



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 Times: Jan 2, 2021

Metal Detecting Hunt 1:00 P.M. Weather Permitting

**Board Meeting: 3:00 P.M.
General Meeting: 5:00 P.M.
COVID-19 Restrictions**

No commons this year due to restrictions of Covid-19 virus

***If you have any questions about any of these events Call Membership Director Ed Nefferdolf 770-531-9346. Or email at weekendgoldminers@yahoo.com**

WEEKEND GOLD MINERS PROSPECTING CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES December 5th, 2020

President David Zimmerman called the December 05, 2020 General meeting to order.

New member: Jeff Dowdy
Guest: Rhonda Wittenmyer

Birthdays for December #3528 Michael Dawkins 2nd, #2188 Henry Wilkerson on the 4th, #2267 Ben Tighe 6th, #3247 Rodney Lung 13th, Tammy Ray.

Anniversaries for December are #2267 Ben and Amanda Tighe 18 yrs.

Prayers for #2845 Terry Willman for the loss of his mother, #3151 Robert Russell on his upcoming surgery. #2549 Ed Nefferdorf, #3352 Rodney Kocher. Also, families in need of prayer.

#1775 Alan McCary made motion to accept the November 7, 2020 General meeting minutes as posted in the newsletter. #3044 Ann Nemeth seconded. Motion passed and carried.

Treasurer report given by Judy Johnson for November 2020.

Beg Bal	\$35,924.29
Income	\$24,698.00
Disbursed	\$41,336.35
End Bal	\$19,285.94
Savings account	\$17,193.54

Motion to approve treasurer report #3247 Rodney Lung, Seconded by #3478 Christina Priddy. Motion passed and carried.

Membership Director Michael Dawkins gave November, 2020 report as follows:

10-new members
2 membership transfers
66-new members YTD
\$1,000.00 total new membership fees
\$60.00 Logo items
#3599 last member number issued
\$1,060.00 Total Collected
#3478 Christina Priddy made motion to accept the November Membership report. David Zimmerman second. Motion passed and carried.

HUNT MASTER: No hunt

OLD BUSINESS:

#0525 Larry Brumbalow brought up to why the rules and regulations are not being enforced. This was regarding a camper to close to the river on Turner property also a site with too many tents on site. These issues have been addressed and are being taken care of. Also stated last month the membership brought to the membership a vote to terminate a member. Chairman of the board Rodney Lung said that had

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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

been taken care of.

The Allison lease is \$18, 000.00 Ballots were handed out to vote on the Allison Lease renewal. There were 23 yes votes and 3 no votes. Turner lease was approved by club last meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval for check to the Cleveland Group for \$5,000.00 for 2016/2017 review. We have three more audits to do. The reviews went up from \$1,800.00 to \$5,000.00 in 2017. #3478 Christina Priddy made motion to approve the check. #3517 Mary Kozak seconded. Motion passed and carried.

The Cleveland Group has files our tax report for 2019. Need approval for a check for \$1,200.00. #2342 Celeste Wilkerson made a motion to approve the check for taxes. #2533 Bill Quick seconded. Motion carries and passed. Cleveland group has also requested our 1029 from the IRS. We do not have a copy of it since it was done 29 years ago. IRS has not sent it to us yet. As soon as we receive it, we will post those papers and our 990 on the website so everyone can see it.

David Zimmerman told the members that we need to form a committee to work on changes in the By-laws. Volunteers for this committee are #1581 Judy Johnson, #0337 Bill Wynn, #3550 Greg Oliver, #3526 Brenda Zimmerman, and #1775 Alan McCary. This is a long process. The committee will go over the by-laws and suggest changes. The committee will ask for input from the membership too. Once they compile the changes, they will present these to the board for approval. Then the proposed by-laws will be sent to the lawyer for legal approval. Once he approves the proposed by-laws a copy will be sent to every member (700) with a ballot vote. Proposed by-laws will have the old rule and then the new rule or any added rules in red print. If the membership approves then the new approved by-laws will be written and mailed out to every member. Cost will be around \$1,000 postage & paper, envelopes.

Questions:

#0525 Larry Brumbalow asked about the amount of mining equipment one can have. There is nothing in our bylaws stating the number of you can have at a campsite but they must be put away neatly and covered. Canopies are allowed to put your equipment in and out of site.

We want to give a big Thank you to #3044 Ann Nemeth for all her hard work in cooking and putting together this Christmas party. Michael Dawkins for decorations. Judy Johnson, Heidi Lung and Ann Nemeth for the tabletop prizes raffled off.

Please remember to help clean up after the meeting putting up chairs, sweeping, mopping. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Raffles:

Red Ticket Door Prize:
Silver round - Joyce Conner

Blue Ticket Winners
Bag of Ore - #3526 Brenda Zimmerman
Bag of Ore - #1433 Don Ferguson
Bag of Ore - #2890 Barbara Lawson
Bag of ore - #3247 Rodney Lung
Nugget - #2771 Gary Copeland

Green Ticket Winners
Bag of Ore - # 3526 Brenda Zimmerman
Bag of Ore - #1775 Kathy McCary
Bag of Ore - #2771 Gary Copeland
Bag of Ore - #1433 Don Ferguson
Nugget - #2771 Gary Copeland

Yellow Ticket winner
Bag of Ore - # 1775 Kathy McCary
Bag of Ore - #3247 Heidi Lung
Bag of Ore - #3550 Gegg Oliver
Bag of Ore - #3044 Ann Nemeth
Nugget - Rhonda Whittenmyer

#2342 Celeste Wilkerson made motion to adjourn.
#2771 Gary Copeland seconded the motion.

Next meeting: Jan.2, 2021
Metal detecting 1:00pm
Board meeting 3:00pm
General meeting 5:00pm

Prepared by Heidi Lung
WEGM Secretary

RULE OF THE MONTH:

Have a VERY Merry Christmas and a Blessed and Happy New Year.

FROM: RAY SPARKS

Bill Martin, President of the North Georgia Mountains Chapter 970, Vietnam Veterans of America presented ten \$100 gift cards to Chaplain (Captain) Kumor of the 5th Ranger Battalion, Camp Merrill. These cards will be given to soldiers at the Training Center who may need financial assistance during the holiday season. The gifts are part of the annual giving program of the chapter with emphasis on Veterans and currently serving men and women in the Armed Forces. The Chapter is thankful to the residents of Lumpkin and Dawson counties for their support in our annual fundraising program.

A special "Thank You" from member #2610 Ray Sparks to everyone who purchased raffle tickets for the annual Vietnam Veterans Chapter 970 fund raiser. I am happy to report the North Georgia Mountains Chapter 970 raised over \$3,000 in ticket sales. The Chapter will also be awarding four \$1,000 scholarships to senior students of Lumpkin and Dawson County High Schools with Military connections at the end of the year.

FROM: JUDY JOHNSON

I just wanted to wish everybody a Very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year in hopes things will get better. I want to share with you a Christmas card that a dear friend sent to me. Such a beautiful message and the true meaning of Christmas.

**If you look for me at Christmas
you won't need a special star-
I'm no longer just in Bethlehem,
I'm right there where you are.**

**You may not be aware of Me
amid the celebrations-
You'll have to look beyond the stores
and all the decorations.**

**But if you take a moment
from your list of things to do
and listen to your heart,
you'll find
I'm waiting there for you...**

**...You're the one I want to be with,
you're the reason that I came,
and you'll find Me in the stillness
as I'm whispering your name.**

Love Jesus

**God Bless You
at Christmas and always!**

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: Gold Prospector retiring after 30 years of fun. Everything is for sale. You name it, I have it. Call Alan Smith at 423-504-7634

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS FOR SALE:

WEGM Membership for sale \$2,000.
Dean Plaisance
985-665-0234

Lifetime membership for sale. \$900
Call Bill Lyerla 678-428-0380
If no answer, please leave message.

Billy Mincemoyer \$1500.00 706-952-5339 Call between 9:00 am - 6:00 pm leave message if no answer.

Life Membership For Sale \$1200.00
Text Robert 423-241-1689

Lifetime Membership for sale -\$900
Call Bill Bryant 423-641-6503

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

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