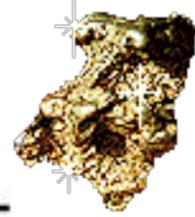




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Next regular meeting on
July 17, 2014
1:00 - 3:00 P.M.
Elim Lutheran Church
5911 East Hillcrest Drive
Port Orchard, WA 98366

WWGPAA

June 14, 2014

Message from our President

The June meeting was very busy. I thank you all for your patience, as there was much business to discuss.

The Snowball Chance outing seemed to come together very nicely. I have not yet received any feedback, but I am sure it was a success.

It was not mentioned at the meeting, but we will have a metal detecting contest at the next meeting. We need to get outside and do something.

There is interest in the Buddy List. If you want someone to go out with you, check the list and see who is interested.

I will put our outing schedule on the GPAA site. If anyone wants to get on that site and is not sure how to do so, contact me.

I hope all have a great 4th of July celebration. Be safe and we will see you at the next meeting.

Lonny .

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

The meeting was called to order by Lonny.

Lonny led the pledge of allegiance.

Visitors: Steve Berdan, Jim Avery, Lori Kiddle

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

The treasurer report was given by Dannie. A motion was made to accept as presented, seconded and passed.

Correspondence: None

Building cleanup, we got four volunteers today.

Old Business:

Puyallup Gold Show: Thanks to all who helped put this together and run the event. GPAA was impressed with our chapter. We received comments praising our work. They are looking forward to working with us next year. Next year we will need someone to get Lonny, or he will have to remain available up front to work out any problems that might arise. There were a few glitches Saturday morning at check-in that could have been handled had Lonny be notified. We want better promotions, and we found out that GPAA will pay for some advertisement. There are two levels of hosting the gold show. The one we did, and one where we run the entire show, getting the event location, signing up the vendors, etc. where we would receive more of the gate (\$3.00 per paid person as opposed to \$1.00). We also would receive profits from the vendor's fees. At this time there does not seem to be any interest in taking on more of the show. This will be discussed further, but a decision will have to be made soon, as the work would have to begin soon. This would be a very large commitment. It was suggested that we get more publicity for our club to bring in younger members. We always are open to new members, and if anyone has any ideas how to accomplish this, they are welcome.

Louis has left GPAA. He was our main go to man and he was very good to work with. He will be missed. Aley Arragon has taken over his position. Lonny met her at the Summit in Las Vegas. Steve Berdan, one of the new people today, sells clothing to GPAA and knows most of the GPAA staff.

Discussion on donating any of the proceeds of the Gold Show: Most of the chapters who have hosted the Gold Show have donated a portion of their proceeds to PLP. Prior to this year, the PLP received the proceeds of the raffle. With having the chapters hosting the shows, the chapters now receive this money. This was a major income for PLP to support their legal action taking place in California. Lonny was called by PLP prior to the show

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.

REMINDER:

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

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

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

and was encouraged to donate to their cause. At that time it was unknown how much the club could make out of the show and no commitment was given. After finding out how much we brought in, Lonny said that he would be comfortable giving up to \$2000.00. This was opened up for discussion from the floor. It was suggested that we share what we will donate with some of the local forums such as Resource Coalition, or the one in Oregon. It was asked what we can do for the club itself? Some suggested we keep all of the money for the club. The fact that we have never had much money, but have gotten along nicely, why do we need so much more? A motion was made to donate \$750.00 to PLP and \$750.00 to Resource Coalition. The motion was seconded. The motion passed.

Listing the Freedom claim in the mining guide: Lonny presented the problems he had with the GPAA Claims Director, Leonard Riley, in getting the Freedom claim listed in the mining guide. Due to the way Leonard handled Lonny, and the disrespect shown, Lonny pulled the claim from being listed until the club could decide if we want to list it or not. A motion was made to rescind the earlier motion to list the Freedom claim in the mining guide, it was seconded and passed. The claim will not be listed.

The non-profit 501(C)(3): This was a topic of the Summit. It was strongly suggested that the over \$10,000.00 be filed for the cost of \$850.00 instead of the under \$10,000.00 at \$400.00. If the club were to go over the \$10,000.00 limit and be listed as under, there would be problems with IRS. To raise from under \$10,000.00 to over would be the complete filing of all the documents and paying the total fee. Further, Lonny found that some CPA's can do this paperwork, usually for under \$500.00. Lonny is asking for a motion to commit the club to the \$850.00 and the possible \$500.00 to get the 501 in process. A motion was made, seconded and passed.

New Business:

There was a request for a Portapotty at the Snowball Chance outings. A motion was made to provide a Portapotty for each of the Snowball Chance outings. A second was made and the motion passed.

There was a request for \$50.00 for prizes for the Snowball Chance outings. A motion was made to provide \$50.00 for each of the Snowball Chance outings. A second was made and the motion passed.

There is a site on the GPAA web where the club is listed and members can add themselves. We can list upcoming events if we want to. So far only Lonny is on the site. Lonny explained how to get to the site.

We will hold a metal detection contest at the next meeting.

2014 outing schedule:

Snowball Chance

Jun 21-22

Site Host:

Cook:

GPS Location n 48 05.31 W 123 16.91

Wadell Creek

July 19

Site Host: Mark & Carolyn

Cook: Mark (Weather permitting)

Snowball Chance

Aug 16-17

Site Host: Mark & Carolyn

Cook: Mark (Weather permitting)

GPS Location n 48 05.31 W 123 16.91

Mother's Nightmare

Sept. 20-21

Site Host: Mark & Carolyn
Cook: Mark (Weather permitting)
GPS Location N46 25 46.62 W 121 50 1.33

Cape Disappointment State Park
Oct 18-19
Site Host: Mark & Carolyn
Cook: Mark (If weather permits)
GPS Location N46 17.42 W124 04.41

There will be a board meeting prior to the July meeting.

The raffle was held and the meeting adjourned.

