



**MILLENNIUM DIGGERS
ASSOCIATION
Keizer, Oregon**



Secretary/Editor Penny Esplin

PRESIDENT- Troy Ray

VICE PRESIDENT- Christoph Schmidt

TREASURER- Terrie Fox

Meeting Minutes from August 24th, 2022

Meeting Called to Order: After we recited the Pledge of Allegiance, Troy called the meeting to order.

Attendance: We had 11 members present

Secretary's Report: Penny read the minutes from her notes taken from July's meeting. (There were no minutes formally written up or sent out for July). There was a motion made to accept the minutes as read, it was seconded and approved by all.

Treasurer's Report: Our treasury looks good. Terrie gave us an update on our checking account. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report, it was seconded and approved by all.

Claims Report: Claudia collected the claims maintenance reports we had filled out. Also, the signatures required on the official Maintenance Fee Waiver Certificates she needed to send to BLM before Sept 1st.

We discussed writing up a new addition to our claims packet regarding the membership requirements for accessing our claims. Troy is going to write it up it and send to members for their input in the official wording of it.

Jeeter's Claim: On August 20th, Troy and new member Don went, Don arrived at 8:30am and by time Troy showed, Don had already cleared the entire trail! They were there until 5:00.

Troy is going to purchase fluorescent green ribbons to mark the trails and the boundaries of the claim. We need signs for Jeeter.

Troy has bought 8 metal federal mining claim signs from Armadillo Mining Supply.

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.

-We really need to take advantage of our Jeeter Creek claim, while we still have our private VIP status. The gate will be up until the fall of 2023. Let's go!

UPCOMING OUTINGS/EVENTS:

-Rickreal Rockshow- Polk Co Fairgrounds- Outdoors Fri Sept 16th, Sat Sept.17th and Sun Sept 18th

-Miner's Meadow Camp Trip: **Friday Sept. 23rd, Sat Sept 24th, Sun Sept 25th and Mon Sept 26th ,**
check out at 11:00.

-Beverly Beach- **Saturday October 1st, meet at 10:00 am in the parking lot**
(Wes is selling Bev Beach concentrates)

Potluck at Don Esch's: Either Sat Oct 15th or Sat Oct 22nd. Set up at 11:00 or noon, eat at 1:00. **Date still to be determined.**

Rocks/Treasures Shared: Don Esch recently went to Wyoming and brought back some wonderful petrified wood and fossil specimens. He went to the Blue Petrified Wood Forest and the Green River Valley. The petrified wood area is the largest in the world and in the midst of hundreds of oil derricks. He found a huge petrified wood limb with blue agate and two small limbs. He found some wonderful fish fossils encased in fossilized algae in an old lake bed that are 52 million years old, they were very fragile. He also found a stingray fossil, which is exceedingly rare; only 6 or 7 have been found. He brought some "chicken track jasper" and a polished sphere of petrified Acacia tree wood. Everything was really special and eye catching! Thank you Don! He always has something special to show us that he has found.

Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting is on Thursday, September 22nd, 7:00
At Clear Lake Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
Be There!
