

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

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

Quorum: Yes. **Attendees:** 77 (7 guests).

President Dan Rouse called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. on October 18, 2026, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

❖ **Next General Meeting** is November 15th. **Next Board Meeting** is November 13th.

Introduction:

- **President's Message — Dan Rouse:**
 - Reiterated that his **term expires** at the end of December and encouraged members to consider volunteering, as other Board positions may also become available.
 - Asked for a **volunteer** to serve on a new Claims Committee and oversee the club's claim records and paperwork.
 - Reminder that **elections** for new Board Members will take place in November.
 - Thanked the **Patrick Family** for the snacks.
 - Thanked the volunteers for the successful picnic; mentioned everyone seemed to have a good time and the picnic's costs nearly broke even because of the quarter drop and Plinko games.
- **Board Member — Frank Hudson:**
 - He welcomed new guests and summarized prizes for the dollar, silent, and quarterly auction.

Stewardship Issue:

- At this meeting, **Dan Rouse** again encouraged the membership to consider establishing equipment guidelines for the club's Quartzville Creek placer claim. Because the claim is relatively small and shared by all members, he believes that higher-impact equipment, such as dredges and highbankers, can work available ground more quickly and may reduce opportunities for other members to prospect the site. The proposal under discussion would limit use of the claim to lower-impact methods, such as gold pans and sluices. **The proposed restrictions would not affect the TYROY claim.**
- The Board will continue discussing the proposal and plans to provide its recommendations for membership. Depending on the outcome of those discussions, the Board may present a motion for consideration at the November meeting.

- *Ted Robinson* announced plans that he will open a discussion forum on the club's website to allow members to share their views on this proposal and other club matters.

Motions:

- **Meeting Minutes** — *Peter Frederick* moved to approve the previous minutes as written and posted on PGPI's website. *Deb Nordin* seconded. A vote of the general membership in attendance approved the motion.
- **Treasurer's Report** — *Walt Evans* moved to approve the Treasurer's report. *Peter Frederick* seconded. A vote of the general membership in attendance approved the motion.

Reports:

- **Treasurer's Report** — No report.
- **Secretary's Report** — Jeff Cronn summarized the club's expenditures and deposits as of 10/18/2026. Expenditures included the **picnic cost** (food, \$94.57; pavilion, \$297.55).

Blue Bags:

- Blue bags were **available at the meeting**. Please ensure each bag has a **PGPI identification sticker attached**. Members should redeem their cans and bottles directly rather than leaving donations at the meeting site.

Outings:

- **October 24th and 25th** at Quartzville claim at 10:00 am. Frank plans to be there both days, depending on weather and camping availability.

Presentations:

- *Frank Hudson* began a presentation on the equipment he carries in his backpack while prospecting and dredging. *Chris Daiker* and *John Ashcraft* also shared what they carried in their backpacks. Members found it interesting to compare the similarities and differences in equipment and supplies.
- *Walt Evans* briefly spoke to the membership about the latest news with the People for Public Land.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

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