



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 August 23rd, 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 **16** in attendance, which includes 1 guest, Micheal Turcotte and, a *Cameo Appearance by Ouida Staley (a lifetime member and one of our original founders)!*

Secretary's Report: Penny reported that July's minutes/newsletter was emailed to all members. Penny brought copies for anyone who wants to read it. A motion was made by Delmon to accept the minutes as stated, Tammy seconded and the motion was approved by all.

Treasurer's Report: Joe reported that the treasury looks good. Money was spent for recording of Quit Claim, and recording fees to Josephine, Linn and Marion Counties, and filing fees to BLM for Annual Assessment Work on our 3 claims. Delmon made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Penny seconded and all were in favor.

Membership: Correction from last month: the 2 miners from Astoria, **Teddy and Karl Hauer** (*not Hower*) are now full-fledged members of our association.

Claims Report: All of the paperwork and fees due for our claims has been sent in, that includes the Maintenance Fee Waivers (those were due Sept 1, done) and the Affidavits for Annual Assessment Work have been sent, except Fossil Flats, (Penny just sent to Josephine Co), and is not due until end of December. Will send on to BLM as soon as Josephine Co. returns the paperwork, along with the \$10.00 filing fee..



The Quit Claim (for DT #1 from Ted and Ouida), needed 1 more name besides Delmon's because it is a 40 acre claim. So Terry has been added and signed the Quit Claim. Claudia sent it to Josephine Co. for recording plus the filing fee, and she just got it back and has sent it and all the other required paperwork and fees to BLM for filing.

-Claudia has been looking into other sources to further pursue the issue about our appeal being denied regarding the Golden Crown claim and the BLM's decision determining it "null and void".

**-Mark your calendars:
Miners Meadow is now secured for June 20th thru 24th 2019- Thank you Claudia!**

New Business:

ATTENTION! Guest Speaker Kent Gibson "Gibby" will be at our next meeting to talk about Marine Fossils! That's Thursday Sept. 27th! He is coming from Newport. Claudia made a motion to give him a check for \$100.00. Penny seconded and all approved.

ATTENTION! POTLUCK AT CLAUDIA'S SCHEDULED FOR SAT, OCTOBER 6TH- at 1:00-
 **THIS HAS BEEN CHANGED TO SUNDAY OCT. 7TH** 
-Claudia will provide BBQ'd _____?
-Ouida is bringing "Funeral Potatoes"
Claudia's phone #541-990-7009
Address is 34519 Riverside Dr. SW, Albany
(We will discuss this further at Sept. meeting)

Guest Speaker for October: -Penny has invited **Dick Pugh** (phone #from Tammy) to come to our meeting on **October 25th** to give us a presentation on "**Meteorites**"! He has a **PHD in Geology, Physical Science and Astronomy**. *He is hoping for a large turnout* to reach as many ears as possible! He also asked if we can provide a laptop, a projector and a screen for his presentation. I told him "yes". And we agreed to give him a check for \$60.00 for his time and travel. **So, please plan to attend our meeting in October, and tell your friends too!**

Old Business: Parking for Jeeter? Claudia and George (President of North Santiam Mining District) plan to get together and discuss going to BLM regarding this issue.

-We've had ongoing discussions about **providing a canopy** (or canopies) to use at some of our outdoor events. Delmon has been assigned to look into this further, and we will figure it all out at later time.

Break Time/Raffle Ticket Sales

Letters for August "I and J": Delmon brought several nice pieces of Jasper; big ones from S. Umpqua, smaller ones from Oregon coast and one from the Columbia River. Most of them he polished, 2 he did not. The big one took 2 months to polish in a big 12lb rock tumbler!

-Ken brought a "Texas Biscuit" (agate nodule from Alpine Texas), a rock with galena, pyrite and what looked to be garnet but may have been sphalerite, (which is commonly seen with the other 2 sulfides), a salt crystal "Halite" from the Great Salt Lake, Utah and an unidentified rock with crystal faces on all sides.

-Penny brought Iolite, a magnesium aluminum silicate, hardness 7-7.5; it is a form of Cordierite. The name Iolite comes from the Greek "ios", which means violet. It is a beautiful violet/blue colored stone that when viewed at different angles displays very pronounced "pleochroism"; showing 3 different color shades in the same stone; violet/blue, yellow/gray and light blue. Viking sailors allegedly used iolite as a polarizing filter to find the sun on cloudy days for navigation on cloudy days while sailing on the open seas.

-Yvette brought beach agates and a necklace she was wearing that she made herself with one of the Sunstones she found on her recent camp trip by Plush. She wrapped the Sunstone with copper wire (from a circuit board), and included a piece of Turquoise in the necklace. It was quite lovely and a nice way to highlight her Sunstone.

Letters for September "K and L"

Recent Activities: Joe and Claudia went to their new claim down by our new Golden Diggers claim on Dry Gulch. They brought back 6 buckets of screened dirt to run through Joe's Gold Magic Wheel, which produced some very heavy black material that was not the usual black sand. Joe said the heavy stuff "shakes off". He wants to weigh it and recalibrate the total findings. He will know more later. Claudia also found a rock that was "ice cold"!

-Don gave us an illuminating report about his trip to Alaska. He was gone 6 weeks! He is getting a slide show together soon to show us, then he can narrate along. (There was too much to for me write down here, sorry.) But he said it was an outstanding trip! The mountains in Canada were so picturesque, and he took a few cool videos with his Drone of the mining area he stayed up by Circle, Alaska. More to come.....

Commencing with Raffle Drawings

Meeting Adjourned.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday September 27th @ 7:00