



**MILLENNIUM DIGGERS
ASSOCIATION
Keizer, Oregon**



Secretary/Editor: Penny Esplin

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CLAIMS OFFICER: Claudia Wise

UPDATE ON CHRISTMAS PARTY: George has reserved the Rec Hall for us at his mobile home park. Our party is scheduled for **Saturday Dec 14th from 12:00 - 6:00**. It is going to be a **potluck** (as before), and everyone that comes needs to bring a gift to put under the tree for the party. There will be a grand prize gift as well (Ken is taking care of that). **BUT**, if you plan to come and can bring something for the potluck, **please** call me (Penny) or email me and let me know what you're bringing.

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Meeting Minutes from October 24th, 2019

Call to Order: Ken led us in the Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance: There was a total of 16 of us, including our special guest speaker, Howard Conner (WVM).

Guest Speaker: Howard Conner of the Willamette Valley Miners came and gave us a talk about "DISASTER PREPAREDNESS" *Part 1*. -In this segment (a "wake-up call"), he gave us a detailed overview about the geology regarding "the ring of fire", the tectonic plates and how the effects of their movements affect us. The subduction zones off Oregon's coast. The promise of a pending major offshore earthquake and the resulting horrific Tsunamis to follow. Even here in the valley, far from the ocean, we may still be impacted from the titanic waves surging up the Columbia and the Willamette Rivers. This information he gave us is of extreme importance, because it alerts us to the reality of disaster in the making, here, in Oregon and how vulnerable we are. He also passed out some booklets to study on different threats and ways of survival.

Howard will be back in January or February with *Part 2* of his talk on SAFETY and PREPARADNESS FOR SURVIVAL. How to protect yourself during an earthquake. What if you get lost in the woods? He will tell us how to be prepared and the necessities to keep on hand at home and/or in your car. We all

thank you Howard for alerting us and sharing your knowledge, expertise and time. We look forward to Part 2!

Breaktime: Thanks to all who brought snacks! It makes breaktime wonderful!

Call to Order: Ken conducted our Official Meeting.

Secretary's Report: Penny read September's meeting minutes from off her laptop. Due to tech problems, no one had received it by email. But, there were some important matters in it we needed to talk about, such as: Planning outings/events, setting dates. Our Christmas party, we need to schedule the place and date. George said he would contact Penny when he finds out the date we can use the rec hall at his place, as in the past. A motion was made to approve the minutes as read, seconded and passed by all.

Treasurer's Report: Bank account looks good, no activity. Motion made to approve, was seconded and passed by all.

Officers: Looking for replacements for: President, V.P., and Treasurer. For 2020!

New Business: **Chuck** said he had collected signatures to recall the governor. It didn't make the ballot. He announced that the Oregon Fire Arms Federation (OFF) had sent an email stating that Gov Kate Brown had obtained enough signatures to get Measure 40 on the ballot. He subsequently contacted the elections division of the Attorney General's Office. He was informed that Measure 40 **would not** be on the November 5th ballot this year. But the person he contacted said "*Initiative 40*" will likely become a measure on the 2020 November ballot.

Included in the initiative:

- Mandatory locks on all guns in your house.
- If a gun is stolen from you, you will be held responsible.
- Ammunition: only a limited amount can be purchased. If you need to purchase more, you'll have to do another background check.

The Attorney General will write this up to look pleasing to the voting public, so they will want to vote for this measure.

-Chuck said, "I never go anywhere without my firearm."

Claims: Any maintenance work done? Give reports to Claudia (scan report on your printer and send in email to Claudia). We will lose our claims if we don't report our maintenance work before December 31st. The form is included at the end of this newsletter.

Claudia's email address: notsowise_55@yahoo.com

-Christoph was down on Briggs Creek @ our DT's #1 claim for about a week. To access our Fossil Flats claim, you must enter by way of Soldier Creek, because the way in through the meadow is blocked. He said it looks like the Fossil Flats area did not get burned! Up on the mountain sides yes, but not by

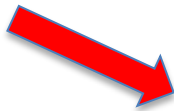
the creek. That's wonderful news! Because the camping areas down there on the creek are so nice and shaded. It would have been such a loss if those wonderful shaded spots had burned up. The trees are huge and it would take many, many years for any to grow back as big as they are.

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Sad News: Marvin's wife Sherri was just recently diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, which is a devastating blow. Marvin and Sherri will need our heartfelt support during this scary time. So, we agreed to send them a card from all of us. -Penny will take care of this.

And, Claudia got a hold of Tim Floyd and asked him if he was going to renew his membership, as we haven't seen him for a couple years. He said he has been thoroughly occupied taking care of his sister, who is suffering stage 4 cancer. It's taking quite a toll on him. He may come back after the first of the year, but not sure. We all agreed to send him a card on behalf of the club.

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*PS: Maybe at the Christmas Party, Ken and Terrie can relay some of the highlights to us from their cross-country trip and show us some of the rocks they brought back. They returned with a total of 850 pounds of rocks!*

**FOR SALE!** 2 inch dredge never used \$800.00. Contact Chuck 775-513-3106



**FORM FOR REPORTING MAINTENANCE WORK DONE WHILE ON MILLENNIUM DIGGER CLAIMS.**

Your Name:

Name of Claim:

Date(s) Worked:

Description of Maintenance Work (Labor) Performed:

*(example: clearing trail, removing hazardous obstacles, shoring up embankments, prospecting, etc. Cleaning up garbage will not count as "maintenance". Actual mining and/or working the claim itself does not count either)*

How Many People Involved:

Hours of Labor Involved:

Your Signature:

Please fill out this form, sign it and give to Claudia **by August 1st**, so she can submit the MAINTENANCE FEE WAIVER to BLM.

If you have a claim, remember to file your paper work in time. The Maintenance Fee Waiver Certificate is due to BLM before Sept 1<sup>st</sup> (no filing fee). And the Affidavit of Annual Assessment Work is due before Dec 30<sup>th</sup>. It needs to be notarized and recorded by the county clerk for a fee (in the county where claim is located), then sent by certified mail/return receipt requested to BLM to get recorded and time stamped and returned to you. Be sure to include a \$10.00 check to BLM for the filing fee.

**Our next meeting is next year! Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020 at 7:00**

Visit our website at <http://www.millenniumdiggers.com/>

**Our meetings are held at:**  
**Clear lake Methodist Church**  
**920 Marks Drive**  
**Keizer, Or**