

## MILLENNIUM DIGGERS ASSOCIATION Keizer, Oregon



Secretary/Editor Penny Esplin

\*PRESIDENT- Wes Jeffers\*

\*VICE PRESIDENT- David Schmidt\*

\*TREASURER- Terrie Fox\*

## Meeting Minutes from June 26th, 2024

<u>Call to Order</u>: Wes lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order and welcomed members.

<u>Attendance:</u> There were <u>22</u> members present.

<u>Treasurer's Report:</u> Terrie read our bank account balance, including the deposit made from new membership and the raffle. Penny made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as read, Tammy seconded and it was approved by all.

<u>Secretary's Report:</u> Penny read the notes from the minutes taken in May. There was a motion made to accept the minutes as read, seconded and approved by all.

## Claims:

**Golden Digger**: Troy went to our claim and took care of the required maintenance work. He said there are no signs anymore.

**Brigg's/Fossil Flats:** Penny and Terrie went there on June 9th, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup>. they took care of the maintenance required. They reported that there is a yellow metal Federal Mining claim sign up on a tree with "LIVE WIRE" written on it. There was no ORMC #, so it has not been filed. Penny left a sign below it: **ATTENTION!** THIS IS AN **ACTIVE FEDERAL MINING CLAIM -FOSSIL FLATS ORMC #161196** 





<u>Briggs/Dt #1:</u> Still needs maintenance work done on this claim. Don has planned a trip down there for July 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. He wants to check out his old claim on Soldier Creek while there.

We need to replace the metal Federal Mining Claim signs on all three claims. Cost: \$52.00 per sign, need to purchase 4 signs for \$100.00.

-Wes suggested we should check out the County Park located down in Azalea at the confluence of Whitehorse Creek and Cow Creek. Cow Creek is well known for its gold and Whitehorse Creek is also. The park is overgrown with bushes and there aren't many people visiting it. We can't put a claim on it, but we should be able to do some panning there.

-For panning or sluicing: Must have the 600 permit. It has all the rules and regulations (Army Corps of Engineers)- There is no need to fill it out, just keep it in your vehicle and have it handy.

-Don waived fee for doing the paperwork for the Membership Packet and By-Laws.

<u>Raffle:</u> Terrie brought in a **foldable picnic table and an 11ft x 8ft camping canopy** for our major raffle prizes. The picnic table is \$3.00 per orange ticket and the canopy is \$2.00 per yellow ticket. We will call the winning tickets 3 meetings from now. Please bring prizes for the raffle table!

- -Please feel free to bring **snacks** or something to drink to any meeting. We will provide coffee.
- -Also, bring rocks and/or treasures to share and talk about. It makes the meeting even more fun!

<u>Past Outings: Steve's Place</u> on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. For the potluck on Saturday, there were 14 people there. Some were from the WVM club, some were just local friends, and some were MDiggers members. It was really nice visiting Steve. His place is so calming and enjoyable. Early Saturday, we went to the WVM claim on Whitehorse Creek, called "Pure White Gold". We did real good, we all found good gold!

On Sunday, when we had all packed up to leave, Walt, Terrie and I had decided to drive on down to Brigg's Creek and spend some time. From Steve's place, we took the Starveout Creek Road up and over the top of the divide and came out onto Grave Creek. From there we drove on to I-5 and on down to Grants Pass to Selma to Briggs.

Here are a few photos from that trip:

Steve's Place







Up and over the top



On way to Briggs and Briggs Creek at Fossil Flats





(I would have added more pictures, but I didn't like the way they came out from phone to email . On my phone they looked great, but not here)

Our next meeting is Wednesday July 24thth at 7:00pm

Meeting adjorned

We meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month,7:00 pm, at:
Clear Lake United Methodist Church
920 Marks Drive
Keizer, OR 97303