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Next regular meeting on
June 13, 2015
1:00 - 3:00 P.M.
Elim Lutheran Church
5911 East Hillcrest Drive
Port Orchard, WA 98366

Message from our Presi

It was a busy meeting this month, with a lot of information being provided. Coming to the monthly meeting is the best way to keep up on what is happening. In the next few months we will be looking for help at the June gold show and the November mineral & gem show. I know that many of you will be there to support the chapter and to support me as the president. I appreciate the generous donations of time, talent and products that each of you provides each month. As leaders of the chapter, we hope that each of you comes away feeling apart of something special each month. I look forward to "bumping" into many of you over the next few months and hope that you feel free to provide us feedback on the outings and events that are scheduled

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

May 9, 2015

Meeting Minutes:

Meeting called to order by Cal
Cal led Pledge of Allegiance.

Carl introduced new members and visitors. Daniel Steen, Steve Dirgo, David Roman

Minutes read by Colleen for April meeting. Minutes were approved.
Treasurers report by Dannie. \$3158.32 (savings) \$1322.65 (checking) \$555.44 (expenses) \$413.00 (income from bake sale & t-shirt sale).
Treasurer report approved and passed.

Four members volunteered for clean-up.

Membership Kits: received 5 kits that were ordered. Reminder that kits contain a pan, snuffer bottle prospectors magazine, decals and Mining Guide (2014 is current).

Correspondence: we received some clarification form GPAA on chapter points. Chapter also gets points for members joining LDMA (initially and at payoff) if you tell them that you belong to the Western Washington GPAA chapter. Also when renewing GPAA membership tell them you belong to the Western Washington GPAA chapter and we will get points.

Old Business:

Barbara and Carl reported on the April Beach Mining outing. Some found a little gold, pot luck was great and everyone had a good time. There is another Beach Mining outing scheduled October, reserve camping spots now.

Bill talked about Bed Rock gold equipment swap meet on June 13, 2015 starting at 9AM at the Masonic Hall, 1005 West Pioneer, Puyallup, WA. Some classes, games, etc.

Bill talked about the August outing is the Miners Rally at Liberty, Wa. Camping is free (dry camping), bring your own water. You can tour historic Liberty district. Saturday night will be night time metal detecting. 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 & 21 Resource Coalition Gold Show in Olympia is coming together nicely. We have our booth reserved and paid for (it inside the building). We will be doing a raffle to raise some funds. Cal & Colleen will be going and a sign up sheet is being sent around.

Cal gave a Bylaws update: a copy of the proposed changes to the Chapter bylaws was sent by email and hard copy to the GPAA for review and comment. ~~We are waiting for feedback from GPAA~~

Carl and Laurie are working on updating the chapter membership list and trying to verify that the Information we have is correct. Please sign in and also fill out the paper that is in with your name tag.

New business:

Cal talked about the GPAA membership kits we sell. We are selling the kits at a good rate. He talked with the GPAA and if we order 10 kits, we will only be charged for 8 kits. We would get the full kit price as profit for 2 of the kits and a small profit on the other 8 kits. A motion was made to purchase the

REMINDER:

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

10 kit offering, it was seconded and approved. Cal will go ahead and order the kits.

Carl reported on the GPAA Summit in Las Vegas. Said that there was a new format this year various workshops that they rotated through (chapter ideas, website, T.V. and video, publication).

Chapter Ideas – Community education (can help Boy Scouts with mining merit badge, can use points to obtain items then sell or raffle them, raffles make the most money if you have good items.

Website – we have a web page for our chapter under the GPAA website. We need to update our chapters website. Can add photo's and information on this site. Carl will be posting photo's from outings on this website. (goldprospectors.org/chapters)

T.V. Video – Kevin Hoaglands T.V. series will be coming to local KONG t.v. this summer (season 1).

You can also get to this t.v. series through the GPAA website. Carl mentioned during the summi that they could film a beach mining outing (would also film a chapter meeting). They will be filming between July and September.

Publication / media – make sure to following the deadlines for submissions to the GPAA magazine and other publications. You can get press releases to local media about local meetings. Can try and get into the schools during special celebration days to talk about mining and demonstrate mining methods.

Blue Bucket has been designated as to dangerous to mine at the present due to the overhang on the hillside. The only way to resolve this is by blasting which will take permits and approval from transportation agency (road), ecology (river) and the railroad. Site will remain closed for the foreseeable future.

Outreach:

Bill mentioned go to elementary schools and showing the kids how to pan, usually during a science day.

Others have also gone to Girl Scout events to demonstrate mining techniques.

Carl mentioned maybe doing a prospecting 101 educating at gold shows and other shows.

Gold show at Thurston County fairgrounds June 20 & 21, will have some items to raffle. Bill suggested that a small nugget is usually a good draw for a raffle.

Barbara - a second outing to Snowball Chance claim will replace the scheduled outing in September to

Mother's Nightmare. July will be the first scheduled out to the Snowball Chance claim. Don & Jodi

Are making a lot of improvements to the property to accommodate campers.

What is going on in State Government:

Bill mentioned that the Little Naches ranger station is closed. Also the Little Naches river, Little creek

area will have closures to allow for forest rehabilitation, controlled burns and some road closures.

Jim Curtis made a request that some of the roads not be closed to rock hounding.

Red Bird cleanup will be June 20 & 21 and will be the second activity going on that weekend (in

addition to the Gold Show).

Cal showed a new photo album that has been started to contain pictures of outings. If you take pictures

during an outing, please email some to Cal & Carl.

Ken asked about updating our chapters current website (badly out of date). Cal responded that he and

Carl have been talking about ways to accomplish this and will provide more information later.

During the June meeting we will have panning tables set up for the less experienced to have a chance to

do some panning with concentrates containing gold (old timers are asked to help out with this). There

will also be a speed panning contest with a prize.

Penni reported on several items. At the Kitsap Mineral & Gem show this year we will have 3 tables and

two display cases to use at no charge. Would like to set up a panning and possibly a sluicing demo.

The Salmon Creek out coming up next week, will be looking for carnelian a semi-precious gemstone and copulite (fossilized animal dung). Go south on the highway and take the Toledo exit, meet at the city park. Bring a walking stick as it is a somewhat steep climb done to the creek. There is a potluck planned later in the day at the Lewis & Clark campsite.

We took a short break.

A five/fifty raffle was held with five grateful winners.

Meeting was adjourned.