

Nye Gold Seekers

General Membership Meeting - Pahrump Museum

July 20, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 14:08 by President Griz Burker

Officers and Directors present: Griz Burker, Larry Tobey, Gerri Richey, Robert Bartgis, Rocket Black, Monty Duarte, David Kolenbrander, Marge and Bob Tracey

Secretary Report: Read by secretary Gerri Richey. Motion to approve report by Larry Tobey, seconded by Phil Ranier . Motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Report read by Shirley Bartgis. June income \$308.00; June expenditures \$19.52; Interest earned \$.31. Less outstanding checks, bank balance June 30, 2013 is \$7,419.50. Motion by Don Franks, Seconded by Ed Frasier to approve treasurer report. Motion carried.

Membership Director: Larry Tobey Membership packets were discussed at the board of directors meeting and input from the club membership is requested. Membership packets are currently available at Will's store, at club meetings, or mailed to new members. The goal is to reduce the cost of mailings and still provide materials to the new members.

Options include:

1. Provide membership packets only at sign up,
2. New members pick up their packets at Will's store or at the next meeting,
3. Devise a system that will allow membership number assignment at the time of payment. If this system is implemented, temporary membership card would be given at sign up, as well as the membership packet, including the vehicle placard identification to be used at the claim site.
4. Will the claim pass and ID card be only available at the meetings or picked up at Will's store, and mailed only if requested from long distance new members.

President Griz reminds the club membership this is a discussion for consideration only at this time. Input from membership is requested for the board of directors to make their decision based on this discussion.

Outing Director: Rocket Black Ten members participated in outing held June 27th to Hard Luck Castle and the gem field near Goldfield. There was a \$10.00 fee to tour Hard Luck Castle, and a DVD was given to us at the end of the tour. Samples of rocks from the gem field are on display at the back of the meeting room. There were a few members at the July outing at the claim.

There is a list of upcoming events through October on the back table. NGS will have a booth this year at Beatty Days. Housing is limited, if you want to stay overnight make your reservations now as most of the rooms are already booked. Additional housing information is also available at the back table.

We need help with our booth at the Wild, Wild West, Beatty Days and the Fall Festival. Sign us as soon as possible.

Equipment Director: Monty Duarte No report

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OLD BUSINESS: Use your vehicle placard when you are at the claim. If you don't have one, pick it up at the club meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: A request was received from a business in Oregon to include their information on our club website. Discussion from membership concludes the web site is for membership to advertise their own equipment and if this company would join the club, they would be allowed to list their business name and contact information.

In order to keep costs down, would membership like to continue the membership certificates?

- A. Allow access to print out via the club website? (Would not have control of printouts)
- B. Offer options to obtain the certificate without mailing
- C. Temporary card issued upon payment
- D. Other ideas????

CHRISTMAS PARTY President Griz is checking on options. Suggestions from the floor is needed for the board to follow through with this project.

1. Pot Luck dinner?
2. Use Rudd Center, using a caterer who would be responsible for set up and teardown/clean up. A deposit has been made on this facility. We need a decision soon so the club could receive the deposit back if we are not going to use this space.
3. Buffet or sit down dinner?
4. Membership to pay a nominal fee to subsidize costs?
5. Membership fee for the dinner be set as non-refundable?
6. Require advance payment for head count? 30 days prior to event?
7. If fee is charged, only for the dinner, or will members be allowed to come for the drawings only without paying the dinner fee?

Options researched by President Griz include 1. Caterer to Rudd Center 2. Nevada Treasures, \$800 for the building 3. Pahump Nugget's charge per plate, unknown how much, if any additional fee would be required to use their facility.

Information will be placed on the club website and the board of directors will use the feedback.

The decision must be made by the August meeting.

CONTACT INFORMATION

A suggestion from the floor to allow membership renewals mailed to the club post office box. The information is included on the club website and using this method should assist out of town members to maintain current membership standing.

Will Bond Prospecting Samples are on display on the back table from our claim as well as other areas. Check these out after the meeting.

DRAWINGS: New member: Greg Bloomer

Gold Bags 1. Larry Dunn 2. Bob Bargetis 3. Bob Stauffer 4. Phil Raneri

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Motion by Rocket, Seconded by Don Franks to adjourn meeting at 15:02

Motion carried

Respectfully Submitted

Gerri Richey

NGS Secretary