

# **Nampa ID Chapter GPAA Newsletter**

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## **PRESIDENTIAL NUGGETS**

Hello Fellow Prospectors,

As we ease into fall I have to wonder where that big giant nugget is with my name on it. I spent several weekends out looking for it and even more time thinking about where it just might be. Where to look next, which rock to turn over, what river or creek to go dredging in next time. We all think about where the next mother load will be found and who will find it. I only hope that our children and grandchildren will be able to have the same hopes and dreams that we have. It seems like everyday you hear someone wanting to take away more and more of our rights. They disguise their agenda in many ways. They are always wanting to save something or someone at the expense of someone else. Our rights get eroded at every turn a little at a time and no one seems to even notice until it's too late. The passing of Senate Bill 670 in California is the latest example of our rights as miners being taken away. I applaud the club's decision to help the New 49'ers and Public Lands For the People (PLP) fight this battle in court. I also want everyone to know that the Nampa GPAA and the IGPA each donated \$250 to each of these organizations. So between the two clubs we will be sending \$1000 to continue the fight. If we don't continue to fight for our rights there will come a time when we don't have any left. Remember this country was built with the sweat and blood of people that dared to take up the challenge. The people that had the courage to overcome any obstacle and had the desire to succeed. I think that spirit still lives in the heart of every miner, I know it lives in mine.

Rob Forbes  
President  
Nampa GPAA

## **AUGUST MEETING MINUTES**

AUGUST 4, 2009

Meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM by President Rob Forbes.

Visitors and new members introduced themselves.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of last month's meeting as written in the newsletter. Seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report given by Karin showing a deposit of \$460 and disbursements of \$212. Karin also read a list of those members whose email addresses are having problems. She also asked for a volunteer to do the membership roster because her computer doesn't have the capability to do so. Michael Ann Williams and Rob Forbes (for his wife) volunteered.

Claim Report - given by the wife of the Claims Director, Michael Ann Williams. She reported that all the paperwork for the claims is done - signed and ready to go.

Outings Report - Larry Steele reported that last month's outing to The Island was very successful with one 4" dredge, a couple of smaller dredges, highbankers and sluices. About 35 people attended. This month's outing will be to the Atlanta Gold Inc. mine this Saturday, the 8th.

Rob stated that there are lots of sites to camp there. He recommended no dynamite or dredges (!), but bring pans. Also bring ample supplies and food as Atlanta is remote. Meet in front of the Beaver Lodge at 11 AM Saturday. Maps were given to those requesting.

Rob asked if the dredge class at last month's outing was fun. Members responded that they learned a lot.

Old Business - Rob received a lengthy email from the National GPAA. They want a stronger relationship with the chapters. They requested a member list with officers' names. Rob took a count of all members who are also GPAA members which totaled 25. GPAA will give us credit dollars for all members.

There will be a GPAA Gold Show here in February and they want us to be 'top dog' on it. Those that join at the show will result in more credit dollars for us. We can do drawings and raffles. The GPAA wants help on the Friday before the show, as well as after, to set up and tear down.

GPAA also stated that the officers of each chapter must be GPAA members. The GPAA Bylaws are a guide line for chapter bylaws.

A motion was made for the club to remain a GPAA chapter. Motion was seconded and passed.

A motion was made for the club to pay the officers' GPAA dues from now on. Motion was seconded and passed.

California Senate Bill 670 is for the elimination of all dredging in California. If this passes, it will have profound affect in other states. Cards addressed to Governor Schwarzenegger, stating that we are against the passage of such a bill, was given to everyone interested to sign. They will be mailed tonight.

Our club Mining Guide was held for printing until we decided if we were going to

maintain GPAA status. They are ready to go and we will have them by next month's meeting. Bring in your old Guide to exchange for the new one.

New Business - Karin reported that there is a panning demonstration going on right now in Nampa by some of our members. They could use help after the meeting. Karin also asked for volunteers to help look at the club's bylaws and make recommendations.

A member requested a "new miner's" teaching class. Larry Steele said that we would do that at the September outing.

Ordering Shirts and Hats is on hold for now.

Meeting was then adjourned followed by the raffle.

For those that are interested in going to the Atlanta Gold Inc. Mine only for the day: some members will meet by the McDonald's next to the Albertson's at Federal Way and Highway 21 at 6:30 AM Saturday to caravan up.

## **SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES**

SEPTEMBER 1, 2009

The meeting was called to order by President Rob Forbes. Visitors and new members introduced themselves and were welcomed to our meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by Karin Hunter. There was a motion to accept the minutes as read, it was seconded and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report was given by Karin Hunter. She also stated that there was no newsletter for this last month.

Vice President's Report was given by Cary Singleton. He had 2,000 flyers printed up advertising our club. These are for everyone to post or hand out. Cary also reported that Ray Bixler, owner of Finders Keepers in Nampa, has donated to the club a sluice box worth \$350 which will be raffled off. Tickets will be sold this winter.

Claims Director, Brett Williams, was present and reported that all the paperwork and legwork has been done for all of the claims. This entails visiting the BLM, then to the County office for recording, then back to the BLM. Four names are needed on each claim, and Rob suggested that his name only be on the claims to reduce legwork. It was suggested that there be a backup in case of Rob's death.

It was also suggested that there be a class on how to get a claim and do the paperwork, so that it can be done by any member of the club.

Outings Director, Larry Steele, reported that he did not get to go on last month's outing up to Atlanta to tour the Atlanta Mining Company's operation. Rob reported that it was a very successful outing - very informative and interesting. There will not be an outing this coming Saturday because it is Labor Day Weekend. There WILL be an outing on the following Saturday, the 12th, to Prospector's Paradise. Rob and Larry will be up there starting Friday evening. There will be classes on basic panning and it is a good place for high banking. Brett will bring in a front-end loader to move dirt. About 30 people indicated that they want to go. There will be a potluck Saturday evening around 7 PM for those staying.

Old Business: Rob passed a sign-in sheet around for those who have renewed or become new National GPAA members in 2009. This will be passed on to the National office so that we can get credits to buy hats, shirts, etc.

As most everyone is aware, California has legislation which will put on hold all dredging in the state. Both the New 49'ers and the Public Lands For The People will be continuing their fight to allow dredging. A motion was made to donate \$250 to each of these groups for this cause. The motion was seconded, a vote was taken and the motion carried.

Rob checked into hat prices with our logo. He can get them for \$5 each. Tab Johnson has bumper stickers for \$2 each or 3 for \$5. He can also get embroidered shirts for us.

The float trip for this summer has been cancelled due to injuries of the driftboat guides.

New Mining Guides are finally available. Bring in your old one to exchange for the new one. If you can't find your old one, Karin has SOME records of those who have bought them in the past, however it is not a complete record. Rob pointed out the advertising section in the back of the Mining Guide. If you would like to have your advertisement there, just donate to the club to help offset the cost of printing these and we can add a sticker for your company on the advertising page.

Don DeWoody reported on the "Community Night Out" panning demonstration put on by himself and a couple other members last month. He reported that there was a great turnout and interest by people of all ages. He would be willing to do this again next year.

New Business: Rob reported that member Randy Evans, who had been ill for quite some time, passed away. A hat was passed for donations to his family. Randy had been an active member for many years who will be missed.

The meeting was adjourned followed by the raffle.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Jean Prochaska

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Income:

(Raffle \$300.00)	
(Membership: \$84.00)	
(Mining Guides: \$195.00)	
(Donation: \$13.00)	
(Advertising: \$150.00)	
	\$742.00

Disbursements:

(Check to Cary Singleton for Raffle items: \$144.45)	
(Check to Karin Hunter for Laminating covers: \$19.05)	
(Check to Larry Steele for Claim Assess. Fees: \$30.00)	
(Check to Robert Forbes for Mining Guide printing; sign; Claim Assess. Fees; mileage Reimbursement: \$896.40)	
(Check to Finders Keepers for Raffle items: \$77.40)	
(Check to Brett Williams for Claims Recording fees: \$5.00)	
(Check to PLP for Legislative Fight donation: \$250.00)	
(Check to the New 49'ers for Legislative fight donation: \$250.00)	
	\$1,672.30

## **OF INTEREST:**

The New 49'ers (goldgold.com), which are based out of Happy Camp, California, have just finished a weeklong exploration of the Rogue River in Southern Oregon. They have found that there are lots of small nuggets in the river between Gold Hill and the confluence of the Applegate River. Most of these were found in rather shallow water in cracks in the rocks as well as at the bedrock level (only about 2' down!). They found that the area is beautiful and the people extremely friendly in addition to it being a very popular recreation area. More information on this can be found at the above mentioned website.

## **NEXT OUTING**

This will be decided upon at the meeting. If you have ideas, let everyone know!

## **NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday, October 6th, 7PM at Dave's Grille  
(Shilo Inn on the north side of the Freeway at Nampa's Franklin Exit)  
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