



MILLENNIUM DIGGERS ASSOCIATION Keizer, Oregon



Secretary/Editor Penny Esplin

PRESIDENT- Wes Jeffers

VICE PRESIDENT- David Schmidt

TREASURER- Terrie Fox

Meeting Minutes from March 27th, 2024

Call to Order: Wes lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order.

Attendance: There were **18** of us present (including 4 guests)

Guests: Welcome! Mansa Poros, Anthony Campos, Monica Campos and Clifford Stepp.

Board Meeting: On Saturday March 23rd, we held a Board Meeting at Don Esch's place. All 4 board members were present: President- Wes Jeffers, VP- David Schmidt, Treasurer- Terrie Fox and Secretary- Penny Esplin. As well as Don Esch (claims and board member at large), Tammy Roberts (advisor and board member at large) and Gloria Nichols.

We discussed the By-Laws and Don wrote up a draft for the club.

***By-Laws:** Don presented the first draft of the ***By-Laws** and passed several copies around to members. the third month of writing the final draft, we will all vote on it.

Wes said he would like to see our club get back to the way it used to be, without the technicalities or the political upsets. The other clubs, of which some of us are members as well, are larger and are better suited to dealing with those complexities. But there *are* some politics we do have to confront because they affect us so.

For example: Yvette Burkartt, is no longer a member. **Joe Greene** and Claudia Wise have **officially resigned**. **Yvette and Joe's name are still on our bank account as a signers**. **Joe's name needs to be removed ASAP!** Yvette's name needs to come off also. **Tammy made a motion to remove Joe Greene's and Yvette's name from our OSU Credit Union Millennium Digger's bank account. Seconded by Don and approved by all.**

-Penny will go to the bank and get this straightened out.

-Penny is the Agent of Record at the bank, and she is listed as a legal check signer for our club.

-Penny also needs to go to the State website and get **Form 501-C7 for Non-Profit** and fill it out for our club, so we can be **registered as Non-Profit**.. It would have to notarized. Also, Penny needs to fill out a form as **Power of Attorney**. She says she will get to this.

-We need Quit Claims for each of our 4 placer claims. They would need to be secured and signed in front of a witness. Leave date blank.

Treasurer's Report: Terrie read off the checking account balance. A motion made by Tammy to accept the treasurer's report as read, it was seconded by Penny and passed by all.

-Back in October (?), we received a check from Joe Greene for \$57.00 to cover the cost of paperwork filed for Jeeter Creek claim. That was for 1 YEAR! He and Claudia didn't consider that OUR CLUB has PAID for the cost of the claim PLUS ALL the paperwork WE PAID for since 2014! We have not yet cashed the check, because this issue is under scrutiny.

Secretary's Report: Penny read the minutes from January. A motion was made by Don to accept the secretary's report as read, it was seconded by Tammy and approved by all.

Outings:

Beverly Beach is on Saturday, April 13th. Meet at Wade Creek Beach parking lot at 9:00 am. Walk down towards Beverly Beach. Lots of fossils in cliffs and fallen rocks.

Willamette Agate and Mineral Show (WAMS) is, April 19th, 20th and 21st. It will be held at the Polk County Fairgrounds in Rickreal.

When at one of our claims or when at the beach, we must COVER OUR HOLES! And don't leave any garbage! It is only proper and will keep us from getting a bad name or worse, fined by the cops!

CORRECTION FROM LAST MONTH'S MINUTES: Wes **DOES NOT** have mining equipment for sale. Only for LOAN at one of our outings.

Membership packet: Update rules and add By-Laws, remove Jeeter's.

-Don is requesting \$50 for putting together membership packets together. He will be reimbursed when he finishes.

-Before new members can receive any of our maps to our claims, they must first attend 3 meetings, then they can get the full membership packet. We don't want to give out those maps unless the new members are actively involved and interested in what our club is doing and attending 3 meetings.

-Wes made a large new colorful sign for The Millennium Diggers along with pamphlets about our club. It will be used to place in front of some of our events. Such as, at the Rock Show in Rickreal, by the WVM's booth. WVM stated that they will also have our flyers to hand out at the show, and the applications for joining our club.

***BY-LAWS OF THE MILLENNIUM DIGGERS CLUB**

PURPOSE: To bring families and individuals together to learn in the activities of metal detecting, small scale mining, rock and gem collection, bottle and relic collecting, fossil collecting, artifact collecting, treasure hunting, and any other activity that involves looking for objects of value that are buried, hidden, sunken, or occur naturally. This association will remain a fun, for a nonprofit association. Meetings should be kept as informal as possible, but yet some order.

Article I. National Cooperation: Members are encouraged to support and join other similar organizations.

Article II. Membership and Dues:

1: Annual dues shall be \$30.00 per year for individuals and families, including children un the age of 18 years living in the same household, payable by January 1st each year.

2: Membership is open to all.

Article III. Meetings:

Section 1. Timing: Regular club meetings shall be held as determined by the members.

Section 2. Transactions: A quorum of seven members shall be required to hold a regular club meeting for transactions of legal, binding club business.

Section 3. Special/Emergency meetings: Legal business, urgent matters require 7 members, consisting of at least 2 officers and 5 members. The officer calling the meeting must contact as many officers as possible and members needed for the meeting.

Section 4. Guests: Guests are welcome at any regular club meeting. During outings, guests must be attended by a paid member, and said member responsible for that guest.

Article IV: Club Structure:

Section 1. Officer position and duties:

President: Facilitates meetings in an organized manner. Coordinates the distribution of information to members. Co-signs checks as approved.

Vice-President: Shall perform the duties of the President in his/her absence.

Secretary: Takes minutes of the meetings, distributes to members via email or other means, the minutes, meeting notices, club activities, assists with correspondence projects before the next meeting.

Treasurer: Maintains financial records, reports fiscal status at each meeting maintains records of dues, co-signs checks.

Auditors: Two auditors shall be selected from the club membership, shall audit, sign, and date the treasurer's books before they are presented to the club at the first meeting of the annual year.

Board of Directors: Shall consist of the elected Officers and the immediate past officers.

Section 2: Elections.

1: Election of officers will be held and the regular November each year.

2: All appointees shall assume their duties starting in January.

3: Term limits will be for two years, must vacate that position for one year before being eligible for holding same. May accept another position during that time.

4: Vacancies: Vacancies occurring prior to the regular election shall be filled by election at the next regular club meeting following the vacancy. The board of directors shall have the responsibility of declaring an office vacant when it is determined that the necessary duties of that office have not been met or cannot be fulfilled.

5: Registered Agent: An active member shall be designated as the registered agent. Responsibilities are to be the primary contact of Incorporation paperwork. Annual corporate filing with the Corporation Division of the Secretary of State.

Article V: Financial:

Section 1. Fiscal year vs. Annual Year: The club fiscal year shall extend from December 1st through November 30th. The club's annual year shall extend from January 1st through December 31st.

Section 2. Expenditure Signature Requirements: All checks shall have two (2) signatures. No related officers can sign the same check. Payee shall not be a cosigner of any club check.

Section 3: Eligible Co-signers: Members that are eligible include the president, vice-president, secretary, or the treasurer for club checks.

Article VI: Amendments:

This by-law may be amended at any legally constituted regular club meeting by a 2/3 vote of the members present, provided such amendment has been submitted to the membership in writing at least 30 days prior to the meeting.

Article VII: Non-Profit Article of Incorporation.

Section 1: Dispersal of Club Assets: In the event of dissolution of the club, all assets will be dispersed to all paid current members (individuals and families count as one member) that are in good standing with the club.

Section 2: Dissolution of the club will be determined by majority vote at the last regular club meeting.

Raffle: Please bring prizes for the raffle table!

-Please feel free to bring **snacks** or something to drink to any meetings. We will provide the coffee.

-Also, bring rocks and/or treasures to share and talk about. It makes the meeting even more fun!

Our next meeting is Wednesday April 24th at 7:00

Meeting adjourned

Proposed Outings:

-**Joe Coda's Rock Palace** in Lebanon. Many HUGE piles of all kinds of great rocks! You really must go and experience his place. And if we let him know when we're coming, he likes to start up his BBQ under the covered patio by the pond. It is a fun time, rain or shine!

(Penny will contact him and schedule a date)

-**Clackamas River:** Many sites along this river to look for pockets of Siderite (rock mineral) and other neat stones in some of the road cuts by Fish Creek Road and Memaloose Road.

-**Ripplebrook (Oak Grove Fork of the Clackamas River):** Many sites along this route; old mining activity, old dump sites (from the building of the aqueduct system and the mining, both coinciding from early 1930's), petrified wood (many sites), fishing at Harriet Lake, there's more....

-**Tillamook State Forest (Wilson River)** to look for **Augite Crystals** (rock mineral)

Metal Detecting:

-Stayton Pioneer Park? Sublimity Parks?

-Bryant Park in Albany?

-Freeway Lakes (3 Lakes) south of Albany by I-5. There's an older spot by one of the lakes that is more secluded with 2 ancient picnic tables (now broken and overgrown with moss). Must have been a favored place back in the day? Worth a check.

Fossils:

-Cottage Grove -Row River Road. -Beautiful fern fossil imprints.

-South River Road by railroad tracks. Ancient marine fossil beds, the railroad cuts right through them.

River Rockhounding:

-Willamette River Greenway on the east side of the river, 1 mile south (upriver) from Wheatland Ferry.

-Rice Museum in Hillsboro- Excellent rock collection, worth the trip!

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**And that is that!**

**We meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month, 7:00 pm, at:  
Clear Lake United Methodist Church**

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