



**MILLENNIUM DIGGERS  
ASSOCIATION  
Keizer, Oregon**



Secretary/Editor Penny Esplin

**\*PRESIDENT- Troy Ray\***

**\*VICE PRESIDENT- Christoph Schmidt\***

**\*TREASURER- Penny Esplin\***

**Meeting Minutes from January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**Meeting Called to Order:** Troy and his wife Crisha again invited us to hold our meeting in their garage. After the Pledge of Allegiance, Troy called the meeting to order.

**Attendance:** There were 7 members present.

**Voting for New Officers:** Terrie volunteered to take over as Treasurer starting in February. Yay Terrie!

**2022 Officers**

Troy - President,  
Christoph - Vice President  
Terrie - Treasurer  
Penny - Secretary/Editor

The election was passed and approved by all.

**Treasurer's Report:** Make check out for Claudia for Claims paperwork.

**Secretary's Report:** Troy read the minutes from October's meeting. A motion was made to accept, it was passed and approved.

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

**\*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.**

-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 claim's paperwork.

**In the News: Jeeter Creek** It has been clear cut all the way from the road to the water, because of falling trees and hazards from the fire. So, we need to take advantage of our Jeeter Creek claim! While we still have our

private VIP status, and while the water is low, since we haven't had much rain recently. We should get another work party together for reworking the trail. Christoph said Sundays are best for him.

**Membership:** This year, we want to get our meetings and outings back to normal. And having our monthly Raffle again. That includes membership and attendance. So, please **pay your membership dues of \$30 for this year.** Anyone who hasn't been a paid member for the last 2 years will be deleted from the email list.

Other than the membership dues we receive, the Raffle is our only other income that pays for our claims. As long as we can continue to pay for our claims, we can continue as an ASSOCIATION.

**The Raffle is starting up again in February! So please bring neat stuff we can put on the raffle table and bring some cash!**

**In the News:** Walt Evens sent us a letter about Public Lands for the People and California Dredging. A copy is at the end of the minutes\*

**Future Outings/Events:** The weekend of April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Wes and Tammy will be hosting another outing to Beverly Beach.

=Need to reserve Miners Meadow **NOW** for some time in early June, Thursday thru Sunday, Monday or Tuesday.

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Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022, and will again be held at Troy and Chrisha's place. Membership dues are \$30.00 and it is be time to renew. Hope to see you then.

**Meeting Adjourned**

**\*Please read below for update from PLP.**

## **Oregon Suction Dredge Regulatory Relief?**

Hello Friends!

PLP's hard work to bring regulatory relief in California is bearing fruit. Public Lands for the People (PLP) has been approached by Walt Evens of the Oregon based Douglas County Prospectors Association (ODCPA) to entertain the idea of replicating the success of the PLP California Suction Dredge Guide for Reclamation Purposes for application in Oregon. This led to a working group between ODCPA, Karen Darnell of Oregon based Stream Savers and PLP. This working group will evaluate the Oregon laws in relation to suction dredge reclamation in the same manner PLP researchers evaluated California's laws. The attention may focus on the Oregon State Dept. of Environmental Quality (DEQ) rules and legislative intent with an end goal of providing a legally defensible path of regulatory relief for the dredge miner similar to how PLP did this in California.

If this working group is to be successful, more dredge miners from Oregon must support/join their local mining organizations and PLP to fund the effort. PLP's member base in Oregon is presently only 10% compared to California members and this really needs to improve by at least 150 more members from Oregon to help cover the legal expenses.

**BREAKING NEWS:** PLP has sponsored a scientific study like no other. This study is pointing out the green benefits of suction dredging and that it could be the best tool to combat the effects of atmospheric mercury transport from China. The published study will be out very soon! This costs a lot to produce, and we need your help in paying off the balance to make this asset available for use in proving why dredging is beneficial to the environment. We are asking members to go above and beyond, donate a little extra to help make this a reality.

Join or renew today to know how to effectively and professionally counter the agencies while making Prospecting, Mining and Reclamation Great Again! Join/Donate | Public Lands for the People

If you like the work PLP does please help PLP help you on the path towards legally resuming suction dredge mining and reclamation not just in California but in the State of Oregon as well! Other states will benefit from the dredge study as well. As we get time and volunteers such as in Oregon, we can expand the reclamation dredging to other states.

Supporting PLP's Grand Raffle also helps us continue to fight for your rights. A book of 12 tickets is only \$10. We have a lot of great high value prizes. You can't win if you don't enter! Tickets are available NOW to purchase by phone for the 2022 Grand Raffle Drawing. You can call our toll-free number (844)-PLP-1990 which is (844) 757-1990 or Mail a Check by July 1st (to the address below)\* and specify the number of ticket books you wish to have mailed to you.

Have a Blessed Happy New Year!  
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***\*Look on their website for contact information***