



WEEKEND GOLDMINER

Newsletter

Prospecting sites in the Heart of Georgia's Gold Belt

Club Address: P.O. Box 910, Dahlonega, GA 30533

Phone: (770) 531-WEGM

Calendar of Events

"Miners Swap Meet" at every meeting. Bring camping & prospecting articles only.

Meeting Times: July 3, 2021

Pending Covid-19 Restrictions

Check WEGM Website and Facebook page.

Board meeting: 3:00 PM

General Meeting: 5:00 PM Covid-19 Restrictions

No Metal Detecting Hunts until October 2021

Commons – Planning in progress

Election Ballots to be mailed by June 23, 2021

Statement mailed out in July

Election- August 7, 2021

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

Income: \$ 5,077.50

Disbursed: \$ 3,366.69

Ending Balance: \$34,189.15

Savings Account: \$17,194.61

A motion was made to approve the May 2021 treasurer report by Terry Newman #3323 and Celeste Wilkerson #2342 seconded. Motion passed and carried.

Minutes for the May 1st 2021 General meeting were up for approval. Roger Moore #1073 made a motion to approve. Barbara Lawson #2890 seconded. Motion carried and passed.

Membership report for May 2021 was given by Judy Johnson #1581

New Members - 6

New Members YTD - 35 as corrected from last month's total

Last Member Number Issued - #3638

New Member Fees: \$600.00

Transfer Fees: \$30

Hats and T-Shirts: \$20.00

Total Collected: \$650.00

Expenses: Rodney Lung #3247 Mileage: 215 miles for a total of \$94.60

A motion was made to approve the May 2021 Membership Report by Rodney Kocher #3352, Barbara Lawson #2890 seconded. The motion was passed and carried.

Huntmaster: Alan McCary (absent)

No hunt this month.

Old Business:

The subject of the Commons was tabled and will be addressed again next month.

Election Ballot for the August 7th 2021 election was presented by President David Zimmerman:

Running for President:

1. Randall Cowart #3615
2. Rodney Kocher #3252

WEEKEND GOLD MINERS PROSPECTING CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES June 5, 2021

President David Zimmerman #2608 called the June 5th 2021 General meeting to order.

Birthdays for June: Joyce Conner #1290-NT June 6th, Roger Moore #1073 June 25th.

Anniversaries for June: #1483 Robert & Judy Johnson, June 5th.

New Members: 0215-NT Petr Novak

Guests: Don Ferguson #1433-NT and his extended family of 8 guests including Christina Hughes, kids, grandkids and other members of the family.

Treasurer Report given by Judy Johnson #1581 for May, 2021.

Beginning Balance: \$32,478.34

Officers and Committees	
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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

Running for the Board (2 open positions):

1. Bill Quick #2533
2. Celeste Wilkerson #2342
3. Rodney Lung #3247

Running for Treasurer:

1. Ann Nemeth #3044

Running for Secretary:

No One

If you are running for a position, please send Judy Johnson #1581 (jnanaju@aol.com) 100 words or less campaign message regarding why you would like to serve so that it may be published in the Newsletter and mail with the ballot. If you would like to write-in your name for an open position or write-in the name of someone else, you may do so on the ballot. Ballots will be mailed to all members by June 23, 2021.

Bylaws:

Anyone that wants to suggest changes for the By-laws, please get those suggestions to the board promptly. Once all the changes have been made the proposed By-laws will be presented to the Board of Directors for approval then sent to the attorney for legal approval then the proposed By-laws draft will be mailed to all active members along with a ballot to vote whether to accept or not. Once approved by the members the new By-laws will be printed and sent to every active member. The last time the By-laws were changed was in 2004. The expense will be \$2000 to \$3000 +.

Audit:

Due to a variance in understanding the difference between the words "review" and "a review" the company reviewing the books recommended a different, less expensive form of review that still meets the requirements of the club bylaws. 3 reviews need to be done: 2017-2018, 2018-2019 and 2019-2020. The cumulative cost of the 3 reviews is somewhere between \$6,000.00 and \$7,000.00 for them to be performed. These must be done and are far less expensive than the previous single review of \$5,000.00. A motion was made for the expenditure by #3352 Rodney Kocher and #2890 Barbara Lawson seconded.

Motion carried and passed.

New Business:**Lifetime Memberships:**

James Grafmiller #3207, Rodney Lung #3247, Matt

Irwin #3268.

Transfer Lifetime Memberships purchased Petr Novak #0215-NT, Zakary Newman #0318-NT, Robert Husband #1816-NT. Congratulations Lifetime Members!!

Letter Received by the Club:

Angel and Mando Silverleaf who live next to the Turner property wanted to let the Club know that they are selling Free-range Fresh eggs. They would enjoy our business. They also make signs if you are interested.

Campsites: All campsites must be approved by the board. RV's, Campers, Utility Trailers, etc. must obtain permits from the board. If a member gives or sells an RV, Camper, or Trailer, etc. to someone, they must get a permit and the campsite has to be approved by the Board.

Judy Johnson #1581 is working on the stickers and some members may be asked to get another permit due to the multiple turn-over of past Membership Directors. This task will be completed before Judy turns over her Treasurer position to the upcoming new Treasurer.

Permits are needed so that club representatives are legally allowed to clean up an abandoned site.

Two motor homes are up for bid. They are scrap and therefore they must be removed from the property. One member expressed interest in at least one. If you are interested, please let the board know.

Campsite Cleanup:

Everyone is responsible for cleaning up their own individual campsite. Please mow or weed-eat your site. Please do not spray Roundup or similar products on trees or near water. For compliance and a much neater appearance, please keep your equipment out of sight rather than leaving it out and about. No one may live on the property.

Cleanup:

The Turner property needs a cleanup date and the board is working on a date and a team to help with the cleanup.

President David Zimmerman told the members that some of the reported holes were filled and some were caged. This should meet the requirements of government entities. If you put up a fence around a hole, etc. be sure to put the member number on a "danger" or similar tag, and put "caution" tape around the fence. Otherwise, please fill in your holes so others

will not twist an ankle or otherwise be hurt.

David Zimmerman also stated that the rule requiring an overnight stay by members at their campsite was suspended during Covid19. That suspension has been lifted and the rule has been reinstated beginning June 5th, 2021. Members have 6 months from June 5th to meet the overnight requirement.

Questions and Answer session: No complaints or comments made.

Tickets and Raffles:

Red Ticket Winner:

Tim Ellis #3357-LM Prospectors Silver Round

Blue Ticket Winners:

Bag of Ore - Christina Hughes -visitor

Bag of Ore - Jennifer Dawkins #3624

Bag of Ore - Rodney Kocher #3352

Gold Nugget - Rodney Kocher #3352

Green Ticket Winners:

Bag of Ore - Ray Sparks #2610

Bag of Ore - Jennifer Dawkins #3624

Bag of Ore - Petr Novak #0215-NT

Gold Nugget - Tim Ellis #3357

Yellow Ticket Winners:

Bag of Ore - Danny Satterfield #3544

Bag of Ore - Jennifer Dawkins #3624

Bag of Ore - Rodney Kocher #3352

Gold Nugget - Judy Johnson #1581

Christina Priddy #3478 motioned to adjourn the meeting, Rodney Kocher #3352 seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: July 3, 2021

Board Meeting 3:00 P.M.

General Meeting 5:00 P.M.

2021 ELECTION CAMPAIGN MESSAGES

PRESIDENT:

1. RANDALL COWART #3615

2. RODNEY KOCHER #3352

I am presently WEGM Board due to the vacancies of several board members . In this election I will be running for the WEGM President position. I am Retired US Navy, Former Vice-President of Hampton Roads

Construction and President of Skeetclub Ridge HOA. I hope to be an asset to The Weekend Gold Miners in the coming year.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

1. BILL QUICK #2533

2. CELESTE WILKERSON #2342

Hello everyone, I am running for a board seat. I've been a member for about 12 years and I worked for the WEGM Auxiliary for several years. I will do my best for the club.

3. RODNEY LUNG #3247

Many already know me and I am running for the position. I am currently Chairman of the Board. I have been on and off the board for the past 5 years. I'm honest, sincere and love this club. I'm driven in the face of adversity making difficult decisions with members to move this club forward! Not just for current members but for future generations. I will always remain open and available to club members. I'd appreciate your vote. Let's continue to move forward. Thank You.

TREASURER:

1. ANN NEMETH #3304

My name is Annette (Ann) Nemeth and I am running for Treasurer of the Weekend Gold Miners Club. I have kept the records and bookkeeping for all our businesses before going to work at United States Postal Service which I retired from. I feel I can and will do my very best for the club.

SECRETARY: NO CANDIDATES FOR THIS OFFICE

On the Funny Side of Life

Little boy sitting on the curb crying.
Old man walks up "Little boy, why are you crying like your heart is broke?"

Little boy says (sniff, sniff) "I can't do what the big boys do!"

Old man sits down on the curb and cries too!

RULE OF THE MONTH

CAMP AND MINING AREAS SITE REQUIREMENTS:

1. A. Any member wishing to have an assigned campsite must acquire permission from the Board of Directors before occupying a site,

C. A permanent campsite must have either a

camper, (RV), Utility trailer, canopy or commercial tent on the site in order to call it permanent and must be maintained at all times.

AMENDMENT TO THE RULES & REGULATIONS:

GUESTS:

1. Any member can bring onto the property a person or persons (limited to two (2) that is not a member in any consecutive 30 day period. (a family will be considered as one (1) guest.) This person or persons will be considered to be a guest

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.

2 inch Keene Dredge w/pontoons.

Honda pump. \$750.00

Call Ben at 828-837-4270

Leave message if no answer.

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

Tesoro Lobo Metal Detector \$100

Call Ben at 828-837-4270

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS FOR SALE:

WEGM Membership for sale \$2,000.

Dean Plaisance

985-665-0234

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

WORDS OF WISDOM:

Enjoy Life, you never know when your "Tomorrow" will never come.



**Lifetime member #480 Bob Cain
Passed away May 31, 2021**

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.



**Lifetime member # 2983 William Bunch
Passed away June 1, 2021**



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