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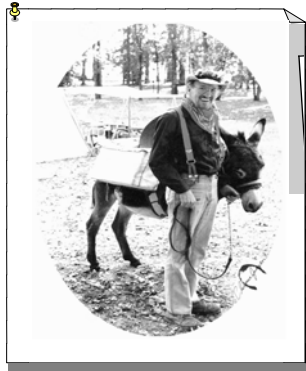
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Please have all items for the newsletter to me by the 25th of the month



WILLAMETTE VALLEY MINERS

December 2012

Christmas Party

December 1, 2012
7:00 pm @

December 1st – Christmas Party

January 19 – Tour Cottage Grove Museum/Bohemia Mining Museum

February 23 - Metal Detecting practice in Bush Pasture Park in Salem

President's Report

As the outgoing President, I would like to thank everyone for their support. I would also like to thank all the members who have stepped up and helped with the association. Without their hard work, there could be no association. And finally, I thank the new officers that are replacing the outgoing ones. A reminder that the DSL General Authorization annual reports are due by December 31st.

Please join us at the Christmas party on December 1st, it will be fun.

We are also asking that members who can make it, please come to Salem to be present at the Assumption 404 meeting. We need numbers. Please see the attached information on this in the government affairs area.

May even a spec of gold in your pan bring you smiles.
Jeff Farrand

Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2012

The Willamette Valley Miners monthly meeting was called to order by Pres. Jeff Farrand. We were led in the pledge of allegiance by John R. As per sign in sheet we had 52 members and 2 guests attending tonight.

The treasurer's report given by Larry Coon was approved. The tax papers for our 501c4 status have been filed and we're waiting confirmation. 501c4 does allow for lobbying too. Dues are being collected for yearly membership for 2013 and you

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 cont'd

have until March 1st to renew. We have a membership of 382. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

Reports from:

CLAIMS- 1. Larry C. reports that paperwork for the new Golden Dollar claim has been recorded. This claim is a gift to the club by Nick Cross and Ken Keenon. Motion by Don Esch and second by Eben Ray was approved to honor Nick and Ken with lifetime WVM memberships.

2. Reminder: DSL needs their yearly reports by Dec. 31st.

NEWSLETTER- none.

WEBSITE- Trudy and Boyd gave a rundown on some of the new site changes - WVM logo, font, classified ads, more pictures and updating of claims info and maps in progress. To access the member's only portion you obtain the password from our treasurer. And something to remember is from now on the password will be changed each January.

PAST OUTINGS- Nov. 10 was the metal detecting outing with Gary S. Seven people attended in good Fall weather but not much was found, just a lot of practice. It seemed like a good area that someone distributed "beat up" pennies. Odd.

GOV'T AFFAIRS- Glenn Z. reported that he had no meetings this past month. Dec 6th is a 404 Assumption (removal fill) meeting at 2-4pm in DSL on Summer Street, Salem. These kinds of meetings can be important for us to have a showing (numbers) of miners present, please think about helping out this way. Keep up with Glenn by joining his e-mail list. Tom Q. emphasized Waldo needing legal funds and also remember the 1/2 lb. gold drawing from EOMA - tickets can be bought at PO Box 932, Baker City, OR 97814. They are \$5. each or 6 tickets for \$25. Tom also talked some on "coordination" on Road Closures. This is a new term to learn more about in the near future (through SWOMA).

LIBRARY- Howard C. has spent time compiling an inventory list of the library -- no more having to dig through all the boxes unless you want. Please use the sign out sheets and follow up with returns too. Thanks.

RAFFLE TABLE- Gary S. reports a good show of donations for the table tonight. The big item being raffled tonight is a miner's hood (vehicle) ornament. After pleading his case for a new person to run the Raffle Table for next year, we now have a volunteer - Sam Seth. (Gary will now be a background advisor only) Thanks Sam.

OLD BUSINESS: 1. This meeting is our yearly officer election night. It proved quite lively with nominations and voting. Results are: Pres.- Eben Ray, Vice Pres. - Alan Mitchell and Mike Hunter (Jeff removed his name from nomination so he would be available to assist the new treasurer), Sec.- George Crutcher, and Treasurer - Jim Perkey.

2. Dec 1 is the Christmas Party, Howard C. is approved \$125 to get table decorations and supplies and prizes.

NEW BUSINESS: 1. This item is changing the signatures for signing WVM checks (banking). Motion by Kathy Puckett and second by Eben Ray was to remove Larry Coon and R. Joan Frick and then for 2013 add: Eben Ray (Pres), George Crutcher (Sec), Jim Perkey (Treas) with Jeff Farrand (assist treas.) This was approved.

2. The Audit will be held Dec 15, 10 am at Larry Coon home: 34826 Oakville Rd SW, Albany. Attending will be 2012 officers and new 2013 officers with members at large Kathy Puckett and Louie Frick.

GOOD TO THE ORDER- *Author Tom Bohmker is requesting any members with mining stories of Montana to please talk with him. You could become famous!

*Phil Worthington gave a short promo about joining LDMA, something to consider.

*Wes Jeffers announced all are welcome to the Clackamas County Fairgrounds in Canby on Dec 13-17 from 5-10pm to meet the members of GOLD RUSH (TV show) and also Wes will be doing a panning demo there. A fun time!

UPDATE on health of member Steve Landis -- In this trying and emotional time many good thoughts and encouragement and prayers are needed. Their address is: 1118 Lancaster Drive, PMB 308, Salem OR 97301

Meeting Adjourned

Submitted by: Joan Frick, secretary WVM

Events & Outings

December 1st (Saturday) is the Christmas Party.

It is held in our regular meeting room. It starts/opens 10-11am to decorate and organize. Potluck starts at noon-ish with the Club providing the meat and table service and water, coffee, hot choc, tea or you bring your own non alcoholic bev. and you bring the rest of the food -- be creative !! The meat cookers are: Gary E (turkey), Alan and Sue M (big ham), and Penny and Walt E. (ham). All this food event will be followed by a Wild and Crazy Gift Exchange (bring something under \$10. or a white elephant item). Next we also have Bingo with great prizes. So expect an afternoon of great foolishness, fun and socializing. See you there!!

In the new year - 2013 - January 19 will be a tour of the Cottage Grove Museum / Bohemia Mining Museum at 737 E. Main, Cottage Grove OR. Alan Mitchell will lead this so meet him at 10am at the Arco Station westside at Hwy 34 and I-5 south of Albany. Travel from there in a caravan and have an interesting day with your fellow WVM members and family.

February 23 get in some Metal Detecting practice in Bush Pasture Park in Salem. 10am near the soap box derby track on Mission Street. Rain or shine - be brave!

And thinking way ahead to March try more Metal Detecting on March 16 in Albany at TimberLinn Park just off I-5. And then comes the GPAA Salem Gold and Treasure Show at the State Fairgrounds, March 28-30. (plan to help with our WVM booth too).

Metal Detecting Sat Nov 10, 2012

The weather cooperated with us this year, no rain but it was a bit cool. 7 people came out to play with their metal detectors at Wallace Marine Park. I think everyone found some coins. There were many penny's found (most were in very bad condition) we suspect someone seeded the area with coins they didn't want to or couldn't cash in. Banks are a little picky on what they will take. We have no idea why, just guessing. We helped clean up pull tabs, bottle caps and other trash as well. I got a chance to try out my Garrett pin pointer and I really like it. I

would recommend it to anyone looking for that type of equipment.

Gary

Raffle Corner

Wow, Phil is on a roll! Yes, the very same Phil that won the big nugget last month won the nugget and the gold panner hood ornament this month. Thanks to all who bought tickets, his luck will run out soon (?) and then the rest of us will have a chance again. Ha Ha. Sam Seth will be taking over the raffle table next Jan. (no raffle in Dec) I will help him as long as he needs it.

Remember the white elephant gifts for the Christmas party, Wes will be giving you the ticket for the gift you bring. You cannot join in the tom foolery if you do not have the ticket.

Gary

Member's Corner Government Affairs

We promised our 404 Assumption stakeholders that we would not schedule another 404 Assumption meeting until we had significant information to share, and now we do. The Corps of Engineers has responded to our proposal for how to define and identify non-assumable waters.

Corps representatives will be attending the meeting to answer any questions the stakeholders may have regarding their involvement in state/federal streamlining. In addition, a member of EPA's headquarters staff who oversees the 404 assumption program nationwide will be making a presentation on how EPA is addressing key policy issues and challenges for states who want to assume. Finally, at the end of the presentations, we will have a very important policy discussion about next steps.

We are meeting on Thursday, December 6th at the Department of State Lands (see address below), Conference Room 201 from 2pm-4pm. Please be prompt as our agenda is full.


Eric Metz

Southern Region Manager--WWCD
Department of State Lands
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Dan @ 541-401-0922 (Sweet Home)

Willamette Valley Miners
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
PLEASE CLEARLY PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Name: **Last** _____ **First** _____ **M.I.** _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Why would you like to join WVM? _____

What special skills / work have you done _____

Would you be willing to receive your newsletter by email/website? Yes / No

Which committee/office would you be interested in? (Circle one) President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasure, claim, Events, Programs, Website, Newsletter, Government Affairs

Please check: New Member _____ **Membership Renewal** _____

Please accept my application for membership in the Willamette Valley Miners Club. I understand that the association is a non-profit organization of members with a common interest in small scale mining and Mineral prospecting and Education. I have read and understand the agreement below.

Annual Family membership dues - \$25.00.
Membership year begins in January for all members

Annual dues for individual or families including children under 18 years living in the same household.

As a member of the Willamette Valley Miners I hereby agree to abide by the rules and guidelines established by the association. A member may be removed from the membership by a vote of members at a normally held meeting if member is to be found violating the rules and guidelines.

I acknowledge that small scale prospecting may involve inherent dangers and I hereby release the Willamette Valley Miners, its officers, and claim holders from any and all actions, causes of actions, claims, damages, or injuries that may occur on any and all claims controlled by the Willamette Valley Miners, or other clubs who we share claims with. I further agree to hold the Willamette Valley Miners, its officers, and claim holders harmless from the results of any accident or incident that may occur while I am on said lands controlled by the Willamette Valley Miners or claims shared with others clubs.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

(Must be signed by spouse for family membership)

Amount enclosed _____

Please send application and remittance to:
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We Meet Third Thursday of
each month, 7:00 pm at
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