



**MILLENNIUM DIGGERS
ASSOCIATION
Keizer, Oregon**



Secretary/Editor Penny Esplin

PRESIDENT- Troy Ray

VICE PRESIDENT- Christoph Schmidt

TREASURER- Penny Esplin

Meeting Minutes from June 24th, 2021

Meeting Called to Order: We met outdoors. After we recited the Pledge of Allegiance, Troy called the meeting to order.

Attendance: 15: Including new member Annie and newest member Paislee (Christoph and Sophia's *brand-new baby* (only 72 hours old!))

Treasurer's Report: Penny gave Troy another check for membership dues to deposit and a blank check for Miner's Meadow reservation. A motion was made to accept the report as read, was seconded and approved by all.

Secretary's Report: Troy read the minutes from May's meeting. Wes made a motion to accept, was seconded and passed by all.

New Business: Troy talked with Marlea about when and if the church will open up the Fellowship Hall again. She said after the 4th of July the church will have a meeting to decide on that.

Claims: If anyone has been to any of our claims, maintenance paperwork needs to be filled out and given to Penny or Troy (?) or Claudia(?) **way** before the end of August!

Notice: No access to our Jeeter claim, Little N Fork has been closed and will remain closed until further notice due to fire damage.

Events/Outings:

TONITE: We had the pleasure of being treated to STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE by David Schmit! He has made this an annual event and we all felt so special and loved it! We all want to thank David for his time and special attention to detail for this customized treat! (*oops, I almost didn't catch the fact I had left out the "r" in treat! fixed it! PE*)

Beverly Beach Sat June 26th at 8:30am -10:00am. The weekend forecast to be EXTREMELY HOT, above 105 degrees here in the valley. The coast will be WAY cooler, by at least 40 degrees cooler directly on the beach. And the tide will also be extremely low. So, join Wes and Tammy with members of WVM and Digger's at the beach for a good time staying cool!

Steam-Up on Sat July 24th and Sun July 25th AND Sat July 31st and Sun Aug 1st. It is best to purchase your tickets **online** so as to shorten the ticket booth line. WVM will have a booth there both weekends, in a nice shaded spot under some trees. If you go, stop by their booth for a visit!

Brigg's Creek/Fossil Flats: If anyone has plans to go, please let Troy know. Claim maintenance and paperwork needs to be done.

Rock Show in Rickreal (WAM's) **Fri August 20th, Sat. 21st and Sun 22nd** will be held outdoors at the Polk Co fairgrounds in Rickreal. Lots of good stuff to be had! AND Don Esch has his booth there AND Ken Orndorff is coming up from New Mexico and will have his booth open as well. It will be good to see him!

Pot Luck at Don's on Sunday August 29th. WVM members will be there as well. We can discuss this further at next meeting.

AND Don says that anyone who wants to go up to his place is welcome **ANYTIME!**

Miner's Meadow has now been reserved for Fri Oct 22nd thru Sun Oct 24th. We discussed inviting WVM to join us there, A motion was made, seconded and passed. Yes, we are inviting WVM to join us.

Government Affairs that Affect Us:

-**Brigg's Creek/Fossil Flats is now ESH** (Essential Salmon Habitat) and so is Troy's new claim up on the Calapooya, it has been taken as well.

-Washington State has issued a new Gold and Fish pamphlet (May 21st) that replaces the former Fish and Water Pamphlet that doubled as a dredge permit. As of last March in Washington, dredging was banned in Washington in all rivers labeled ESH, just like Oregon did. -Troy passed the pamphlet around.

-**Oregon's River Democracy Act (Federal Bill) S192 - 2021** which was sponsored and introduced by Ron Wyden on 02/03/21, went to committee on June 23rd. It is 284 pages. -Every single creek in Oregon is listed (except Dry Gulch) and they will all be "Closed to Mineral Entry"

-Cape Disappointment has new rules that are covered in the new Gold and Fish Pamphlet, this now has banned the use of Gold Cubes on the beach. New regulations are non-motorized (battery or fuel) and sluices cannot have more than 10 sq ft of surface space.

-On May 1st, WA Gov. Jay Inslee signed a bill ESHB 1261 which bans all offshore mining and exploration. This includes all Motorized, Non-Motorized and Gravity Syphons setups.

-Oregon's HB2594 puts people's private property into conservation trust, that bill is currently in the House Committee on Water.

-All the bills seem to be about water. We need to look up representatives we can contact, and contact them!

Good to the Order:

-Penny, Walt and Terrie showed the rocks they brought back from Plush area. Some had hyalite opal on them, looks like glass frog eggs, glows green under shortwave UV light. And the associated rocks were a kind of opal, apple green to yellow in color and very intriguing.



ALSO:

-Christoph and Sophia's new baby Paislee was born on Sat June 19th

-Christoph's car, a Mazda 323, was stolen June 19th

-Troy found Christoph's car at the Salem Hospital parking garage 2nd floor on Sunday. It had been spray painted.

-Troy wants to give us a presentation (slide show) on his trip to Cripple Creek Colorado at our next meeting.

-He wants us to think about future presentations/demonstrations and who or what we would like to see. Things we are interested in. Think about it.

Meeting Adjourned



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