



MILLENNIUM DIGGERS ASSOCIATION Keizer, Oregon



Secretary/Editor Penny Esplin

PRESIDENT- Troy Ray

VICE PRESIDENT- Christoph Schmidt

TREASURER- Penny Esplin

Meeting Minutes from September 23rd, 2021

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

Attendance: We had 7 members attend. John Stepsisnek (is a member and president of WVM) attended. We currently have 17 paid members and 17 unpaid members (from last year's numbers). No new members last month.

Treasurer's Report: Troy read the current balance of our checking account. It looks good. John made a motion to nominate Penny as our treasurer, Tammy seconded and was approved by all. That's all well and good, but official voting cannot be done without all the board members present. Penny was not present, neither was Christoph. So, this meeting was considered a "gathering", not a formal meeting.

As it stands, Troy and Penny share the treasurer's responsibilities anyway. So far it is easier this way

Secretary's Report: Troy read August's minutes. A motion was made, seconded and approved by all.

Claims Report: Claudia is our Claims Officer. Need to reimburse her for doing our claims paperwork.

For our **Jeeter Creek** claim, (Remember, Little North Fork Rd remains *closed to the public*). Our claim is now accessible to **our members with the following requirements:**

-A copy of the **Special Use Permit #2120** must be **signed by the member** attending and **displayed in the windshield** of the car parked at either of the parking areas at the trailheads that lead to the claim. (***Please see below**)

-Our claim's parking areas (currently no parking fee) are located on either side of **milepost 4**, we are not to go past the bridge beyond milepost 5. If you are found beyond this area, you are in violation of the Fire Closure and would be subject to a fine or arrest.

***If you plan to go to our Jeeter Creek claim, you need to first contact Troy 503-330-3169 so he can forward the permit and code to you. Access is limited to PAID MEMBERS ONLY.**

The second trail is the one we've been working on, so it is quite doable. Parking is where the blue outhouse is and a sign in the tree beyond says "CLOSED TO PUBLIC ENTRY". (It is just after milepost 4)

-Jeeter Aug 29th: Troy, Don and Terrie went to do some trail maintenance on second trail. Don brought a battery powered weed eater. They got the trail looking good.

-Jeeter: Sept 8th: Troy and McKenzie Dukes went to Jeeter (see pictures below). Troy took his sluice and spent a lot of the time adjusting and readjusting the slant and water flow and working out the details of the sluice. He did get some small stuff, and McKenzie used his own sluice and recovered about ¼ gram of gold of fairly good size (for LNF) within a couple hours! He had a good hole that day, Troy says.

Jeeter Sept 26th: Penny, Walt and Terrie went to our claim and did more trail maintenance and improvements on the second trail, mostly removing blackberry briars from the first part of the trail, descending, it parallels the road. The blackberries will need routine maintenance to keep them in check. For people, with shoes on, they aren't much of a problem. But the thorns criss crossing the path are evil on doggie toes, they don't have shoes on! And those thorns are not nice! We are trying to eliminate them! During the winter, they should be dying back. -Access to the river was quite nice, the water was fairly low, we brought back some moss and black sand to pan at home.

-If you go to any of our claims, please get a Claim Maintenance slip from Troy and fill it out and return it to Troy or Penny and we will make sure Claudia gets it for our future claims paperwork.

Outings/Events: Tammy and Wes hosted another outing to Beverly Beach on October 2nd. They were joined by members of the WVM. It was a beautiful day; everyone was happy they went. Pictures from the event are posted below.

-There were no sneaker waves! But there was a time, at Beverly Beach a couple years ago, when a large sneaker wave rushed in, and picking up a huge tree stump, washed right over Tammy, wave and tree crashing down on her, tumbling her helplessly and scaring her to death! That could have been deadly. I think her foot was injured from it. What a supremely frightening experience!

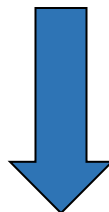
Miner's Meadow camp trip is scheduled for the weekend of **Friday October 22nd thru Sunday October 24th**, which is the weekend before Halloween weekend. WVM will be attending along with the Mid-Valley Prospectors.

PLEASE READ THE EMAIL FROM TROY WITH THE DETAILS FOR THIS OUTING!

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

Meeting Adjourned

SEE BELOW FOR SOME RECENT PHOTOS:



HERE ARE SOME PICTURES TAMMY TOOK WHILE AT BEVERLY BEACH ON OCT 2nd.



Here is John looking all jazzed with his trusty bucket.

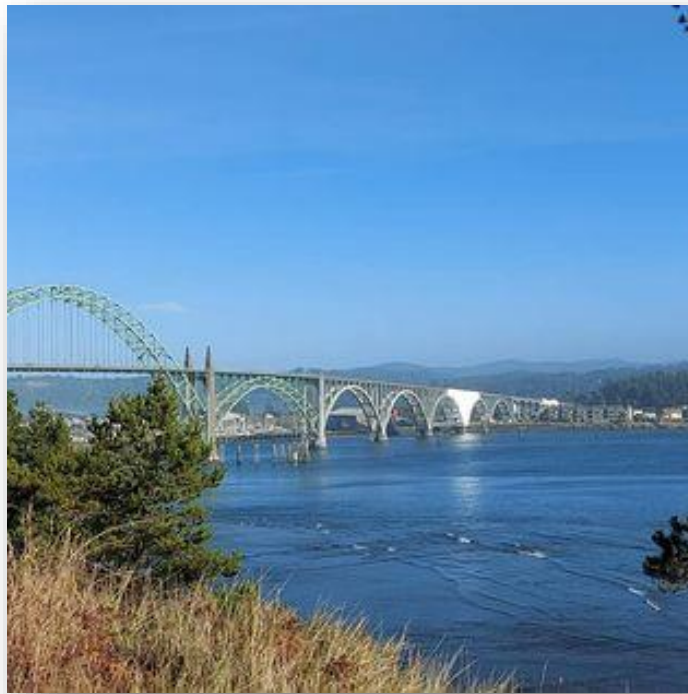


Some of the WVM members mining on the beach



Wes showing how it's done





SUNSET AT THE BEACH (Penny)

PHOTOS OF OUR JEETER CREEK CLAIM (2ND TRAIL) from Troy



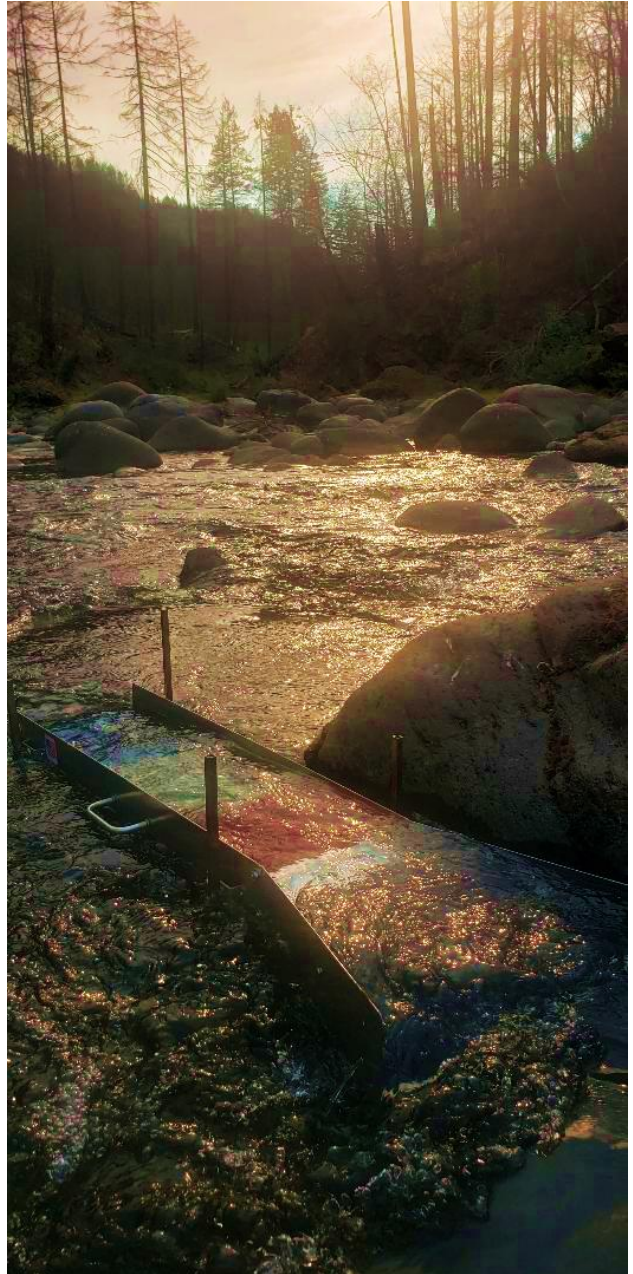
LOOKING UPSTREAM



LOOKING DOWNSTREAM



The gold McKenzie found with Troy on Jeeter claim, and what it weighed on the scales.



The sluice boxes are set to catch the gold!