



**MILLENNIUM DIGGERS  
ASSOCIATION  
Keizer, Oregon**



Secretary/Editor Penny Esplin

**\*PRESIDENT- Troy Ray\***

**\*VICE PRESIDENT- Joe Greene\***

**\*TREASURER- Terrie Fox\***

**Meeting Minutes from January 26th, 2023**

-Terrie wants to thank everyone for their thoughts and concern regarding the passing of her mother.

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

**Attendance:** We had 9 members present

**Secretary's Report:** There were no minutes to read from our last meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Our treasury looks good. Terrie was not present, so Penny gave us an update on our checking account.

-Penny reimbursed Claudia for checks written to BLM, Linn County and Josephine County. So, all our mining paperwork is up to date! Thank you, Claudia!

. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report, it was seconded and approved by all.

**Election Results:** President: Troy Ray  
Vice President: Joe Greene  
Treasurer: Terrie Fox  
Secretary/Editor: Penny Esplin

**Membership:** All 9 members present are now paid up for their membership dues for 2023.

-Remember, you will need to pay the annual membership dues of \$30.00, either check or cash.

-Claudia rewrote part of the requirements of membership in our new members claim packet. Part of it has to do with being an "active participating member" and "attending meetings". *And it all has to do with preventing people joining our association just so they can have access to our claims and not having anything to do with actively participating with the rest of our association.*

**Claudia:** “I was thinking about our discussion with the Diggers last meeting about making sure we don't have miners paying memberships just to use our local claims. I think we can write something very simple that gives our officers a way to limit any problems that arise but not making it too rigid. (Please help clarify our intentions where needed):

***...as a Millennium Diggers member, you would be part of a small association of miners and treasure hunters that meet once a month to share adventures and treasures we have found. As a participating member, we will also have access to several claims owned by our (members or membership?). Use of these claims is dependent on becoming a contributing member at meetings/events and approval by the executive officers.***

Does this hit what we discussed and clearly solve and problems that arise? If a member has only joined to have use of our claims does this also imply access can also be removed if they are not participating as an association member regarding attendance at meetings and/or events.

I intentionally did not put a number of meetings/events so if they do have the intentions of being a true member but cannot make it to every meeting/event or they may contribute in other ways then there's leeway for our association to make an equitable decision on allowing membership. No membership fee returned.

You'll get to see any changes before finalized and we hand them out to our members.”-Claudia

**Claims Report:** Claudia got all our mining paperwork completed and up to date, including making the drive to Grants Pass for our Josephine County claims.

-Claudia contacted Jared Richey about the date and location of the **new Miner's Camp**. It is by **McQuade Creek** (still must find out the exact location), and we have **reserved July 13<sup>th</sup> thru July 18<sup>th</sup> for our camp trip there**. Jared will send Claudia the official letter and gate code. Troy is checking into the use of a porta potty.

-Claudia also asked Jared about being members of The Santiam Mining District, if there were any duties we could do up in the Quartzville area. He mentioned “seeding of grass”, which I think would be cool!

**Jeeter's Claim:**

**\*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 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.

**Please refer to the Calendar of Events at the end of this newsletter.**

**Raffle:** Walt Evans donated a Garret Pin Pointer for our big prize on the raffle table. We will be selling tickets from now until April, when we draw the winning raffle ticket. That way, who ever wins it can use it during the primetime of treasure hunting! Thank you Walt!

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**New Business:** Troy has written up a Calendar of Events for 2023 for us! Check it out!

- We talked about having WVM share the cost of Miner's Meadow with us.
- Maybe around June 10<sup>th</sup>, we can tentatively plan a camp trip to Briggs Creek.

### 2023 Millennium Diggers Calendar of Events:

Election of Officers for 2023

Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 7-9pm- Monthly Meeting at Clear Lake Church

Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7-9pm - Monthly Meeting at Clear Lake Church

Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 10am-2pm- Host/Contact: Troy Ray

GeoCache Outing at St Louis Fish Ponds, 6483 Keene Rd. NE (St Louis Rd, by RR tracks) Gervais

Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7-9pm- Monthly Meeting at Clear Lake Church

Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 10am-2pm- Host/Contact: Troy Ray

LNF Jeeter Creek- Claim Maintenance/ Trail Clean-up Day

Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 10am-2pm- Host/Contact: Wes Jeffers

Beverly Beach Outing, meeting at Beverly Beach Day Use Parking Lot, Newport

Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 7-9pm - Monthly Meeting at Clear Lake Church

Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 10am-2pm- Host/Contact: Troy Ray

LNF Jeeter Creek- Claim Maintenance/ Prospecting Outing

Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 10am-2pm- Host/Contact: Troy Ray

LNF Jeeter Creek- Claim Maintenance/ Prospecting Outing

Memorial Day Weekend:

- 1- Friday – Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2pm- 29<sup>th</sup>, 11am- Host/Contact: Troy Ray  
Miners Meadow Campout (Potluck) at Miners Meadow Campground, Quartzville
- 2- Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 8pm- May's Monthly Meeting ( will be informal)
- 3- Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 10am-1pm- Host/ Contact: Troy Ray  
Golden Digger- Claim Maintenance/ Prospecting Outing

Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 10am-2pm -Host/Contact: Troy Ray

LNF Jeeter Creek- Claim Maintenance/ Prospecting Outing

Friday- Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10am – June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2pm -Host/Contact: Wes Jeffers

Steve's Property Campout, 130 Hogum Creek Rd, Azalea, 97410

Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 8pm- Monthly Meeting (will be informal and held at Steve's Property Campout)

Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 10am-2pm- Host/Contact: Troy Ray  
GeoCache Outing, Bush Park, 890 Mission Street SE, Salem

Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup>- Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> ????- Host/Contact: Claudia Wise  
New Miner's Camp by McQuade Creek, Quartzville (location and time still TBD) ←

Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 10am-2pm- Host/Contact: Troy Ray  
LNF Jeeter Creek – Claim Maintenance/ Prospecting Outing

Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 7-9pm- Monthly Meeting at Clear Lake Church

Sunday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 10am-2pm- Host/Contact: Troy Ray  
LNF Jeeter Creek – Claim Maintenance/ Prospecting Outing

Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 7-9pm -Monthly Meeting at Clear Lake Church

Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 10am-2pm- Host/Contact: Troy Ray  
LNF Jeeter Creek – Claim Maintenance/ Prospecting Outing

Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 7-9pm- Monthly Meeting at Clear Lake Church

Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 10am-2pm- Host/Contact: Wes Jeffers  
Beverly Beach Outing, meeting at Day Use Parking lot, Newport

Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 10am-2pm- Host/Contact: Troy Ray  
River Rockhounding, Minto Brown or Keizer Rapids Park or ??? (final location TBD)

Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 7-9pm -Monthly Meeting at Clear Lake Church  
Christmas party planning and nomination of officers for January's election

Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 7-9pm -Monthly Meeting at Clear Lake Church  
\*\*\*This meeting is being held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, as Thanksgiving is on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday\*\*\*

2023 Millenium Diggers December Christmas Party – TBA

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