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Chapter Meeting:

December 20th 2015

At the
Milwaukie, Oregon
Grange Hall
12015 S.E. 22nd

Meeting Begins at
--- 1:30 ---

Dates to Remember...



December, 2015

Our next meeting:

On December 20th, 2015

For every 2 cans of food you bring
in you can get 1 ticket for our
\$1.00 drawing up to 5 tickets



The Presidential Post

From the President's Desk

Please join us on Sunday, December 20th. We will also be going over our Outings plan for 2016 and can use your input. It's really been an exciting year with some great outings with the Vancouver Chapter and the promise of more to come this next year. With the rains we've had recently – you can count on gold having been moved around and we plan to go find it.

With the elections over and Jerry Johns and some new faces joining us, I know it's going to be an adventuresome year.

I wish to thank all of you (officers and board members) for your devotion, dedication and service to our Chapter while I was President. One person can't do it all, but one person can make a difference and I thank each and every one of you for your help and support. Next month Larry Hellie (Vancouver Chapter) will be producing a joint "regional" newsletter with Vancouver, Portland, Brownsville and other Washington Chapter listed. It will be sent to you just like your current Chapter newsletter, please watch for it.

Also, don't forget your canned donations, or your "silent auction" items. Bring your checkbook – we'll have two five gallon buckets (again) of TYRoy "paydirt" for the Silent Auction.

If you have friends, co-workers or others interested in learning about prospecting, invite them to join us and find out if it's something they'd like to do as well.

This is a great year to be prospecting and having fun and you can profit by others involvement and even find some gold. Remember memories become golden with time.

Sincerely
David Chiara

Portland Gold Prospectors, Inc.

Secretary's Report November 15, 2015

Milwaukie Grange Hall, 12015 SE 22nd Milwaukie, OR

Meeting called to order by President Dave Chiara at 1:32 pm

Pledge of Allegiance conducted.

Attendance:

42 attendees at the meeting; 3 visiting guests were present

Meeting minutes:

A **Motion** was made and seconded to accept the Secretary's report as written and published in the newsletter.

Treasury report: Beverly Parker

The Treasury report was read by the Treasurer to the association.

A **Motion** was made, seconded, and approved to accept the Treasurer's report as written.

Correspondence:

Melinda Dorning read a notice from Dominic Ricci of the Temecula GPAA that offered a \$450.00 discount to veterans when they purchase a GPAA Lifetime Membership. The offer expires Nov. 25, 2015.

Reports

Dave Chiara asked everyone to sign in on the roster at the entry table. He also mentioned to let the head office of GPAA know you are a member of Portland Gold Prospectors when you renew or purchase a GPAA membership. This gives our association points that can be used for products.

Last month the amount of our annual liability insurance premium was expected to change. Dave and Bev Parker reported the new policy will be \$250.00 for the year, which is a reduction.

Report on Club Claims: Ken Burns

Ken asked that any members going to the Tyroy claim to contact Dave Chiara or Ken Burns prior to traveling there. Also, please pick up any trash there and pack out everything you take in. Besides being the right thing to do, it helps us keep a good relationship with the local rancher. Dave stated a member who lives in Baker City now has BLM approved seed and it will be distributed on the disturbed area soon. Also signs have been placed on the fence in the claim area for safety.

G.P.A.A. State Director, Steve Lewin

Steve Lewin talked about places to go out prospecting now. Lewisville Park in Washington allows sluicing and battery powered equipment; however, no gas motors are allowed. As State Director, Steve plans to visit each GPAA claim in Oregon to update the conditions and check out the claims. He reported he read several laws pertaining to mining in Oregon and found legal errors that were reported to Public Lands for the People to protect mining rights. He also offered to sell a few gold nuggets for use in our raffles.

Jerry Johns discussed the purchase of gold. In the past, we have attempted to purchase from AAA Precious Metals or Liberty Coin & Currency with a somewhat limited supply of nuggets for the raffle prize. Previously, Dave Chiara, Joe Wood, and Jerry Johns have donated their gold. A **Motion** was made to authorize the purchase of up to ½ oz of gold nuggets (Bering Sea Gold) through Steve Lewin, approximated \$600.00 value, when available. The **Motion** was seconded and **passed**.

Outings: Jerry Johns

Jerry said he plans to have a calendar of events for the 2016 year that will be available at the December 2015 meeting. One of the popular events he hopes to repeat is beach mining with Rodney Chavez. Dave also stated our association will participate in joint events with the Vancouver GPAA Chapter next year.

Ken Burns suggested an emergency plan during an outing if an accident happens. Purchasing a first aid kit was suggested and perhaps donations of safety equipment from members. Steve Lewin said he can check on group First Aid and/or CPR Classes for members.

Safety: No report

Some members talked about carrying emergency supplies in your car in case you cannot get to your destination.

Newsletter:

For the past months Dave Chiara and Bill Bench have created the monthly newsletter. Larry Hellie will present his ideas at the Board Meeting and may become the next Newsletter Editor

Website:

Dave Chiara asked for input on the website. A member reported that the names of officers on the website need to be updated.

Library:

Joe Weber thanked the members who donated maps to the library this month. He stated the library is for the use of members to take out a book and return it the following month. There are no library fees.

Old Business:

Gold Show:

Jerry Johns reported plans are underway for the GPAA Gold Show at the Portland Expo Center, April 9-10, 2016. The three GPAA Chapters who are sponsors are PGPI, Brownsville, OR, and Vancouver, WA. A lot of support will be needed from our members to make this Gold Show successful. Jerry asked that every member volunteers for at least one shift at the show.

TYRoy Claim:

Dave reported that claim assessment papers will be submitted this week. Also the reseeding was done on Nov 13, so he hopes the grass seed works well. Next spring the claim can be used earlier if the weather allows, according to Dave.

Silent Auction Items:

Two items were up for silent auction: a dirt bucket from Tyroy, and a GPS unit. The winner of the bid for the bucket is asked to return the bucket next month. This donation helps our association because we do not charge dues. Anyone can bring something for the silent auction donation.

Code of Conduct: Dave Chiara reminded members to contact a Board member for any concerns about conduct or dealing with other members.

Speaker:

Dave Ulrich demonstrated his product, Black Sand Magnetic Separator or Spin It Off. This removes the magnetite from concentrates and allows a miner to collect fine gold more efficiently

New Business

Nomination of Officers and Board Members:

Bill Bench presided as the Elections Chairman. The following positions and people were nominated at the October meeting.

President:	Jerry Johns
Treasurer	Bev Parker, Bob Burns, Bill Bench
Claims Chairperson	Ken Burns, Joe Wood, Dave Chiara

Board Members	Richard Ruth
	Elaine Ruth
	Joe Weber
	Dave Chiara
	Matt Barner
	Clint Hurd

Nominations were open for President, no additional nominations were placed. Nominations for Treasurer were opened, no additional nominations were placed. Bob Burns and Bill Bench declined the nomination as Treasurer. Nominations for Claims Chairperson were opened. Discussion followed to allow 3 people on this claims committee including the current claim holders (Ken Burns and Dave Chiara) who will train another person regarding the claim regulations. Anthony Johnston was nominated.

Nominations for Board Members were opened. Joe Weber declined his nomination. Bill Bench stated the first four elected Board Members will serve for two years. No additional nominations were placed.

While the votes were counted additional business was discussed.

Dave Chiara stated he plans to represent our Chapter at the next GPAA National Chapter Summit to be held in Las Vegas, NV in February 2016.

Darlene Shafer, who is a former association Vice-President, thanked members for their cards and phone calls during her recent injury.

Volunteer Raffle: Jerry Johns

Jerry explained the quarterly volunteer raffle for those who helped at the reclamation of the Tyroy claim in June and in September. Each person who volunteered received one ticket for 1.4 gram of gold valued about \$70-\$80.00. Joe Wood was the winner. Jerry encouraged members to continue or begin volunteering and they will be eligible in the next quarterly volunteer raffle. Jerry thanked everyone who has volunteered this year.

Raffle

In addition to the regular raffle, Steve Lewin held a special raffle for gems and gold that he donated. Everyone present received a free ticket in this raffle. There were 2 gold pickers, jasper and sunstone gems

Dave Chiara thanked the kitchen staff and those who donated cookies. He encouraged members to buy club clothing and hats. Also, he asked for a new Hospitality Chairperson to volunteer as Helen Burns is stepping down from the position she held for many years. Elaine Ruth volunteered to take over the Hospitality position with the help of other ladies (or guys) in the kitchen. Appreciation was expressed to Helen Burns for her exceptional help over the years.

The Election Results were given as follows:

President – Jerry Johns, Treasurer – Bev Parker, Board Members at Large – (2 yrs) Richard Ruth, Elaine Ruth, Dave Chiara, Matt Barner; (1 yr) Clint Hurd.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:38 pm

(Respectfully submitted by Melinda Dorning, Secretary)

Outings Calendar and Upcoming Events

Sunday December

20th PGPI Association - Business Meeting at 1:30pm

Thursday Jan 7th,

2016 3rd and final planning meeting for Annual banquet

Sunday Jan 17th,

2016 Annual Banquet - swearing in of officers, Door prizes

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ARTICLE OF THE MONTH

No article this month

If you have articles or comments regarding the PGPI articles you'd like to respond with, please contact the temporary editors (Bill Bench or Dave Chiara).

Your contributions (in word) would be greatly appreciated. The PGPI Newsletter is a vehicle to voice your thoughts and opinions. Please strengthen our organization with your participation.



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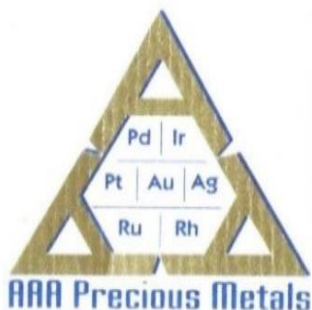
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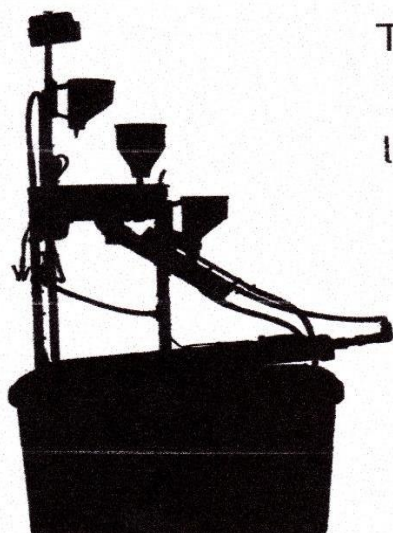


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All members note:

The association earns purchasing points with renewal of GPAA Membership. Please tell them you are a Portland Gold Prospector member

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