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Next Chapter Meeting:

Dec 16th 2007

at the

Milwaukie, Oregon

Grange Hall

12015 S.E. 22nd

Meeting Begins at

1:30PM.



DATES TO REMEMBER...

Dec. 16th, 2007

Chapter Meeting,
Canned Food Drive,
Voting for the People's
Choice Award and the
updates to the Bylaws

Jan. 20th 2008

Chapter Meeting and
Banquet

Please submit Newsletter
Reports before the 2nd
Friday of each Month.



From the Presidents Desk

Welcome Carolyn, Dale, Karen, Lois, Pat and Tanya I hope to see you all at our next meeting

Get your thinking caps on! It is time to vote for the People's Choice award! The person that you feel has done the most for the club.

We will also be voting on the amendments to our Bylaws, page 4.

On page, five is an announcement from the Roseburg chapter.

Remember the December meeting is the last chance to bring canned food for the food drive.

On Nov. 26th John Henry left us to go to a better place. He was a great prospector, a dedicated member of our club, and a great person and he will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Kathy.

Stay safe, stay well and we will see you at the next meeting.

Sincerely

Richard Ruth

Secretary's Report for meeting dated Nov. 18th, 2007th

Meeting opened 1:33 pm
Milwaukie Grange Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Richard Ruth (Club President) welcomed attendees & visitors. 54 total, 6 new (welcome **Carolyn, Dale, Karen, Lois, Pat and Tanya**). Glad you all could join us.

October meeting minutes in newsletter accepted as posted.

Bev Parker (Treasurer) read Treasure's Report. Report accepted as read, (see report)

REPORTS

Dave Chiara (Claims Mgr.). *Richard gave report – Dave had no voice.* Nothing new to report. Membership Cards are not being handed out for 2007, will issue new ones in January for 2008. Be sure and sign in at each meeting (legibly, please). Books for new members are \$5.00

Preston Griffin (Safety) – Not present. Howard filed in – winters a great time to work on you equipment (of course, safety first). If your equipment is in good shape, you get a lot more "fun" out of it in the summer season.

Robert Wedding (GPAA Claims Mgr.) – If you want to donate your claim site for GPAA member use – they will take over and do all the paperwork. If you have used a GPAA claim site, please send in a report.

Eli Nicholson (Outings) – working on joint get together with Roseburg chapter to set up a get together – Roseburg, Grants Pass/Rouge River area. Tentative Schedules – Gold Show Mar 28th (set up day) Mar 29th – Mar 30th. GoldFest 2008 May 16 - 18 Roseburg Gold Show. Estacada Event (Metal Detecting) June 21st. Molalla River / Opel Creek – dates pending. Royal Family Kid's Camp Aug 14th – 19th. *More outings in the works. Stay tuned.*

Ken Burns (Equipment Mgr.) – All equipment is now stored at Ken's place (call to make arrangements to use). There are now rental prices established for each piece of equipment (see list). A portion of the rental charge is refundable if you bring back in good condition and clean. The club now has only one storage locker (for meeting equipment only) Equipment usage will be checked out & returned thru Ken or another officer (upon arrangement).

Secretary's Report...

Curt Barnes (Website) – Not Present. *The web site is up and running (working very well).* Our club is making money (\$49.61 so far) with "hits" from the sites that are linked to ours. *Editor's note: please visit site www.PortlandGoldProspectors.org and see for yourself. We would like to see more folks using / commenting / responding in the forum – it is there for your use. Curt has put some "money making ideas" on the website for anyone interested in helping the club finances.*

Newsletter - (Richard Ruth) should be out the Friday before the 3rd Sunday of the month meeting.

Old Business

Richard Ruth – Spaghetti Feed & big Silent Auction at the Milwaukie Grange Hall – Oct. 21st did ok. Bev's report indicates that the joint outings with the Estacada Parks & Rec brought in the following income; Metal Detecting \$637.69, Spaghetti Feed – Estacada \$479.24 and the spaghetti feed at the Milwaukie Grange \$242.30 Total \$1,359.23 It is anticipated we'll do more joint projects – certainly helps bring in needed funds.

Nominating Committee – Meda (not present) & Darlene - nominees for elections are; President – Richard Ruth, Vice President – Larry Deshner and Darlene Schafer, Secretary – Steve Williamson, Treasurer – Bev Parker, Claims – Larry Deshner, Robert Caldwell, Steve Williamson. Board Members @ Large; Mike Malloy, John Henry, Howard Charleboix & Ken Burns.

Food & Toy Drive – Meda (not present) Thank you for all your generous donations. Please remember that we're still collecting food at our December meeting.

Penny or Jeanne – club hats (baseball type) \$10, mugs; \$10, hats; \$12, M-L, \$14 XL - XXL T-shirts \$14, M-L, \$16, XL-XXL sweatshirts Remember all profits go to the club. *If anybody wants to bring in buckets for club sale, please bring on meeting day.*

Cook Books – we're still looking for recipes. Please send them in to Jeanne or Richard, as our club will do a cookbook later this fall (for sale too).

Secretary's Report...

New Business

It was brought up that the Milwaukie Grange (where we meet) is updating the metal chairs to newer (more comfortable ones) and it was brought to a motion that our club authorize purchase of up to 20 chairs (Ownership stays with PGP, Inc) up to a maximum expenditure of \$350. Motion carried.

Election Results – President – Richard Ruth, V-President – Darlene Schafer, Secretary – Steve Williamson, Treasurer – Bev Parker, Claims – Robert Caldwell. Board Members – Mike Malloy, John Henry, Howard Charleboix and Ken Burns.

Penny Parsons – asked if there were folks interested in attending a “work / prospect” session at Dave Rutan’s Wine Camp at Jump Off Joe Creek. If there are enough folks interested, work party will be scheduled for a couple of sessions of 3-4 days each (next spring).

It was also discussed that the Grange Hall (where we meet) is in need of members to maintain the hall locally, by the local membership (otherwise, it reverts to the State organization). So anyone wanting to join the Grange – membership is \$30 + \$3 for “paperwork”. Dues are \$30 per year. Their meetings have a potluck where meeting members bring dishes for the meeting. If the local cannot maintain a roster of 50 members, they will lose their local control, which means our club will either have to move and /or pay a lot more for a meeting place. The PGP, Inc will pay ½ of the dues. The Granges’ meeting is the third Saturday of the month and it has a potluck dinner (6:30 to 7:30) with their meeting to follow.

For those of you who renew your GPAA memberships on an annual basis – please let them know you are a member of this club and we will get credit for it.

Next meeting scheduled for December 16th 1:30 p.m. at the Milwaukie Grange Hall.

Raffle – Eli conducted the raffle – lots of good prices.

Meeting adjourned a 3:15 pm. Board meeting to follow.

GPAA Membership Renewal Credits

Buzzard Special	17.50
1 Year Mining Guide Renewal	12.50
2 Year Mining Guide Renewal	20.00
3 Year Mining Guide Renewal	25.00
Gold Life Membership	25.00
LDMA Membership	50.00
Alaska Sign - Ups	50.00

The 2 & 3 yr. Mining Guide renewals credits are adjusted because the member is getting a reduced price.

For Alaska sign-up information, please contact the Alaska Administrator.

These credits are used to buy things from the GPAA Catalog. If you do not have a GPAA Catalog, you can go to <http://www.goldprospectors.org/catalog/index.asp?PageName=Catalog> to see what all they have. If there is anything in the catalog that you would like to have for the raffle Please let one of the board members know.

Richard

“BUTTIN IN” WITH GOLD Sally’s TRIVIA



Who discovered gold on Clear
Creek?

P. B. Reading

At the Oct. meeting, we started something new. We are giving away gold. The quarter drop is where you can win. You now have a chance to win a 4-grain nugget. If you drop a quarter into the jug of water and it lands on the gold pan in the middle, you win your chance to draw a vile. It is luck of the draw pull. We have two 4 grain nuggets plus many others that are smaller you could also win. It only takes one drop to win. Please come to the meetings and try it, see what you could win.

Eli

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Proposed Changes to Our Bylaws

ARTICLE FOUR

MEMBERS

SECTION I. MEMBERSHIP. There shall be three categories of members, as follows:

VOTING-CATEGORY Member shall be a member in good standing with the Gold Prospectors

Association of America (GPAA) and attending at least three General Meetings **or in combination with outings** in the past twelve months.

A ***SUPPORTING CATEGORY Member*** can be any person who is not a member of GPAA and attends at least three General Meetings **or in combination with outings** in the past twelve months.

A ***VISTING CATEGORY Member*** can participate but shall not continue to receive regular bulletins or newsletters if not active.

SECTION 3. VOTING RIGHTS.

Each Voting-Category Member in good standing shall be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the members. Proxy voting will not be allowed. However, in the case of elections of Officers or Board Members absentee voting shall be allowed. Supporting-Category Members and Visiting category members do not have the right to vote *in* the elections of officers and board members, but can vote on all other club business.

ARTICLE SEVEN

OFFICERS

SECTION 2. ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE.

The Officers of the Corporation shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the members and shall serve for **two**-year terms. **President and Secretary in odd numbered years. Vice President and Treasurer in even numbered years. A Director/Officer may resign his/her position at the time of elections as long as continuity of the Board of Directors is maintained. No complete change out of the Board of Directors.** If the election of Officers is not held at such meeting, such election shall be held as soon thereafter as is convenient. New offices may be created and filled at any meeting of the Board of Directors. The Office of President shall not be filled by the same person for more than two consecutive **terms**. The selection of officers and member(s) of the Board by the General Membership shall be ratified by the Board without change.

SECTION 9. TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall have general custody of all the funds and securities of the Corporation except such as may be required by law to be deposited with any state official. He/She shall see to the deposits of the funds of the Corporation in such bank or banks as the Board of Directors may designate. Regular books of account shall be kept under his/her direction and supervision, and he/she shall render financial statements to the President/Chairperson, Directors, and member at proper times. The Treasurer shall have charge of the preparation of the annual budget and filling of such reports, financial statements, and returns as may be required by law.

ARTICLE ELEVEN

FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Corporation shall begin on August 22 and end at midnight on August 21st. of the following year.



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December 7, 2007

Dear Fellow GPAA Oregon Chapter Members,

As you all know, the Salem GPAA Gold & Treasure Show will be March 29th & 30th, 2008. The show for Redding, CA was canceled for 2008. Since this leaves a void for Southern Oregon and Northern California, our club felt we needed to put together a show in Roseburg to give prospectors in these areas an opportunity to attend a show closer to home.

We would like all of the Oregon Chapters to get involved in any way possible; i.e. planning meetings, set-up & take-down at the show, rent a space at the show to get information out about your club. We will need all the help we can get! We have been in contact with the GPAA office in Temecula, CA and they said they would support us in this venture with advertising, etc.

We have started the “gold nugget” rolling and scheduled the show for, Friday May 30th (set-up noon to 9 p.m.), Saturday May 31st (Show hours 10 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.), and Sunday June 1st (Show hours 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.), 2008. The official name will be **Southern Oregon Gold & Treasure Show** presented by DCPA of Roseburg, OR.

If you can participate or would just like to make suggestions by email or phone, let us know and we will notify you when the meetings will take place. We look forward to working with all of the Oregon GPAA Chapters. You can contact our club President, Gary Sturgill by email auseeker66@yahoo.com or phone 541 672-2581.

Respectively yours,

Sheran L. Johnston, Secretary
DCPA of Roseburg, OR

cc: G. Sturgill

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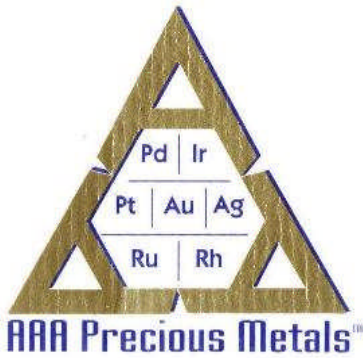
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