



MILLENNIUM DIGGERS ASSOCIATION Keizer, Oregon



Secretary/Editor Penny Esplin

PRESIDENT- Wes Jeffers

VICE PRESIDENT- David Schmidt

TREASURER- Terrie Fox

Meeting Minutes from October 23rd, 2024

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

Attendance: There were **14**, which includes **11** members and **3** guests (Micheal Zaborowski Joined-New Member!)

Treasurer's Report: Terrie reported our last month balance and our current balance, which includes a deposit of 66.00. There were no checks written. Troy made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as read, Penny seconded, it was approved by all.

Secretary's Report: Penny read out the minutes from our last meeting in September. Tammy made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Wes seconded and all approved.

Claims: Need to contact Don Esch about our claim's paperwork. The Affidavit of Annual Assessment Work must be filed with BLM before December 31st. Penny will contact him.

New Business: Wes was approached by Dan (who owns the Prospector's Treasure Trove), he wants to buy the trommel. He says he wants to use it on his claim for common operations, where everyone gets to keep their gold.

Wes said it was donated to the club. Troy says the motor to the trommel is missing. It will take a gas or an electric motor, it has a mount.

It was decided to ask Dan if he can pay \$500 and out of that, donate \$300 in door prizes for our Christmas party.

Wes wants to meet Troy at his place so he can look over the trommel.

Troy made a motion to accept the decision to sell the trommel to Dan for \$500, Warren seconded, and it was approved by all.

Past Outings: Beverly Beach on October 12th. About 18 to 20 people showed up. Wes saw a lot of fine gold when helping to clean up. A couple walked by and became curious, they watched for an hour. Wes let them try out the sluice box and equipment and they were so into it; they were busy the rest of the day! The weather was beautiful. Lots of passersby asked questions, they couldn't believe gold was found on the beach.

Also, someone (name?) visited a little second hand antique shop in Newport called "The Time Capsule". He bought a little cast iron pot (cauldron), and after cleaning the rust out of it, found it had gold in the bottom! He took off the P trap and found gold in the drain!

Raffle: Sold more tickets for our Christmas Raffle. Sunstone on a chain \$3, yellow ticket. Faceted sunstone \$3, green ticket. Gold nugget \$3, orange ticket. All to be raffled off at our Christmas party.

New Business:

We will be having our **Christmas Party** on **Saturday, December 14th at noon** here at the church where we meet, a **potluck**. We will be doing the **White Elephant Gift Exchange**, so please bring a wrapped \$20.00 gift. Try to make it something novel, or useable, or something to do with mining/camping/rockhounding.

Anthony, Tammy's son, volunteered to cook the turkey. Warren announced he is allergic to garlic! And the club will provide the plates, silverware, etc.

We invited the Pastor of the church to our Christmas Party.

-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!

-AND/OR please bring prizes to donate for our raffle table. (This is our only income for our club, after membership dues, and is what pays for our claims paperwork, etc.)

Our next meeting is Wednesday October 23rd at 7:00pm

Meeting adjourned

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