

Nye Gold Seekers – Pahrump Museum
General Membership Meeting
March 15, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 14:02 by President Larry Tobey.

President: Larry Tobey The selected program for today's presentation is from "Gold Fever" entitled "Giant Nuggets & One-Armed Bandits".

A special certificate was presented to Rosemarie and Bruce Ruston commemorating the 500th member of Nye Gold Seekers.

Vice President/Programs Director: Don Franks LWD, Inc. is discontinuing their mining supplies inventory and the club is purchasing the inventory. The items will be for sale to membership and some items will be used for the Christmas Party raffle.

Secretary's Report: Gerri Richey The secretary's report was read. A motion by Marvin Young, seconded by Joe Davis and carried to accept the report as read.

Treasurer's Report: Melvena Robichaux Income \$873.00; Expenses \$206.06; 50/50 drawing earnings \$94.00. February end of month bank balance is \$10,101.60 A motion to accept the treasurer report by Marvin Young, seconded by Don Franks, and carried.

Communications/Media/PR Director: Aaron Schultz A facebook page is now available for NGS. Tutorial videos are in production to assist members with instructional information demonstrating a various mining equipment and panning methods. When completed, they will be available via the NGS website.

Equipment Director: Monty Duarte The dry washer motor has been replaced and is again available for members to check out. Contact Monty for availability of equipment. Some poker chips with a gold insert have been designed for metal detector practice and are available for \$10.00. There are a few available today, and more will be available at future meetings. A map of the claim has been posted on the bulletin board at the claim, and the white boundary markers have maps inside. They are the same as what is posted on the web site. The markers are legal landmarks. Do not disturb. Be sure to replace the caps on the posts if you take a copy of the map

Events Director: Marge Tracey Thanks to all volunteers who helped with the booth at the Silver State Chili Cook-off. The one day event did not sell any gold bags. The booth space was provided to us at no charge, Sign-up sheet is in back for volunteers to help at the GPAA show. All volunteers need to wear the NGS shirts while working the booth. Shirts and hats will be available to purchase at the April meeting. Room discount information for South Pointe is available on the website and the flyers. Motor home parking is not available at the South Pointe site.

Graphics Director: Bob Bartgis Reminder to use placards and ID cards when at the claim. The web site has photos of the latest outing and DVD's are available of past club outings, located on the back table for no charge.

Membership Director: Bonnie Johnson As of today, the membership count is 516 total with 171 active. There have been 33 new and 20 renewal memberships this year.

Outing Director: Ron Black Last Wednesday, the markers at the claim were updated. The next outing will be held at Monty Duarte's hoe April 12th at 10:00. This outing will have demonstrations available for hands on experience with the various mining equipment (dry washer, sluice box, auto-pan) the club has available for loan to members, as well as panning opportunities. The outing next week is to gem field and there are specimens on display at the back table that were collected at the past July gem field outing. Raw and polished stones are on view.

Purchasing Director: Joel Floyd The new motor has been purchased for the dry washer and nothing new to report on research for the enclosed trailer to be purchased using the 50/50 drawing funds.

Webmaster: Larry Tobey 3,219 web hits to date. The presentation by Andy Alberti, founder of NGS is now available via the NGS website.

Other old business: none

A motion was made by Joel Floyd, seconded by Monty Duarte to close the business meeting at 14:32. Motion carried.

Drawings:

New Member Drawing: #510293 – Allan Rager

Gold Bags: 1. #746318 Billy Martin
2. #746365 Rosemarie Ruston
3. # 746371 Bill Fitzgerald
4. # 746385 Bonnie Frederickson

50/50 Drawing \$ 39 .00 #510351 Monty Duarte

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Respectfully Submitted
Gerri Richey, Secretary
Nye Gold Seekers