



MILLENNIUM DIGGERS ASSOCIATION Keizer, Oregon



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Meeting Minutes from July 27th, 2017

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

Attendance: After everyone had signed in, we had a total of **21**, including 4 guests: Glenn Clasen, Bob Berela, and Erick and Linda Carey

Secretary's Report: Penny was not present- Terrie recorded meeting on her phone.

Treasurer's Report: Joe gave the report. A motion was made to approve, it was seconded and all were in favor.

Claims Report: In order to qualify for the Maintenance Fee Waiver, on our Affidavit of Annual Assessment Work, we must show proof of labor. Claudia asked that everyone who worked on any of our claims: to please provide in writing, to her: how many days worked, what the dates were, and who else helped. She had extra forms to fill out with her; also the forms were emailed to everyone when the newsletter was sent out. She needs these forms BEFORE Sept. 1st.

Guests: Ken asked for our guests to introduce themselves: **Bob Berela**, lives in Salem, he's interested in prospecting, metal detecting, gold prospecting and rock hounding. Tammy asked if he had ever done any of those things, he replied "No, just curious". Joe commented "I think he meets the primary criteria, and that's curiosity". **-Rick and Linda Carey** are full time RV'ers. They have spent a lot of time in Arizona, panning in areas known for gold prospecting; in Tucson, Sierra Vista and Prescott Valley. Linda turned into a full-fledged rock hound. Rick bought her a Gold Bug for Christmas, but she has yet to use it. They live in Eugene, saw an advertisement in the paper about the M Diggers and decided to come to a meeting. **Glen Clasen** is now a member; he is Mitch Clasen's brother (recent member).

Senate Bill 3 update: Claudia talked with Tom Quintal (of WVM), and he said the bill had passed and has been signed by the Governor. Now we are waiting for DEQ to write up the new permits; it may take some time. -So until those permits are made official, last year's state laws are still in place.

MMAC update: Joe said MMAC has rejected the application for membership of the Quartzville Mining District. The Quartzville mining district met on November 12th, 2016, the same day as the North Santiam Mining District met. NSMD not only organized but also wrote up the By-Laws which were formalized on March 3rd, 2017.

Of the officers in the Quartzville district, only one has a valid mining claim in that district, and has a gold membership with MMAC. The officers signed a contract saying they were claim owners and would join MMAC with a gold membership. They have not followed through. All of the officers of a proclaimed mining district must each own a valid mining claim in the district, with paperwork to prove it is in their name. That is the minimum requirement in order to be an officer of a mining district.

Quartzville M D was rejected because they didn't submit their paperwork or meet the requirements to form an official organized mining district. Their president, Mike Hunter has reached out to all the officers, but couldn't get anywhere. They have been notified by Joe (MMAC adviser) that they need to follow through with the necessary steps that have been laid out. He has not heard back from any of them, and it's been 8 months. So the "Quartzville Mining District" is now non-existent.

So on **September 30th, at 11:00am in Sweethome at the Skyline Inn on Hwy 20**, the "**Santiam Mining District**" will hold their first meeting; to modify and re-organize following the example set by NSMD; with MMAC advisors and MMAC members, each owning claims in the district, will form the five (5) officers necessary: Penny, Walt, George, Joe and Claudia. -In the historic mining records at the Linn County clerk, Claudia and Joe found that the later (and wrongly) named Quartzville M. D. was originally called the Santiam Mining District. That is the official name, then and now.

On October 7th, the Ochoco Mining District will hold their first meeting; to update and modernize their district in keeping with MMAC's advisors.

Joe and Claudia will keep us informed of the meeting dates of both the Santiam Mining District and the Ochoco Mining District. Those dates will be listed in the ICMJ as well.

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Claudia said if any M Diggers member has not yet received their Membership/Claims Packet, to let her know and she will get one for you.

Upcoming Outings/Events: September 30th Beverly Beach, meet @ 10:00 in the day use parking lot. It is 7 miles south of Newport. Wes and Tammy host this event, and they call it "mining on the beach to find gold". If you arrive later: After parking in the day use parking lot, walk north up the beach (it's about a mile walk), to a small creek flowing in. It will be pretty obvious; you'll see a small crowd of miners there working the creek. Bring a small bucket or two, a hand trowel and a shovel and a couple gold pans, even a small sluice if you have one (and something to drink/eat-make it special!) There will be plenty of others there for this event that will help in recovering the extra heavy black sands that the extra fine gold is in. Wes says he's always got extra equipment (buckets, pans, shovels) for anyone in need. The tide will be low on this date.

He says that if anyone finds a sluice box washed up in the beach sands, he will gladly reward them with a nice gold nugget! He lost his sluice after a "sneaker wave" inundated him and Tammy as it hit; it was over their heads! Tammy was knocked down by a huge tree stump that came tumbling on top of her with the wave. She very easily could have lost her life! How totally terrifying that must have been. Wes's sluice was lost because of that sneaker wave. Maybe it will be found during this outing.

Break Time and Raffle Ticket Sales: Raffle tickets are now on sale for the 50/50 drawing and the Christmas drawing. There are 2 special prizes for the Christmas Drawing, a rocker cradle and a real nice knife. All raffle Tickets are \$1.00. Lots of sales!

July's Letters are "K and L": Nobody brought in any treasures to share this time.

August's Letters are "M and N": Examples: Mercury, marcasite, marbles, malachite, mica, microcline, my treasures, mega-cool.. - Natrolite, neptunite, nickle, nifer, neat finds, new rocks, not rocks?

OUR NEXT MEETING IS Thursday August 24th @ 7:00pm Be There!

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