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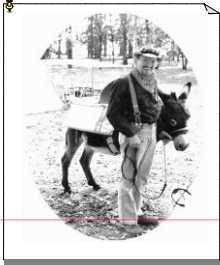
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**Please have all items for
the newsletter to me by
the 25th of the month**



WILLAMETTE VALLEY MINERS

October 2011

Meeting

October 20, 2011
7:00 pm

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President's Report

I would like to say
THANK YOU
At the last meeting you all showed me
what a
WILLIAMETTE VALLEY MINER
is made of and
I AM PROUD TO BE A MEMBER of
WVM

Your President
Eben Ray

If you have changed your email/phone number or address please let us know by sending a note to the club mail box.

Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2011

The Willamette Valley Miners monthly meeting was called to order by Pres. Eben Ray. The pledge of allegiance was led out by Joyce W.

As per sign-in sheet, we had 44 members, 1 new member and 1 guest attending out of a membership of 336.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

The financial report given by Treasurer Larry C. was approved. He announced he will be starting to accept 2012 membership dues at the Oct. 20th meeting.

Reports from: PAST OUTINGS/EVENTS - Wes J. reported the Clackamas County Fair, Aug. 16-21 was well attended and very busy. He had 6 WVM members who helped and the best dressed mining period costume prize went to another club's member (also helping).

Aug. 20 was the Mine Tour in the Bohemia District near Cottage Grove. This was led by Steve L. and Janie and all 16 people attending reported a fun, interesting day. Also they were furnished with a booklet of background information on the area which made for a thorough tour. Excellent job!

Aug. 23-28 was Briggs Creek with only a few making the trip. It proved to be a physical workout but excellent gold was found.

Sept. 2-5 (over Labor Day weekend) was Dad's Creek. Some gold was found with Sue M. reporting that 4 camps were there.

UPCOMING OUTINGS/EVENTS - Sept. 24-25 is Beverly Beach just north of Newport with Wes J. On Saturday, 10am, meet at the day use parking lot. He will have the necessary group permit for beach mining. Metal detectors will need to get their own permit at the park office.

Oct. 22 is the workshop/winterize equipment at Louie's Welding/Mfg. shop near Jefferson. Around 10am is the time, also bring your own winterizing tips to share.

Oct. 29 is the meeting to set-up next year's schedule of outings/events. This is held at the Jeff F. home in West Salem. Come prepared with ideas and ready to commit to helping the Club have a fun year.

CLAIMS - Another reminder, on the WVM #1 claim, the ODFW (dredge) waver permit must be on your person when mining there. Check with Larry C. to obtain this. Be sure to keep proof of labor forms filled out and turned in frequently on all claims used - don't wait until the end of the year.

RAFFLE TABLE - Jim P. and John M. were again filling this month and remind everyone to still buy EOMA/Waldo drawing tickets. Litigation is ongoing and fundraising is an ongoing must too.

LIBRARY - Howard C. would like everyone to watch your sign-outs and please return in a "timely manner" (others may be waiting)!

OLD BUSINESS - *John R. reports the t-shirt (etc) embroidery logo has been "prepared" at T-Patch. Items can be purchased at varying prices. (He advises their "time commitment" is sometimes questionable.) T-Patch is on Market Street in Salem.

*The question of other organization memberships for the Club: NWMA - Joe G. was not present to report. GPAA - we now have a packet to be looked at and we will discuss the particulars soon.

*Election of officers is coming in November. We will need to elect a Pres. and Vice Pres., so maybe volunteer or twist your friend's arm?? Treasurer and Secretary have volunteered to continue through 2012. What about some committee positions - volunteers needed!!

*Road closures: Eben had attended the SWOMA meeting (on his way to Briggs Cr.) and talked some on their thoughts of these closures and reaction/advice. Chuck C. had obtained a road closures map (available at Sweet Home or Detroit Ranger Stations) and talked some on this policy coming from "high-up" in the government. It seems most of these roads can be closed with no signage as such and there can be a fine of \$200. for using them if caught. More background info was given by Tom Q. and he told of an ongoing rift between BLM and Forest Service and the County Sheriffs on this plan. Bottom line seems to be, if stopped, stand up for yourself by asking the person for ID and business card and even a copy of this statute. This whole policy seems questionable. We need to pressure our congress people!

NEW BUSINESS - none addressed.

GOOD TO THE ORDER: Howard C. shared a sudden health concern of our member Steve Landis

(and wife Janie). We are all moved to help in some way if we can and with a heartfelt hope for speedy recovery. Motion was made for the Club to donate 2 month's rent to them. Seconded and approved.

Member's Corner

The workshop/winterize equipment gathering is coming on Saturday, October 22. The time is 10am and held at Louie's Welding/Mfg. Shop, 1307 Talbot Rd., Jefferson, Or. To get there, travel south from Salem on I-5 to exit 242, Talbot Rd. At the stop sign, go east and toward Jefferson 1 mile until you see Louie's Welding sign. You have arrived. We'll talk shop, equipment, GOLD, and winterizing tips. Bring your ideas too! Just a fun time to get together. Coffee and a Fall treat will be served too.(raisins??) Contact is Louie or Joan [541-327-1210](tel:541-327-1210) or cell [541-990-2621](tel:541-990-2621).

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 Call Dennis at [541-345-2275](tel:541-345-2275)

Only 3 Falcon Pin Point Detectors left at the old price. The price is going up and I can only get 3 more at the old price of \$219.95 each. The new price will be \$249.95 but the ability to pick out gold flakes the size of the period in this sentence will be the same. Tom @ Cascade Mountains Gold 503-606-9895

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