



MILLENNIUM DIGGERS ASSOCIATION Keizer, Oregon



Secretary/Editor: Penny Esplin

PRESIDENT: Ken Orndorff

VICE PRESIDENT: Terrie Fox

TREASURER/MEMBERSHIP: Joe Greene

Claims Officer: Claudia Wise

Meeting Minutes from March 1st 2018

Call to Order: We all stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Ken called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Attendance: After everyone had signed in, we had a total of **18** in attendance, including 1 guest.

Secretary's Report: Penny asked if everyone received the newsletter/minutes from January. All said yes. Delmon made a motion to accept the secretary's report. Chuck seconded and it was approved by all. -February's meeting was cancelled due to the freezing weather report. So, after approval from the board, our meeting got moved to March 1st.

Treasurer's Report: Joe gave us the most recent treasure's report. No bills for this month. George made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Tim seconded and it was approved by all..

Joe told us we now have 18 paid members right now. He has renewal applications for us to fill out on the table and he is taking payments for membership renewals. He made out individual Millennium Diggers 2018 membership cards and laminated them. If you haven't yet paid, please do so at the next meeting. Dues are \$30.00. We will have more applications available.

Guest Speaker Requested/Scheduled for March 22nd: Penny got a hold of **TOM BOHMKER**, at our member's request, asking if he could come and give us a presentation focusing on "**Field Testing for Gold**". He replied, and we set the date for Thursday March 22nd (our next meeting).

Upcoming Events:

Gem Faire Fri March 23rd, Sat March 24th, and Sun March 25th held at Lane County Events Center in Eugene (796 W. 13th Ave) Hours: Fri 12:00-6:00, Sat 10:00-6:00, Sun 10:00-5:00. Visit **GemFaire.com/pass** for admission coupons.

Willamette Agate and Mineral Society "River of Gems" Annual Rock Show Fri April 13th, Sat April 14th and Sun April 15th held at the Polk Co Fairgrounds in **Rickreall**. \$2.00 admission Hours: Fri 9:00-5:00, Sat 9:00-5:00 and Sun 10:00-4:00

Umpqua Gem and Mineral Show Sat May 5th and Sun May 6th held at the Douglas Co. Fairgrounds in **Roseburg**. Hours: Sat 9:00-5:00 and Sun 10:00-4:00

Claims Report: Claudia was not present to give report

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-Millennium Digger Members can support MMAC with a Silver Membership of \$30.-

Schedule of Outings for 2018:

During our next meeting, we hope to get some input from other members on outings and places to go they would like our group to do. The dates have not yet been confirmed.

Here are a couple suggestions:

-You should bring your metal detectors with you to all outings!

-A trip to our Golden Digger's claim on Dry Gulch (need to talk w/Claudia, could sync w/Miner's Meadow camp trip...or?????)

-Ken is willing to take a trip to Hampton Butte, 52 miles east of Bend. For anyone who wants to look for petrified wood, common opal, quartz crystals and agate. A good time is guaranteed; you will find that special rock! He usually goes for a day trip, but up to you if you want to stay and camp in the area.

-Sunstones- end of May. Penny, Walt and Terrie are for sure going.

-Ken is going to McDermitt in May, where he can find: apple green jasper, purple agate with red-spot jasper.

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REMEMBER TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR! **The Digger's camp trip to Miner's Meadow Thursday June 7th thru Monday June 11, 2018** Located on Quartzville Creek in Linn County. **Note:** *This is a for sure outing; Claudia has reserved this spot for us way ahead of time.*

Joe: Gave us a summary of how he and Claudia are both retired EPA employees; he was a fish biologist and Claudia was a chemist. And from there how his eyes were opened once he became

involved in mining; the unlawful and unjust regulations and restrictions forced on miners from the State. Pre-emption of our Federally granted mining rights. The federal law supersedes what laws the State thinks they have over us. His monolog contained all facts, and he did not interject any way-word assumptions or hear-say. (Quite unlike some of the crap we've been having to wade through just to keep defending our legal rights).

And we all thank you Joe. We can't express what a help you have been and how important you and Claudia are to us and other miners and mining districts.

Break/Raffle sales

Letters for Feb (March) "U and V"- Penny brought bright reddish/orange crystals of **V**anadinite (lead chlorovanate), it is a secondary mineral found in desert environments as a result of alteration by the weathering of lead ores. Found in association with Wulfenite. Also she brought an **U**nusual rock, real heavy, rounded off looking like a UFO or a smashed Saturn. Don't know where it came from originally. It's about 10 inches across. -Ken brought rocks (traprock) containing 5 different kinds of Zeolites, Stilbite, Natrolite needle crystals, and Apopholite. They were found in Oregon.

Penny mentioned some beautiful rocks like that have been found in Tilamook Co., in the hills above Tilamook. Also, there is a site in that area where Augite crystals can be found. Need to gather more information on this so we can make plans to go do some rock hunting around there. Penny will investigate.

Letters for our next meeting are "W, X,Y and Z"

Meeting adjourned

Our next meeting will be on Thursday March 22nd @ 7:00

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