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Next Chapter Meeting:

Nov. 15th, 2009

At the
Milwaukie, Oregon
Grange Hall
12015 S.E. 22nd
Meeting Begins at
1:30PM.



DATES TO REMEMBER...

Our next meeting
December 20th 2009 Chapter Meeting and Food Drive –
Every 2 items given will get you a \$1 raffle ticket

Don't forget the outings schedule at the end of this newsletter. Any suggestions for outings are appreciated. Talk to a board member.

Please submit Newsletter Reports before the FIRST Friday of each Month.

From the Presidents Desk

Nothing from the President's Desk this month.

Secretary's Report for meeting dated October 18th, 2009

Meeting opened 1:30PM – Milwaukie Grange Hall

CALL TO ORDER

Preston Griffin (Club President) - Welcomed attendees & visitors. 41 total with no visitors.

September meeting minutes in newsletter accepted as posted. Treasurer's report was read and accepted as well.

Other Correspondence - Email from WRD about water right or limited license needs to be in place before doing any high banking. They will be sharing information with us at this month's (Oct) meeting. Bill Ferber West Region Manager and Debbie Colbert who works with Bill.

Robert Caldwell (Club Claims) – Not Here – Club books are available to new members who have attended a combination of 3 meetings or club outings. He also has 1 year and 5 year club cards

Robert Wedding (GPAA Claims Mgr.) - Checked and Copper Creek in Washington state is still a GPAA claim.

Eli /Jim Dorning (Outings) – Outings for this year are completed. Any ideas for next year Please write them down and turn them in. Close or far away.

Anyone know of spots on the Clackamas or Sandy river?

Bob Rasey (Safety) – Whether hunting , fishing, camping, , hiking in the woods for a couple hours and get lost it can become a major search effort. Plan as if you are going to get lost, in your survival kit extra clothes, food, matches, lighter. For starting a fire things such as Frito's (yes the snack), Dryer lint, paraffin soaked cotton balls are all good items.

Ken Burns (Equipment Mgr.) - Not here.

If you need equipment call Ken his number is listed in the news letter under Equipment.

Curt Barnes (Website) - Web is up, Forum is down (checked 10/16/2009). We get credits each time one of the links to GPAA, 49r's, D&K ...links are used. These credits are used to help pay for the server. Remember to go to the web often! www.portlandgoldprospectors.org

Dave Chiara (Mining Activities) – We did not cover any mining activities as time was short. Trying to get through everything before break so that the full time could be allotted to the WRD presentation.

Old Business

Candidates for Secretary and Vice President – We will need people to consider being candidates for Secretary and Vice President positions. Also need election committee volunteers (to help canvas the club members for likely candidates) Elections are to be held in the Nov. meeting!

We have 2 board members at large that have indicated they will return for another term and we may need an additional 2 for next year.

Ideas for Other Outings (Eli) – Ask club members to be thinking about places to go for next year. Contact Eli or one of the officers or bring it up during the meeting.

Possibilities: TYROY, Old miners meadow, rogue river, Copper creek in Washington was brought up and discussed, Oregon Gold trip work party. Please help the club with your ideas. Let a board member know.

Don't forget the food donations. For every 2 items brought in, you will get a \$1.00 raffle ticket.

Announcement before the break – Hat's \$10, Bucket Hats \$11, T-shirts M-L \$12, XL-XXL 14. Sweat shirts M-L \$14, XL – XXL \$16.

New Business

By-Law Update – Changed Club PO Box Address in by-laws from the Estacada PO Box to the Portland PO Box address as follows PO BOX 22414 Portland, Oregon 97269-2414.

Toy and Food Drive for NOVEMBER – Bring your toys! And food for the meeting in November. This is the time of year where we need to share our bounty with others.

Other Items of Interest

CLUB LIBRARY CALLING FOR DONATIONS – Do you have a couple of interesting Books related to Gold Prospecting, Equipment, Metal Detecting, or related topics that you could donate to the Portland Gold Prospectors Library? Also Magazines can be donated. If you no longer need them, please share the information so other members can enjoy! Bring your donated material to a meeting and Jim Dorning will place them in the Club Library. Thanks for your help.

Speakers – Bill Ferber/ Debbie Colbert Of the Oregon Water Resource Department

Oregon Department of Water Resources wants miners to be aware that water rights are necessary if you take water from a stream. You do not need a water right if you run a suction dredge or even if you shovel into a sluicebox in the stream. It is only when you remove the water from the stream that a water right comes into play.

Most miners in this area have utilized groundwater for mining. Oregon water law contains an exemption so that miners can use 5,000 gallons a day of groundwater for processing. Old dredge tailings ponds and even water in test holes can be a source of groundwater for processing. When this water is recycled, there is enough water to support a small scale mining operation. There is also a surface water right that can be applied for. This is called a Limited Water Use License. The cost is \$150.00 for five years of water use. The risk with one of these temporary water rights, is if someone else has an earlier priority water right, you could be shut down when water is short, and your use conflicts with their use.

Why now? They had a weak answer that some upset water user may have complained.

We can dig holes to get to ground water and no permit required for this, however no power tools can be used for digging.

They did say that we could get the laws changed by writing written comments to the water resource commission who is about to go to legislature

Douglas County Prospectors Association – Limited License application #1244. See internet link below for more information on that pending application. http://apps2.wrd.state.or.us/apps/wr/wrinfo/wr_details.aspx?snp_id=167191

In particular, you can click on “view all scanned document” to see the actual materials in the file.

Limited License Fees – Current Rulemaking

Link to directions for submitting a comment on the proposed fee increase –

NOTE THAT WRITTEN COMMENTS NEED TO BE RECEIVED BY 5 PM ON OCTOBER 30.

http://www1.wrd.state.or.us/files/Publications/Notices/oar_notices/Notice%20Open%20comm_OAR%20Ch%20690%20Div%2020%20340%20382.pdf

Link to the proposed limited license rules with the fee change –

http://www1.wrd.state.or.us/files/Publications/Notices/oar_notices/OAR%20Ch%20690_Div%20340%20Hrng%20drft.pdf

Also, we wanted to clarify that the currently the base fee for a limited license is \$150 (this includes the first diversion). Each additional pod is \$15. There are no added fees for the quantity of water.

Information about our Water Resources Commission

Link to our commissioner information -

http://www.wrd.state.or.us/OWRD/COMMIS/index.shtml#Commission_District_Map

Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc Outings 2009

✓ **Completed for the YEAR. Help us plan for next year's outings. Contact a board member with your ideas or suggestions.**

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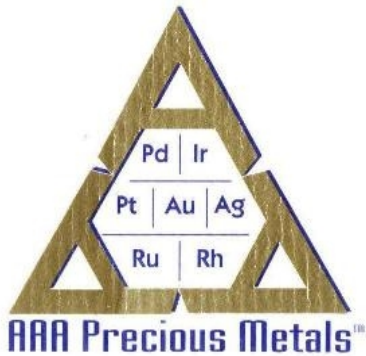
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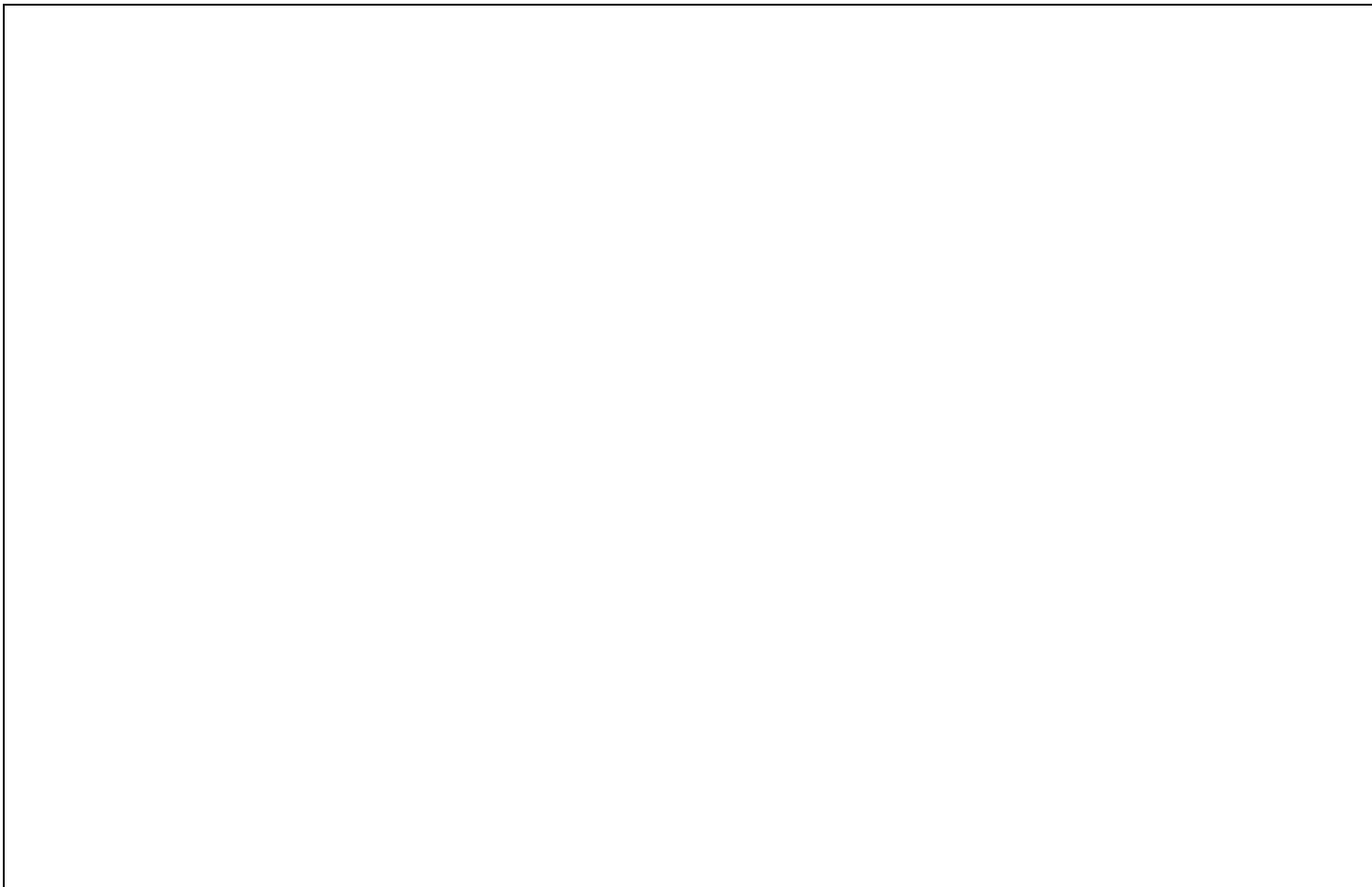
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1 Year Mining Guide Renewal	7.50
2 Year Mining Guide Renewal	12.00
Gold Life Membership	25.00
LDMA Membership	50.00
Alaska Sign - Ups	50.00

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.

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