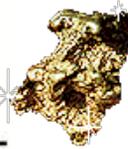




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Next regular meeting on
March. 14, 2015
1:00 - 3:00 P.M.
Elim Lutheran Church
5911 East Hillcrest Drive
Port Orchard, WA 98366

Message from our President

Presidents Message:

As you can see, our meetings are very informative as to what is going on in the mining community and with State Government. The chapter meetings are the best place you can go to pick up on this type of information, as well as prospecting tips and tricks from the "old timers". I am really grateful for the willingness of the members to help each other and to give some informative presentations. Thanks to Carl and Ken for kicking the presentation off for the year. Future presentations include "reading a river", rock hounding (what to look for), panning lessons by the old times and metal detecting (coin shooting) on the back lawn. I encourage you to come out and participate in our meetings and outings, you will learn new things and have fun.

--Cal Blackburn – WWGPAA President --

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

WWGPAA
Feb. 14, 2014

Meeting Minutes:

The meeting was called to order by Cal.

Cal led the pledge of allegiance.

Announcements: New name tags prepared by Carl & Laurie, if don't have one talk to Carl.

Visitors/New Members: Terry Elingson, Kellie Skaggs, Riley Brazil, Casey Parker, Alex Pecoth

The minutes of the Jan. meeting were read by Cal. A motion was made to accept as read, seconded and passed.

The treasurer report was given by Dannie, expenses were the web site renewal fee. A motion was made to accept as read, seconded and passed.

Correspondence: Received pictures and pricing for prospecting equipment from a gentleman wishing to sell them , if interested, contact him directly. Renewed tax exempt and incorporation registration with Wa. State. Lonny has filed an update to our tax exempt application with the IRS.

Building cleanup, we had four volunteers today.

Old Business:

Bedrock Prospectors metal detecting class, Feb. 28th @ 9:00am, 1005 W. Pioneer, Puallup, Wa. (Masonic Hall).

Question regarding who can be a member of WWGPAA. From the byaws, two categories of membership:

- Member of GPAA – voting member for electing chapter officers
- Non-member of GPAA (supporting) – can not vote for chapter officers

New Business:

WWGPAA Chapter bylaws:

A copy of the chapter bylaws and minutes of past meetings will be available in a

notebook at each meeting for review.

Cal and Carl have been reviewing the current chapter bylaws and see a need to do

an update to the document They will be working on this and when the draft is

complete they will (according to the bylaws) present it to the GPAA, the

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.

New to mining? Join GPAA by contacting Lonny Meadows, 253 333-8931 or ldmeadows6@gmail.com. You can sign up and receive you kit immediately.

If you have any thing you would like to put in the newsletter, get it to Lonny.

REMINDER:

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

WWGPAA board and then for a vote by the membership.

Cal and Carl have put together a calendar of meetings and events for the year. It includes what the presentation topic for the meetings during the year will be. This was made available at the meeting and will be available in the future.

Carl will be representing the WWGPAA chapter at the annual GPAA summit this year. A motion was made and passed to reimburse him up to \$250.00 in expenses.

During the beach mining outings in April and October must have: Gold & Fish booklet, A Beach Mining Permit (blank copies were made available for members to file) and a Discover Pass if going to a state park (like Cape Disappointment). If Discover Pass is purchased at the park, the money stays to improve that park. Additional discussion regarding notification of intent to beach mine, etc.

March Outing:

March 21 @ 9:00am– North Beach, Port Townsend (Rocks, glass, shell hunt)

Host – Bela & Barbara Kovacs

This is a county park, there will be a pot luck, if bringing a metal detector make

Sure to follow the state rules (will probably be walking the beach on both county and state land).

Bill: Resource Coalition did a demo for legislators including dredging, high banking and

other powered small equipment. Gave panning lessons and talked to many people.

Various miners attended a legislative hearing on a bill to shut down dredging and additional fees for miners. Gail Tarten sponsored bill number 1162. It is now

executive session to see if it will be brought to a hearing on the floor.

On Tuesday other legislative including an addition \$5.00 fee to the discover pass

for rock hounding, to add a mining community representative to the committee to

bring mining information and concerns to the committee.

Resource Coalition will be sponsoring a Gold Show at the Thurston County

Fairgrounds on June 21-22nd. More information to follow.

WWGPAA chapter has a club membership with the Resource Coalition, will discuss

renewing that membership when it next comes due.

Carl and Ken gave a presentation on how to file a claim, including steps requirement,

Documentation needed, costs and “watch out for this” items.

A raffle was held for prizes.

Meeting adjourned.