



MILLENNIUM DIGGERS ASSOCIATION Keizer, Oregon



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CLAIMS OFFICER: Claudia Wise

Meeting Minutes from April 27th, 2017

Call to Order: We all stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Ken called the meeting to order and welcomed all guests.

Attendance: After everyone had signed in, we had a total of **18** including 2 guests. Our VP George was not present due to illness.

Secretary's Report: Penny said she sent out the minutes to everyone on Wednesday and had a hard copy of the minutes with her if anyone needed it. The minutes are recorded on a "voice recorder", so everything written down is "verbatim". It took her a long time writing them up, so please take the time to read them! There is a lot of good info there. A motion was made to accept the minutes, seconded and passed by all.

Senate Bill 3 update: Karen said it is now in the house, the Energy and Environment committee. It passed the senate floor. Penny brought a copy of the latest report. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday May 3rd.

Treasurer's Report: Joe said we didn't have any outflow this month, but we had income from our raffle and membership. At this point we have 31+ members who are up-to-date with this year's dues. So the treasury looks good. A motion was made by Tammy to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Terrie and passed by all.

MMAC/Washington DC update: Joe said the US government got involved; the military stepped in with our bills and fast-tracked them; because of the need for mined minerals for the National Defense. Called "**National Defense Authorization Act**"; and what is real good for us is that the State or Forest Service will have *no authority* over mining on federal land. Once MMAC oversees that all the mining districts are all on the same page, they will get the MOU with the BLM in place. Then the mining district officers will be running their mining district.

Claims Report: Claudia: For our 2 new claims, we need someone to go to both claims and put up the yellow, metal "Federal Mining Claim" signs and help mark corners (no volunteers). Our new claim is in the NSMD on the Little North Fork by 3 Pools and is called the **Golden Crown ORMC #173475**, and the other is located in the Quartzville Mining District on Dry Gulch and is called the **Golden Digger ORMC #173434**. Penny showed the signs she made for both claims.

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Millennium Digger Members can support MMAC with a Silver Membership of \$30.

Memorial weekend- May 26th thru May 29th (and/or longer): SUNSTONES –

Penny will be the contact person for this outing. Her cell number is 503-508-6582, and home phone is 503-588-9251. She plans to send out a map of how to get there and where we will be camping. More detailed info on this is pending. We will talk more on this at May's meeting. (We probably wouldn't leave until Saturday May 27th and plan to go for at least 5 days.)

June 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th: Miners Meadow camp out on Quartzville Creek for all Millennium Diggers members – We'll get together for a camp out and potluck and walk our new claim, **Golden Digger**. Check in is 2 pm Monday June 12th; Check out is 11 am Thursday June 15th. The Maximum number of people allowed in campground is 50. Maximum number of cars is 20. If you are planning to join us on this trip contact Claudia by Text 541-990-7009 or email notsowise_55@yahoo.com. **First come first serve.**

Directions: From Sweet Home, Oregon go east on U.S. Highway 20. Approximately one mile out of town turn left on the Quartzville Access Road heading towards Green Peter Reservoir and Quartzville Creek. Old Miner's Meadow is located approximately 25 miles up the road on the right, about 1 mile past Yellowbottom Recreational Site.

-Penny wants to remind everyone that the trommel is parked at her place, with a working motor (in garage).

May's Letters "G and H"

Our Meeting on June 25th: Guest Speaker: Bill Krause will give us a presentation on **flint knapping!** Chuck and Wes and Tammy know him from Northwest Mineral Prospectors in Portland.

Raffle Drawing - We need more raffle items so please bring something to add to our raffle table.

Meeting Adjourned

OUR NEXT MEETING IS Thursday May 25th @ 7:00pm Be There!

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