



# WILLAMETTE VALLEY MINERS

December 2013

**Christmas Party**  
December 7, 2013  
12:00pm

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See Calendar

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**Please have all items for  
the newsletter to me by  
the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month**

## December 7<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Party

## January Meeting - Our friend Monty will present during the January 16th meeting!!

## President's Report

Well, here we are again the end of the year and near the end of my days in office. I don't have much to say this month, other than our November meeting was back at our regular spot and pretty well attended. The meeting went pretty quickly and our new officers were elected. Give them your support and we will continue to have a successful Association.

Have a Very Merry Christmas and may your New Year be  
**GOLDEN.**

Alan

## Meeting Minutes

Nov. 21, 2013

**Meeting Started at 7:10 PM by Pres. Alan Mitchell**

Alan led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

We had one new member and one guest present.

Alan asked if everyone got their Newsletter or read the minutes and asked for a motion to accept them as read. Howard made a motion to accept them as read. It was seconded by Joyce and a vote was held and accepted.

**Treasurer's Report** was given by Jim Perky.

Howard made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as given by Jim Perkey. The motion was seconded by Mike. A vote was held and passed to accept the report as read.

Jeff reported for Claims. Larry has the waver for dredging on WVM 1 this winter if anyone needs it.

*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**

September, 2013

Vice president Mike talked about a Claim on E bay for access for physically restricted people and asked for permission to pursue looking into the possibility of acquiring the claim. Howard made a motion to look into it. It was seconded and passed.

The Christmas party is on the 7<sup>th</sup> fun to follow. There will be 2 turkeys cooked and one Ham furnished by the club the rest of the dinner is Potluck. A \$10 white gift limit for those that want to participate and fun for all afterwards. Decorating and setup will be at 10am and food will be at noonish.

Karen and Joe volunteered to bring Cookies to the next meeting in Jan.

We moved on to final nominations of officers and voting in new officers.

Jeff was nominated as President  
Eben Ray was nominated as Vice president  
Mike Hunter was nominated to be the other Vice President  
Jim Perkey will be running again for Treasurer  
Patty Perkey was nominated as Secretary

Voting was held for each position separately and all nominees were voted into office.

The meeting was then adjourned.  
Submitted by - George Crutcher

## **Past Outings**

There were 7 devoted treasure seekers at the fairgrounds outing, and we met at 10:00 am in the parking lot to take on energy for the hunt in the form of donuts and stimulating conversation. After heading off in different directions, everyone found some treasures but I think Louie found the most artifacts. The weather was dry and we all had a fun time. Anyone who would like to search the fairgrounds must obtain a permit from the State fair office.

It is currently run by the State Parks dept. but that may change after January, 2014.

## **Future Outings**

### **Bohemia Gold Mining Museum Outing**

January 18, 2014

The museum is open 1 to 4 pm.

For those wishing to caravan to Cottage Grove we will meet at the northeast corner of the Arco gas station (at the jct. of Hwy 34 and I-5) (the Corvallis/Lebanon exit) at 11:30 and leave from there about noon.

## **Members' Corner**

On November 16<sup>th</sup>, the officers and committee members came together to discuss where the association was, where it is and where it is going. We spent over 4 hours in discussion. We are looking to improve on how the meeting is done by making adjustments to the agenda. Programs will be done at the beginning lasting ½ hour, We are looking into more outsiders to put on our programs. The current Government Affairs issues will be printed and handed out at the beginning of the meeting to reduce some of the time spent in this area. A few members are volunteering to bring cookies or some form of snack to have during our 15 minute break, which is meant for socializing. We are hoping that the meetings will be done by 9.

The association started out as an educational means to preserving mining. Some feel that we have drifted away from the basics. We are hoping to get back to those basics in where we can take new members and teach them how to pan and sluice. As those members grow, then they can learn how to grow further, and hopefully they then will help others. We will continue to assist in preserving mining.

We are also looking into volunteer work to better our community, educate and do presentations, Also we want to get the information you need, out to you, in a timely manner so that you are better educated on issues and any meetings dates.

Some of this has been put in motion and other items will take time. All of this will take the memberships ability to step up and volunteer to make things happen.

Jeff Farrand

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