

Nampa, ID Chapter GPAA Newsletter

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Presidential Nuggets

Hi, Everyone. Hope this finds you feeling dandy!

Remember that our next meeting is at Lakeview Park in Nampa (by the playground) with a potluck starting at 6 pm and the meeting starting at 7 pm. It's a great time to chat with other members, trade secrets/tips/gossip and relax.

On a more serious note, it has been noted on our outings that some of our holes were not covered after we were done and that vegetation was destroyed.

We need to be responsible to the earth as well as to Public Lands - this is part of having a claim. We are required to be good stewards in order to keep our claims and have them available in the future.

I would like to recommend an internet site which has helpful information as well as an opportunity to be part of a productive claim, if you are so interested:

www.goldgold.com You can sign up to get their newsletter even if you aren't interested in the claim.

See you at the meeting!

Karin Hunter
President

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GPAA Meeting

Tuesday

5 June 2007

6pm - Potluck

Lakeview Park

See you there!

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and good wishes for my wife. She had major cancer surgery and now starting therapy and everything looks good.

Thank you again, Bob Allen

Welcome New Members

Joe Moore, John Rose,
Nic Wilson, Sally York,

Jay Chastenay

**Thank You to all
renewing
members!**

Bank Notes

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Financial info will be posted
at meeting

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Bob Moore, Tina Grau,

Vicki Thiele, Gena

Cameron, Warren

Jindrich, Martin Davis,

Jay Chastenay,

Kyle Singleton,

We wish you the best

of good times and

excellent prospecting

for the coming year

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divulge their birthday -
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model or condition. Ph 461-1178

Nampa Chapter GPAA Meeting Minutes for 1 May 2007

The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by Karin Hunter, President. There was no raffle held due to lack of a volunteer. Karin expressed concern this was a vital way for the club to make money. Terry Thomas volunteered to take the job over starting next meeting. Guests introduced were Joe Collins and Vivian Hutton.

Presidents Report: Karin advised a dredge permit is required if you are pulling water out of the stream directly into a motorized sluice that dumps tailings back into the stream.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report:
Balance \$1964.76.
Deposits \$292.50.
Disbursements \$189.70.
Ending Balance \$2067.56.

Vice Presidents report: Jim reported he had forgotten the raffle tickets for the meeting tonight. He also brought a book about War Eagle Mountain to share with the club.

There was a general question from the floor regarding the Pine Creek Claim which is listed in the claims guide. The club does not own this claim and had permission to use it some time back. There were 14 test holes dug and there was nothing productive found. At the time of the dig, the land was leased by Art Church and now the lease has reverted back to the State.

Members were advised to cross this claim out of their guide. If in fact the land still remains unleased, you can prospect on it. Individuals interested in prospecting on

Pine Creek should check the current status prior to use.

April Outing Report:
Prospectors Paradise-Placerville. Larry Steele reported there were approximately 50 people at the April Outing and it was very successful. About 7 people camped and there was a delicious potluck. The May outing will be held at the same claim on May 5th at 9:00 am. There will be equipment available for club members to use and Larry will offer his expertise. There will not be a potluck in the evening and lunch will be on your own.

New Regulations on Dredging:
Larry reported there are some new regulations on dredging and it has raised some controversy in the use of terms, common languages and definitions. Larry spent some time with the hydrologist learning about the changes and thinks clarification of the equipment names and mining procedures and definitions could be further clarified and thus reach a common ground of understanding. Larry volunteered to pursue this as a winter project. He would like to make this a cooperative effort with the surrounding clubs and will be talking with them in the future. As a side note, Larry was checked by Fish and Game at Mores creek for his dredging permit. The officers noted fishermen hide their fish and miners show their gold and their permits. Additional information during the discussion was that Grimes Creek is open year round for dredging. You do not need a permit if you are using a recirculation unit.

Old Business: A group of members went to the Salt Lake Gold show and another couple went to the Salem Show. Both reported the

shows were very informative and worthwhile.

There will be a panning demonstration at Julia Davis Park. Contact Jim Jenks if you would like to be involved.

John Cameron reported the Foreign Exchange student outing was successful and was invited to make it an annual event. There were some 20 students from approximately 10 countries who participated. Each was given a gold pan (donated by Ray Bixler) to take back to their country along with the gold they found.

Karin has contacted the Obermeyers about hosting the anniversary outing. No definite arrangements have been made and she will continue to work with them. The club is in need of a treasurer. Elaine has been filling in for several months now and the position needs to be filled. There is no smoking on the school grounds and please go across the street and pick up your butts. If there are problems with this, it could cause the loss of the building for our meetings.

New Business: Rob said the steps at the Island Claim have washed out. He volunteered to rebuild them with boards. A motion was made and seconded that the club would buy the wood and Rob would do the work. Larry brought up the scheduling problems surrounding the July 4th holiday, meeting and outing. This will be resolved at the next meeting. There is a LMDA outing at Blue Bucket on May 23. GPAA members have been invited to attend.

Door Prizes were won by Chuck Knapp and John Cameron. There were 45 folks in attendance this evening.

Next meeting will be held at Lake View Park next to the playground. The Potluck dinner is at 6:00pm with meeting to follow at 7:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30
pm.

**Thank You to Joann
Saunders for taking the
meeting minutes!**