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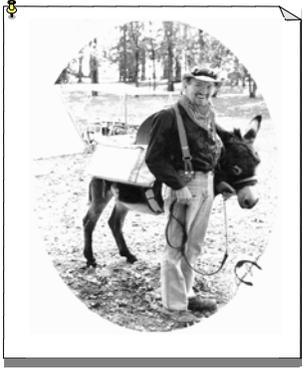
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**Please have all items for
the newsletter to me by
the 25th of the month**



WILLAMETTE VALLEY MINERS

April 2013

Next Meeting

April 18, 2013
7:00 pm @

April 19th and 20th
Rickreall Gem and Mineral Show

May 4th Mining Workshop

May 25-27 Vincent Creek Outing

President's Report

Greetings Miners

We have made a difference in our world this past couple of months with the legislative process. I feel pretty good about what we have done this far in our fight of bad bills. However we still need to keep the pressure on with our writing and watchdogging! If we let up then the greenies will jump. And this mess at the marble nut house goes on till June 30th. So keep up the watch and the e-mails, phone calls and handwritten letters. There are still some bad bills coming out every week.

There are a couple of good bills coming out and we need to work on getting them to go through legislation. So if you're interested in helping get some positive bills out and going, e-mail me and I will fill you in. Eben - miningisnotevil@yahoo.com .

GOOD FUN coming up the next few months May starts our gold finding outings. Vincent creek outing is at the end of May. There are several new members that are completely new and want to learn about our sport of prospecting and mining. Watch for them, introduce yourself, and teach. You might get a friend or even someone to help you load your pick-up later.

Eben

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

Minutes

March 21, 2013

Call to order – Pres. Eben Ray @ 7:02PM

There were 48 Members present with 4 Guests.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Jim Perkey and approved.

Miners' Rally was the first topic of the meeting, Eben thanked everyone that was involved in the Rally, which seemed to be a great success, and opened a lot of eyes. Our efforts really did count. Eben feels we will win in this session, however we need to keep up the letter writing effort and keep the pressure on.

Mike Hunter stated that there were papers that are present for all to take that show the extent of the green movement that is pushing this set of anti-mining laws.

There was a guest that was present that happened on the rally with his home schooled kids. They were taking a tour of the Capital and were able to get information on gold mining from the rally and now may join the club, and get the benefit of learning firsthand how the government makes laws and the process of making your voice be heard.

Jim Perkey said that the Club was running low on gold to salt the Gold Panning bags we sell at the Gold Shows.

A motion was made, seconded and passed, that Jim Perkey find a good source for this gold and purchase 1 oz. for this purpose.

Eben stated he was holding a class on letter writing at the Sublimity Fire hall on Sunday the 24th from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM and anyone interested should come.

Eben Ray closed the Meeting at 9:03 PM

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

March 25, 2013

On the 25th of March an emergency Executive Board Meeting was called by Jim Perkey. We met at Elmer's Restaurant.

Meeting was called to order at 7PM by Eben and turned over to Jim Perkey. He introduced Judy Lumberg to the Board. She is a tax consultant with H & R Block, with degrees in Accounting and Business Administration. Jim has been working on filing with Oregon Department of Justice. In April 2001, the club filed as a Domestic Corp. as a Public Benefit with members, which is a charity that we are not. Jim talked to Judy who said we fit better as a Mutual Benefit Corp with Members. There is no problem with changing the State Status we as a club already filed with IRS as Public Benefit Corp. Jim contacted them and found they have not taken action on our request yet. In order to change the filing we need to write a letter to withdraw our filing and if written correctly we MAY get our \$850 back. This also requires a change to the Club's Constitution and possibly the Bylaws.

Mike Hunter proposed that the Club change its status to Mutual Benefit None Profit Corp. and it was seconded and passed unanimously.

Jim Perkey made a motion to retain Judy's help with this change. A question was asked about the cost of this service, which will be \$250 and with this answer, motion was also seconded and passed unanimously.

Eben ended the meeting at 8:03 PM.

Events & Outings

Sat 3/16 was cool at 10:00 AM but about 12 brave members met at Timber Linn Park in Albany to do a little detecting. Most of us were chilled by about 11:30 so we went to Kentucky Fried Chicken for lunch & to get warmed up. By 12:00 it was raining and kept on raining the rest of the day. I think everybody found the usual trash and coins. I know 1 junk ring was found but despite the cool weather and the rain all in all it was a good time.

If we ever need rain we know we just have to have a club metal detecting hunt, I think the last three hunts maybe four we have been rained on.

Gary

Letter Writing Class

The letter writing class had 12 people attend and write a few letters. We were there for 4 hours by choice and had lively conversation and discussion. It was very informative and helpful, I believe. It also took the fear out of the process for some. Also we learned how to use the available on-line methods to find legislators and bills and how to track items of interest. If there is more interest I will put on another class just let me know at a meeting or by e-mail Eben miningisnotevil@yahoo.com.

GPAA Show

Members were well represented at the GPAA gold show for the set up on Thursday, and there were plenty of volunteers to set up and attend the activities in our booth. There were 30 new memberships and 20 renewals. At times it was very busy in our booth, and at one point I was handed a 50 dollar bill and was asked if they could have a 2 year membership. The next day as I was entering the information into the computer, I could find no application with the fifty dollar amount listed at the bottom of the application. So would the person who wanted the 2 year membership please call me. I apologize for this mix-up, and it only reinforces the need for the applications to be filled out completely. A hearty thank you to all the volunteers, and welcome to the new members.

Jim Perkey 503-390-7327

Future Outings

Rickreall Gem Show

Calling all new and old members!! This year's Rickreall event is going to be bigger and better for Willamette Valley Mining Association. We have been given all the space along our normal wall we can use. This will allow us to put on display a 4" dredge, a "Highbanker" and spread out the panning tubs. We have been told by the Director of the

show that the Salem-Keizer School District is going to send busloads of kids to the show on Friday April 19th and the morning of Saturday April 20th. There could be as many as 1500 young, eager, and impressionable minds to learn about small scale mining and how to pan for gold.

This is a fun event, but your participation is imperative if our organization is to provide a great experience for the kids, parents, and teachers Even if you have never held a gold pan in your life, come and learn from the best. Then, teach a kid to pan out a bag of sand with gold in it. By the time you leave, you too will be an expert and feel the joy of teaching others the truth about small scale mining. REMEMBER, gold fever, like love, is only of value when shared with others!!

Date: April 18th (Thursday) - Set-up 12 noon to about 5PM. Free spaghetti dinner served a 6PM. Need 6 to 8 people.

Date: April 19th - (Friday) - 9:00AM to 6:00PM
Need 8 people minimum to about 12 throughout the day.

Date April 20th - (Saturday) - 10:00AM to 6:00PM
Same number of people throughout the day.

Date April 21st - (Sunday) - 10:00AM to 4:30PM
6 to 8 people to man booth and help tear down. This is a great family event and the rocks and mineral specimens are WOW!!! **WE NEED YOU!**

Mining Workshop May 4th.

Jeff Barren is putting it on at the park at the Fire Hall #1 on Cordon Rd.
Plus a potluck.

Vincent Creek Outing in May 25 - 27

See your Member pack for map.

Start making your plans for this outing. Eben Ray is the contact person and I plan on being there.

Last year was a really good year for Vincent Creek people and we even had a dinner party. The weather is always a guess so plan on cold and possible rain for your clothing. Camping is abundant in the nearby area and we can fit any size traveling home.

There is also an RV park not far away. Bring your food and water. If you plan on having a fire, bring wood as what is there will still be wet. Highbanker combos work well here as well as sluices. Some have even brought 3" dredges and set them on the ground.

Make sure you bring your Member Dash Card as that's your pass to get into the Animal Protected Area that the Claim is in. Note it must be current. There is going to be a potluck and also there is a City wide Garage sale.in Sumpter the same weekend.

Member's Corner

The raffle table, which is a good fundraiser for our club, was a little skimpy of selection this time, and needs more participation from you members. I am sure that you all have items that your significant other thinks is an heirloom that you could sneak onto the table, and someone would love to have a chance at it. So dig through your stuff and let's fill up the table. The nugget was won by Rodney Chavez, and the 50-50 was won by Rick Stepper. At the gold show I was able to purchase some really nice nuggets for the raffle, and they are huge so be ready to get excited!

Government Affairs

They're back and they're BAD BAD. SB838 is SB115 + 5 year moratorium.

Since SB838 and SB401 will only have one public Senate hearing April 15th I thought it would be good for all miners to read SB838 again to show how this duplicates California suction dredge bill shut down. It is even worse, because you will not be able to use your off stream High-bankers or power sluices.

If you don't attend this committee hearing it may be the last chance to have your say, because both bills are referred to Ways & Means committee if they pass their first public hearing out of Senator Dingfelder's Senate Environment & Resource committee.

If you think you will be a renegade miner be my guest. **Punishes by maximum of one year's imprisonment, \$6,250 fine, or both. Snooze we**

lose and our mining equipment & Federal mining claims become worthless.

Write these fine people now or it will be too late. Testimony is what we need, be there and speak April 15th.

Sen.PeterCourtney@state.or.us is Senate President

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Sen.AlanOlsen@state.or.us **Thank this man for his help, he is on our side**

Your Name. Then Date written. Please make my comments part of the public record.

Describe in your own words why this bill will affect you.

Examples: Speak from your role as... a small-scale mining business owner, business owner such as RV Park, Student paying tuition with gold found suction dredging, miner need in the supplemental income used to upkeep your home, pay for your children's tuition etc.

Whatever your reason please write, e-mail and call--lawmakers need to hear why their voters want them to act.

NAME

ADDRESS

PHONE AND EMAIL

A link to use if you want to testify <http://www.leg.state.or.us/comm/testify.html> . If you don't want to testify show up as support. We need you there.

I'm going to get a shirt made. **Oregon Gold Miner. I Care.** Or something like that on a bright yellow shirt.

Good news! We have a couple of Bills to show support for: SB 732-2 and HB2841 they are the same just different sides of the building.

Greetings Senators:

There is a very important opportunity to bring SB 732-2 up for a hearing. Please schedule a time to hear it. It will show that this committee is also concerned for a balanced approach to regulating mining and protecting the environment. Without consultation to discover the harm to both sides of the issues, there will be a continuance of battling in the courts and costing the State of Oregon time and money that should be spent elsewhere.

SB 732-2 provides a basis for getting to the bottom of the issues, rather than a totalitarian, dictatorship approach, which certainly harms the public peace and welfare.

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