

Dear Members

I know that the lack of getting a newsletter lately is unfortunate, (I know that our newsletter editor is going through a rough time with the passing of her dad) but it is important that the November meeting be well attended because it is time to elect new officers. It is vital that the membership be willing to accept a more active roll in helping with the leadership positions and committees. Without member participation there is little hope for the continuation of this association. It seems that it's always the same core group that steps forward. When I became a member I knew that I would get out of it what I put into it, and the friendships that have developed are very important to me. I would hope that more members will step forward and become more active in the different roles. The past few years have been rather disheartening with all of the restrictions to our activities but we can still look for gold and have a great time at the outings and access our claims at our leisure. I truly value my membership with the association and look forward to a positive future.

Respectfully .. Jim Perkey

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 15th – Election of new officers

December 1st – Christmas Party

January 19th, 2019 – Workshop & Clean-up

Hello, Hello! This evening's meeting was called to order by Pres. Jim who also led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were no guests present tonight and only 22 members in attendance as per the sign-in sheet. Maybe the Blazer/Laker game had some of you staying home? Howard C. and I will furnish the snacks for next month. A friend of Jim's made available an ounce of gold that included some small, medium and large nuggets. WVM has purchased some of these for our monthly raffle and a larger one for a raffle to be held at our annual Christmas party.

Rick S. gave us the Treasurer's report covering our debits and credits for the month of September. Howard made the motion to accept the report as read, Art made the second and the motion was passed by vote.

Last month's newsletter and minutes had not been published by the time of tonight's meeting so there was no discussion held about that.

There also was no claims report since Larry C. is off playing in Arizona. Maybe he will have some nice gold to bring back.

About the past outings and events, Wes J. said the trip to Beverly Beach was a fun time. The weather was decent and everyone seemed to have a good time and all found some gold hiding in that black sand. There were about 25 people there altogether with 6 or so from WVM. The "Treasure Hunt" held at the Perkey's was attended by 12 members. Jim had planted about 80 pennies, 38 blank slugs and 9 numbered slugs that designated prizes. Top prize, a gold nugget, was won by Wes Jeffers. All had fun and enjoyed a tasty pot-luck, too. Not all the pennies and blanks were found except the one I found with the lawn mower. Ping! But, please note, this "hunt" was originally slated for November 10th so there will not be an outing now on that date.

Upcoming outings and events will be as follows. The most important is the election of new officers at the November 15th meeting. There were no nominations or volunteers tonight so please, won't any of you be willing to take the reins for 2019? We need a new President, Vice-President and Secretary to be sitting at this table and we will gladly help you get started. On December 1st is our annual Christmas party, held here at the meeting room, that includes a gift exchange and pot-luck lunch. If you wish to help set up tables and chairs and do some decorating we will meet here at 10:00 a.m. with lunch at noon. Then we'll do the gifts. These can be nice, or weird, and around the \$10.00 limit. And there is usually some stealing involved so be prepared. After all that, we'll play a few games of Bingo to try to win the table decorations. It will be great fun so please join in. We will be done with the frivolity by 4:00. Remember, there is NO meeting in December. On January 17th is our first meeting in the new year. On January 19th, 2019 will be a workshop at the Perkey's starting at 10:00 a.m.. Bring your concentrates from this last summer and the guys will help you clean them up or you can just come to watch and learn. This is a great time for any of our new members to see the different types of equipment and how they're used. And of course, there is the ever popular pot-luck lunch at noon. We all love to eat!

For Government affairs Mike H. was absent tonight but Tom Q. did state that there is another chance in the Ninth Circuit Court in regards to SB-3. Attorney Buchal presented a lengthy rebuttal and though there is one judge that is sympathetic to our cause we will just have to wait and see what that outcome will be. But hopefully things could turn around to allow us back in

the streams with motorized equipment. Also, BLM wants to raise their fees by 30%, or so, and Art said that that increase is in effect now as of October 1st. If you have a claim you should receive a notice from BLM in regards to the fee increases. If you don't hear from them you need to contact them soon.

At the end of the meeting Howard C. urges all of us to be sure to vote in this next election. It truly is important for us to make our wishes known and try to improve our governing body in Oregon. So, mail in your ballot or go to your voting station---VOTE!

Lastly, we extend our condolences to Amy Allen and her family in the loss of her Father.

Hoping to see you all next month. Patti Perkey, Sect.