

Nye Gold Seekers
General Membership Meeting - Pahrump Museum
November 16, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 14:21 by President Griz Burkner.

Attendance: Officers: Griz Burkner, Larry Tobey, Gerri Richey and Carol Deegan

Directors: Robert Bartgis, Rocket Black, Monty Duarte, Melvena Robichaux, Bob Tracey

Secretary Report: Gerri Richey Motion was made by Don Franks, seconded by Marvin Young and carried to accept the minutes as read.

Treasurer Report: Carol Deegan Bank balance is \$9,062.47; Income was \$918.00; Expense was \$91.86 and Interest earned was 37 cents. A motion was made by Peter Day, seconded by Monty Duarte and carried to accept the report.

President Griz announced the bills that have been approved by the board of directors for payment. The following are due: Post Office Box rental, Storage rental, and the fees required by the Nevada Secretary of State for the Silver Flume program, which lists the officers of the club and will be submitted after the election of officers at the December meeting.

An article appearing in the local papers indicate the federal government wants to stop all recreation on public lands in Nye County as well as other areas of Nevada in order to save the Sage Hens. Membership needs to attend county and town board meetings to protest the closing of public lands. Signs are also appearing for desert tortoise crossings.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

Outing Director: Rocket Black The BBQ was held at the claim. 41 persons attended. Several members were using shovels on the designated site improvement project, filling in the large hole. A big thank you goes to Marvin Young for bringing his tractor and completing the task. December 14th outing at the claim will focus on a dry washer demonstration. Also, bring your metal detectors.

Membership and Website Director: Larry Tobey There are currently 155 active members, including 59 renewals, and 9 new members in October and 5 new members to date for November. The website has received 2243 hits to date. Reminder to the membership, a new membership director is needed. Knowledge of the Excel program is helpful. Anyone interested in this post, please contact a board member as soon as possible.

Equipment Director: Monty Duarte A trailer would be helpful to be used at shows and outings to transport and storage of club equipment during these events. A trailer was donated by Paula Noot for use during the Wild West Extravaganza and was very much appreciated. Watch for a used enclosed trailer that could be converted to the requirements for transporting club materials. Minimum size would be 8 X 10, and 8X 12 would be preferred. Special funding would be necessary to make this purchase. An option is possibly setting up 50/50 drawings at future meetings, to be determined. The dry washer is checked out and is expected back in a couple of days. Club equipment should include a set of jumper cables, at the BBQ cables were needed.

Election Committee Chairman: Bob Bartgis Vice President post is open and a membership director is open. Anyone can run for election and should let the committee know if you want your name submitted for consideration at the election of officers to be held at the December meeting.

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Christmas Committee Chairman: Marge Tracey Marge gave a detailed report of the progress of the Christmas Party event. There is a deadline for purchasing meal tickets. Some of the raffle items were mentioned. One of the major raffle items is a dry washer and blower and each meal will receive one ticket for the major items. Ed Frasier was introduced and thanked during the meeting for his donation of two 1 troy ounce .999 silver medallions as raffle items.

Reminder: bring your receipt and club membership card for admittance at the meal portion of the December Christmas Party. Check in will begin at 1:30 pm for meal and 4 pm for the meeting and raffle only.

New member drawing: #9924 Gerald Spadt

Raffle Gold Bags:

4970 Larry Barbier; 4904 Larry Dunn; 4999 Hugh Goulding 4918 not claimed 4941 Marvin Young

A rake from the Museum clean-up project and a water bottle are available for the owner to claim.

The meeting was concluded at 15:11, followed by the **program director Larry Tobey's** presentation of the video "Where's The Loot" from the Exploring Nevada series of educational videos.

Motion by Peter Day, seconded by Marvin Young and carried to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gerri Richey, Secretary
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