

PGPI Board Meeting Minutes—Friday, October 9, 2026

Dan Rouse (President) called the October 2026 Board Meeting to order at **7:05 p.m.** at the Treasure Trove.

Board Members Present (Yes Quorum)

Dan Rouse, Frank Hudson, Jeff Cronn, Clark Niewendorp, Jerry Neubert, Mark Kirk, Deb Nordin, and Ken Didier.

Others: Lauralee Cronn.

Upcoming Meetings

- **Next Board Meeting: FRIDAY, November 13 at 7:00 p.m.** at Treasure Trove.
- **Next General Meeting: November 22 at 1:30 p.m.** at the Sunnyside Grange.

The following items were discussed by the Board Members present:

Treasurer's Report as of 8/9/2026 (Jeff Cronn)

- **Beginning balance:** \$6510.48; **ending balance:** \$6388.39. A paper summary of expenditures is attached to the hard-copy minutes. Available upon request.
- **PGPI Picnic Summary and Expenditures** (Sunday, September 27, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, Hammerly Park, West Linn):
 - About 40 members and guests attended.
 - Picnic cost: ~\$488.

Secretary Report (Clark Niewendorp): No Report

- **Action Item:** Clark volunteered to draft language for Board review that encourages lower-impact mining methods on PGPI claims, except equipment authorized during TYROY outings. The proposed bylaw amendment would help preserve claim resources for all members by limiting activities that could rapidly deplete recoverable gold through intensive, prolonged dredging, leaving little opportunity for members who rely on traditional methods such as picks, shovels, pans, and sluices. Report to the Board at the November meeting.

Discussion Items:

- **Membership:** Dan asked the Board to review current membership requirements, including whether existing criteria should be retained or modified. As part of that discussion, the Board considered whether

prospective members should attend at least three in-person meetings each year before qualifying for PGPI membership. Further action pending.

- **Exploitation of Claims:** Again, Dan raised the **question for the club** of whether to limit this claim to lower-impact methods like pans and sluices only and limit high-impact dredging. See Clark's action item.

Action Items:

- **Banners for Events:** No action.
- Dan requested that the Board develop a **2027 calendar of events**, including outing dates, for members and GPAA.

Motions (none)

Outings and Events

- **Dennis Peterson** of Washington and from the Congress of Mining Districts will give a presentation about mining district rules at the November general meeting.
- **Frank Hudson and others** on the board will bring examples of their prospecting backpacks to show at the October general meeting.
- **Quartzville Outing:** Frank Hudson plans to attend PGPI's outing on October 24th-25th.

Bingo: Three bingo games scheduled for the November meeting.

No December Board Meeting!

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at **8:25 p.m.**

Minutes submitted by:

Clark Niewendorp, Secretary