

Secretary's Report for March 2026
Portland Gold Prospectors Club Meeting

Location: Sunnyside Grange, 13130 SE Sunnyside Rd., Clackamas, OR 97086

Quorum: Yes. Attendees – 81, and 4 guests.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m., March 12, 2026, by President Dan Rouse, who also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introduction:

- Dan Rouse introduced the Board Members in attendance. He thanked the Patrick family for hosting the snacks. Dan mentioned that PGPI can really use someone as an outing coordinator, along with a membership chairperson.
 - PGPI needs someone who will a.) plan and coordinate drives for PGPI membership, both in and out of chapter settings; b.) maintain the chapter roster of active PGPI members. Notify members of incorrect member contact information and collect updated information to be sent to GPAA administration; c.) coordinate with the Public Information Officer to “push out” information on chapter membership through the chapter’s social media and printed publications; and d.) supply to the Secretary a current voting member roster before all PGPI chapter meetings.
- Dan announced that he has nine months left in his term and will not seek an additional term as President. He urged the membership to start thinking about who will help lead us forward.
- PGP’s Vice President, Frank Hudson, welcomed guests and announced the new quarterly raffle.

Motions:

- Meeting Minutes – A member made a motion to approve the previous minutes as written and published on the PGPI’s website. The motion was seconded by a member and passed by a vote of the general membership in attendance.
- Treasurer’s Report – Mark Kirk made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s report. The motion was seconded by Tony Hess and accepted by a vote of the general membership in attendance.
- TYROY Outing – Dan proposed to the membership in attendance that a \$50 fee per person for each week for their spot during the TYROY outing. The fee covers expenses for backhoe rental and operation, Porta-Potties at the claim site, and other related costs. Dan made a motion to charge a \$50 fee for each person over 18, per week. The motion was seconded and accepted by a vote of the general membership in attendance.

No one was available to give a TYROY update.

Blue Bags: Please drop off your blue bag donations yourself rather than leaving them here. Thank you.

Molalla Outing: An outing to Molalla is scheduled for March 22nd, which is a Sunday. The meetup for the outing is 10:00 a.m. at mile marker 5 pullout.

Embroidered Bags: Wally from the Vancouver GPAA stopped by to deliver his embroidered bags. Thank you, Wally!

Guest Speakers: Dan invited two speakers to the meeting: David Urick and Walt Evans.

- David Urick is with Columbia Mining Supply and makes the Spin-it-Off, which helps separate black sands.
- Walt Evans, former President of the Douglas County Prospectors Association, spoke about Oregon's Mining Regulations. His presentation summarized an article he published in Gold Prospectors, March-April 2026, published by the Gold Prospectors Association of America.

Quarterly Raffle:

Paydirt – Waymon Bonner, Kristan Earhart, and Sabrina Johnston

Sluice – Chase Bes

Pin Pointer – David Cofi

Gold Nugget – Lorilee Cronn

Attendance – Ed Ellies, Mike Jeffines, Chris Hood, and Kevin Smith

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Clark Niewendorp, Secretary of PGP, Inc.