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Next regular meeting on  
May 9, 2015  
1:00 - 3:00 P.M.  
Elim Lutheran Church  
5911 East Hillcrest Drive  
Port Orchard, WA 98366

## Message from our President

### Presidents Message:

I am excited to see more of you participating in the meetings and at the outings. It makes the work go smoother and we are able to accomplish much more. A special thanks to Carl and Laurie Berg for taking the time to print up new name tags and for putting together a board to help keep the name tags organized. Barbara is doing a great job with organizing the outings and making sure they are fun for all those that attend. I also appreciated the unsung hero's that do the clean up each month. Working together we can help each other understand the laws and regulations around prospecting, where to look for the gold and also have some fun along the way. I look forward to the coming months and the opportunity to get to know more of your on a one to one basis.

The Best Always, Cal Blackburn, WWGPAA President

There is **NO** charge for attending the Western Washington Chapter of GPAA Meetings and visitors are always welcome.

### Reminder

Before you take off for the hills on a planned event with WWGPAA, make sure to check the website, facebook page or call the outings chairman or President Lonny Meadows, just to make sure there are no last minute changes to the plans. Even though we try to keep our information current, last minute changes do happen.

## WWGPAA

March 14, 2014

### Meeting Minutes:

Meeting called to order by Cal

Cal led Pledge of Allegiance.

Carl introduced new members and visitors.

Lee Poquette from Olalla, Frank & Lynda Pollard of Port Townsend & Richard Milde from Bremerton

Minutes read by Colleen for Feb. meeting. Minutes were approved.

Treasurers report by Donnie. Savings \$3,158.38, Checking 1234.94, Expenses \$100.00. Treasures report approved and passed.

### Correspondence:

GPAA members can go to one (1) GPAA/LDMA outing per year.

Outing at Scott bar, April. Cost \$150.00 for all 5 days, this cost includes family members.

Goldprospectors.org is the website. Cal will forward e-mail to members.

Reminder that

GPAA and LMDA are two separate organizations.

### Old Business:

A report given by Cal and Bill reported on the rock & mineral show in Monroe.

The Bed Rock metal detecting class went well with speakers from Bedrock Association.

There will be another Bed Rock gold equipment swap meet on June 13, 2015 starting at 9AM

at the Masonic Hall, 1005 West Pioneer, Puyallup, WA.

The April meeting there will be a bake sale. It was asked that we include our name and a minimum

bid for item. Also requested was a list of ingredients for those with allergies.

There is a local Treasure Hunting Club meets the 4th of the month for those that are interested.

### New business:

Cal requested funds to buy 5 more new member kits. A vote was taken and approved for the purchase.

For each new member we sign up we receive \$12.00.

April 18 & 19th outing at Cape Disappointment you must have a Beach Mining permit, the Fish &

Gold printout, & the Discovery Pass. Carl Berg will be the host.

June 20 & 21st clean up at Red Bird and the other 2 claims. Be sure to turn in your hours. Carl will

Host the cleanup.

June 20 & 21st the Resource Coalition will have a gold show at the Thurston Co. fairgrounds. There

was discussion about us having a booth also. Cost is \$125.00 for 10 by 10 foot area. Motion &

second & passed. Cal will fill out and submit the paperwork for the booth.

## REMINDER:

All persons must be GPAA members in good standing to work the WWGPAA claim, or to attend WGPAA outings.

Further discussion to

be had next meeting to confirm a booth. Bill ask people to sign up to work at the booth.

Board members meeting: April 11 PM prior to the meeting. The subject will be the bylaws revisions.

House bill 1162 DEAD - It died in committee.

March 21st North Beach in Port Townsend North Beach. A one day outing, (treasures from the

Beach). Pot Luck will be at 4 PM. Hosts Bela & Barbara Kovacs  
Snow Balls Chance July 18 & 19th Info call Barb 360-871-0490. Cal & Colleen Blackburn will host.

Our Gold Bucket was passed to Erick Blake. He will have it for 3 months and then pass it on .

Our speaker for this meeting is Bill on "Reading the River". Vary informative.  
Thanks Bill

Meeting was adjourned.

WWGPAA

April 11, 2014

Meeting Minutes:

Meeting called to order by Cal

Cal led Pledge of Allegiance.

Carl introduced new members and visitors. David Forbes, Floyd May, Frank Pollard,

John R. Hayes, John F. Hayes, John Eby, Jerry Saxon and U.B.

Longozo

Minutes read by Colleen for Feb. meeting. Minutes were approved with two corrections.

Treasurers report by Donnie. Treasures report approved and passed.

Four members volunteered for clean-up.

Correspondence:

Cal reported we received the quarterly chapter points report from GPAA.

Explained we get chapter

points when we sell GPAA membership kits.

Old Business:

Cal reported he ordered the additional GPAA membership kits and is waiting for them to come in.

Cal reported that he has signed up the chapter and paid the fee for the Resources Coalition gold

show in June at the Thurston County fairgrounds . We will be signing up volunteers to help

out during the May and June chapter meetings..

There will be another Bed Rock gold equipment swap meet on June 13, 2015 starting at 9AM

at the Masonic Hall, 1005 West Pioneer, Puyallup, WA.

Barbara reported on the North Beach outing on March 22nd. Had a wonderful day collecting beach

glass and other treasures and concluded with a Pot Luck.

June 20 & 21st clean up at Red Bird and the other 2 claims. Be sure to turn in your hours. Carl will

Host the cleanup.

New business:

There will be a new Gold & Fish book out in July. This one will include the hydraulic beach permit

as part of book. You can pick them up at or order them from State Fish and Wildlife. You will

also be able to download and print the booklet.

Carl and Laurie Berg have made up new name tags for the meetings and organized them on a board.

If you did not get a new name tag let Carl know.

Penni showed some of the items that we will be looking for on the May outing to Salmon Creek.

Salmon Creek is close to the town of Toledo. Penni, George, Bela and Barbara will be going down

to the creek to check out the area.

Ken talked about the Claim Work forms and ask members to fill one out and

give it to him whenever

they go to the claim to work or do mining. This helps cover our annual claim renewal fees.

Cal reported that during the Board Meeting today, board members reviewed and approved changes to

Chapter by laws. Next these will be sent to GPAA for review and then brought to the general

Membership for approval.

You can Google "Wa State Public Lands Maps" for information on locations of State Lands.

Cape Disappointment outing this month. Reminder that you will need a Gold & Fish Booklet,

Beach Mining Hydraulic permit and a Discover pass if you are not camping there.

We took a short break.

The April bake sale & auction was held with Sharon and Colleen auctioning and moving the

donations along. A special thanks to those that contributed bake goods for the

auction. We raised over two hundred dollars for the chapter.

Meeting was adjourned.