



**MILLENNIUM DIGGERS
ASSOCIATION
Keizer, Oregon**



Secretary/Editor: Penny Esplin

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TREASURER/MEMBERSHIP: Joe Greene

Claims Officer: Claudia Wise

Meeting Minutes from March 22nd 2018

Call to Order: Ken was not present, so VP Terrie presided. We all stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Terrie called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Attendance: After everyone had signed in, we had a total of **14** in attendance, including 1 guest.

Secretary's Report: Penny said she just got the minutes/newsletter from March 1st emailed just before tonight's meeting. She brought 2 copies for anyone who wants to read it. A motion was made to accept the minutes as stated, Tammy seconded and it was approved by all.

Treasurer's Report: Joe was not present, but Claudia had the information from him, "He's in Arizona, spending all our money, and when he gets back, he hopes there's some money left" A motion was made to accept, it was seconded and approved by all. (LOL, joke aside, we will wait for Joe Greene to get back and give the treasury report.)

Introduction of our Guest Speaker: Tom Bohmker. His 50th year involved in mining, and he's still enjoying it! His mining began from being hired as a consultant, learning on the job and doing some exploration in the mercury mines down around San Luis Obispo.

Tonight he talked about "Weathered Rock". He passed around some samples of different kinds weathered rock, what oxidized rock looked like found at the surface, and the same rock found 200 ft below the surface, not yet affected by oxidation and chemical weathering. They both looked quite different, and both were gold ore from the same mine in California. His talk was very involved, and 8 hours would still have not been long enough! He has so much to teach and is so experienced and full of knowledge. We were all so engrossed with what he had to tell us.

Break Time and Raffle:

Second Part- Tom's next slide show had to do with **RESEARCH**, and it is one thing he really stressed when tracking down a hopeful mining claim; Research, research, research. Gather all the info and

knowledge you can from any and every source you can get information from. And then seek it out, talk to the local people in the area. Test pan the drainages and hillsides around the area. And if you were at the meeting, there was so much more Tom had to tell us. He also had a bunch of his gold specimens for sale, along with some of the books he wrote.

We all were quite impressed with his presentation. And we want to say ***“Thank You Tom! We were honored to have you share with us and we hope to see you here again real soon!”***

The Letters for Tonite “W,X,Y,Z”-Claudia brought some of her Zircon she found while in Cambodia, she had some of them faceted and they were gorgeous! She had a lot!

Umpqua Gem and Mineral Show Sat May 5th and Sun May 6th held at the Douglas Co. Fairgrounds in **Roseburg**. Hours: Sat 9:00-5:00 and Sun 10:00-4:00

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Schedule of Outings for 2018:

Here are a couple suggestions:

-You should bring your metal detectors with you to all outings!

-A trip to our Golden Digger's claim on Dry Gulch (need to talk w/Claudia, could sync w/Miner's Meadow camp trip...or????)

-Ken is willing to take a trip to Hampton Butte, 52 miles east of Bend. For anyone who wants to look for petrified wood, common opal, quartz crystals and agate. A good time is guaranteed; you will find that special rock! He usually goes for a day trip, but up to you if you want to stay and camp in the area.

-Sunstones- end of May. Penny, Walt and Terrie are for sure going.

-Ken is going to McDermitt in May, where he can find: apple green jasper, purple agate with red-spot jasper.

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REMEMBER TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR! The Digger's camp trip to Miner's Meadow Thursday June 7th thru Monday June 11, 2018 Located on Quartzville Creek in Linn County. **Note:** *This is a for sure outing; Claudia has reserved this spot for us way ahead of time.*

Letters for our next meeting are "A and B"

Meeting adjourned

Our next meeting will be on Thursday April 26th @ 7:00