



**MILLENNIUM DIGGERS
ASSOCIATION
Keizer, Oregon**



Secretary/Editor Penny Esplin

PRESIDENT- Troy Ray

VICE PRESIDENT- Christoph Schmidt

TREASURER- Penny Esplin

Meeting Minutes from October 28th, 2021

Meeting Called to Order: Troy and his wife Chrisha were gracious enough to invite us to hold our meeting in their garage. We were very honored by this! There were some great snacks and hot chocolate for everyone. Thank you both! After Troy led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, he called the meeting to order.

Attendance: There were 9 members and 1 guest (Chrisha)

Treasurer's Report: Our checking account is looking good. Gave check to Troy of \$150.00 to cover costs for Miners Meadow outing (prizes, firewood, etc.), gave Penny a check for \$50.00 to cover the cost of hamburgers, sausages, etc. And Penny sent a check for \$100.00 to Clear Lake Methodist Church with a thank you card for letting us use their facilities.

Penny was nominated as Treasurer in September, and it was officialized in October. As it stands, Troy and Penny share the treasurer's responsibilities anyway. So far it is easier this way. Penny continues as secretary/editor.

Secretary's Report: Troy read the minutes from September's meeting. Joe made a motion to approve, Claudia seconded, and motion was approved by all.

Claims Report: Claudia is our Claims Officer. Need to reimburse her for doing our claims paperwork.

While Claudia was at the Linn Co Clerk, the clerk informed her that the Quartzville Mining District is not the legal name for the district; it is the Santiam Mining District and Quartzville falls under that.

We talked about **Jeeter's claim**, we are OWNERS not just members.

And whenever we go there, we need to keep up maintenance on the the trail access (second trail), especially cutting away the blackberry vines in the upper part of the trail.

***If you plan to go to our Jeeter Creek claim, you need to first contact Troy 503-330-3169 so he can forward the permit and code to you. Access is limited to PAID MEMBERS ONLY.**

-If you go to any of our claims, please get a Claim Maintenance slip from Troy and fill it out and return it to Troy or Penny and we will make sure Claudia gets it for our future claims paperwork.

Future Outings/Events: The weekend of April 2nd. Wes and Tammy will be hosting another outing to Beverly Beach.

=Need to reserve Miners Meadow **NOW** for sometime in early June, Thursday thru Sunday, Monday or Tuesday.

Miner's Meadow camp trip was on October 22nd, 23rd, and 24th. Friday. Surprisingly enough, many die-hards arrived in their camp trailers, even though it was rainy, and rain was forecasted for the entire weekend. Wes and Tammy had a real neat set up with their tent under a protective cover. Terrie slept in her car and Walt and Penny slept in the cozy confines of the canopy on their truck. There were 23 overnights and 25 at the potluck on Saturday. 10 or 11 were WVM members and friends of Tammy and Wes were there from NW Prospectors. Nobody from Mid-Willamette Prospectors showed.

Saturday started out rainy, but it dwindled down and then stopped, just in time for the metal detecting event! There were hidden coins, bells and tokens for prizes to detect for in the grass. Fallon, John and Kerry's grandson, found 60 pennies and won the gold nugget prize!

The potluck went well, we had the 20' x 10' canopy tent set up over the 2 picnic tables, with a lot of food laid out. We were so lucky it had stopped raining! But, no one had brought any dry firewood, and every piece of wood we scrounged up was soaking wet, So Troy went ahead and drove all the way back to Sweethome and bought 10 bundles of good, dry firewood so we could all gather around the huge fire pit and enjoy each other's company, the warmth and the food! And that campfire did bring everyone out with their chairs. Troy and Chrisha's little boy, Jamison, gave us some live entertainment when he donned his cowboy hat and played his fiddle (with a stick for the bow) to Charlie Daniel's famous song "The Devil Went Down to Georgia". Troy had a speaker set up so we all could hear, and Jamison was so serious and into it as he played along to that song all the way to the end. It was so fun!

WVM supplied the drinks and the canopy cover. Jeff Farrand cooked the hamburgers and sausages on his BBQ, and the rest of the food was brought by the campers! We had meatballs, pork ribs and beef stroganoff, several different salads, and desserts. There was a lot of wonderful food. The potluck was a success!

We were going to have our Digger's meeting while at Miner's Meadow, but we decided to go ahead and wait until our normal meeting time on the following Thursday.

The next day, Sunday, was when we had to all had to pack up and leave. And man did it **rain!** Then the wind picked up and just about became a cyclone! Several members had to hang onto the poles on the canopy so it wouldn't get blown away! Everything and everyone got soaked while packing up on Sunday. Penny, Walt and Terrie drove back by way of the Quartzville Rd/Straight Creek Rd. When approaching the top, rain became snow, and it was sticking to the road and roadsides. It was snowing so much, there was that fear of it becoming a white-out! Or maybe even a freak blizzard! There was that fear. But fortunately, that did not happen, and they made it home safely.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday January 27th, 2022, and will again be held at Troy and Chrisha's place. Membership dues are \$30.00 and it will be time to renew. Hope to see you then.

Meeting Adjourned