jasper Ellis

Next Meeting: December 3, 2016
 Christmas Pot Luck Dinner 1:00 P.M.
 Board meeting -3:00 P.M.
 General meeting 5:00 P.M.
 NO METAL DETECTING HUNT

#2854 Mark Nesbitt made a motion to adjourn the November 5, 2016 General meeting. #2505 Harry Sands seconded. Meeting adjourned.

RULE OF THE MONTH:

Due to the drought conditions PLEASE make sure You put your campfire out with water. TOTALLY !!! Lumpkin & White County have a ban on burning.

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

3" Keene High Banker Dredge Combo
 Extra long hose for water intake
 Adapted to use on floats
 Setup for easy priming
 Clean out hose
 Also: Complete wet suit w/ thin skins
 New price \$2900 – Sale price \$1900
 Call Dean 615-631-2150

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:

Americans are getting stronger. Thirty Years ago, it took two people to carry ten dollars' worth of groceries. Today, a five-year-old can do it.

There's a book that tell us where we can go on vacation. It's called our "checkbook".

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.

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 Oct 1st.



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,



October 1, 2016 Metal Detecting Hunt

Happy Thanksgiving



From the WEGM Board of Directors & Officers



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RELEASE OF LIABILITY OF GUEST

NAME:		
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