

Nye Gold Seekers – Pahrump Valley Museum
General Membership Meeting
November 21, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 14:00 by President Larry Tobey

Secretary Report: Gerri Richey Upon a motion by Wade Hinden, seconded by Nancy Lawrence and carried, the report was approved as read.

Treasurer Report: Vacant Report by President Larry Tobey Income was \$979.47, Expense \$617.45, 50/50 drawing earned \$29.00 with YTD 50/50 as \$597.00, and interest earned was one cent. Bank balance ending 10/31/15 is \$6,018.79. Upon motion by Bonnie Johnson, seconded by Bonnie Frederickson and carried, report is accepted, subject to audit.

President Report: Larry Tobey Today's scheduled speaker, author Stanley Paher will not be here today. He had an accident and is unable to travel at this time. We will try to reschedule an appearance for him next year. The club claim has been filed and documents will be recorded Monday. Any member can work at the claim and remember to take a partner.

The board has decided to not participate in the GPAA gold show to be held in Las Vegas at Cashman Field in 2016. Nominations for officers must be completed today. The 501(C) 3 status requires a full slate of officers and must be reported to state by the end of December. All directors are appointed. The positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are voted into office by the membership. Candidates shall have the minimum requirements to hold the office, example, some computer skill. Election Committee Chair Jerry Spadt will conduct the nominations later in the meeting.

NGS will co-sponsor the inaugural Pahrump Gold, Gem and Mineral Show October 14, 15 & 16, 2016 along with the Rock Hounds Club. The event will be held at Petrack Park. There will be rock and mineral vendors as well as food, beer, and other vendors. Pahrump Chamber of Commerce will assist with advertising the show. Also, NGS will sponsor a booth. Check Pahrumprocks.com for updates.

Vice President: Don Franks Explained the vice president is responsible for the meeting programs, and take over in the event of the president's absence. The video presented today is from the GPAA series entitled "X Marks the Spot".

Events Director: Marge Tracy The Fall Festival was the last event held. Marge reported she will not continue as events director next year. This post is responsible to ensure there is a chairperson for each event, as well as volunteers to work and arrange for the club equipment be available as needed.

Bonnie Johnson, Chair for the What Not Sale: The first sale was held at the VFW lot on Homestead Road. There was \$575.91 in donations collected, some items will be available for the Christmas party raffle, and all other unsold items were donated to the Cancer Thrift Store.

Anna Werrbach, Chair for the Christmas Party. The Christmas Party will be at the Pahrump Senior Center, 1370 W. Basin on Saturday, December 5th. Lunch is at noon with check in at 11:30. Cost is \$15.00 per meal for members and their guest. The meeting will start at 14:00. There is no cost to attend the meeting portion of the event. Dessert will be served to all attending the meeting. Payment is due no later than today. No payments will be accepted at the party.

Equipment Director: Monty Duarte November 7th had panning and the rock crusher demonstrations at the Family Frontier Days event. Kids love the noise of the rock crusher and enjoyed the panning experience. Monty is responsible for maintenance on the club equipment as well as control of the loans made to members. Monty will remain equipment director.

Graphics Director and Election Committee Chair: Jerry Spadt Is responsible for making the membership cards, placards and fliers for club events and other printed materials used by NGS. Jerry is available for this post next year.

Inventory Control Director: Vacant Larry explained duties of this post, responsible for storage unit and purchases for the club.

Membership Director: Joan Gramm Current active members: 161; October renewals 15; October new members 4; YTD renewals 2015 71; YTD new members 2015 68.

Attendance at the October meeting was 34 members and 0 guests. Joan says she is undecided if she will volunteer for this post next year.

Outing Director: Ron Black The outing to the claim had 45 attending this month. There will not be a club sponsored outing at the claim in December. The next scheduled outing will be Saturday, January 9, 2016.

PR Director: Griz Burker Deals with the newspapers and radio stations for club news. Griz indicates he is giving up this post next year.

Webmaster: Larry Tobey 7,063 hits on the website to date, an increase of 194 from last month. Club members can post classified ads for related mining items on the website at no charge.

NEW BUSINESS: The board has decided to move the post office box from the Homestead office to the main post office. Check the webpage for new information.

DRAWINGS: New member: 39310 Joe Lachance

50/50 \$40.00 523973 Carol Kennady

Gold Bags: 1. Pete Day 2. Bonnie Frederickson 3. Bob Stauffer 4. Mike Alexander

Nomination Committee Chair: Jerry Spadt

NGS must have an election of officers as required to maintain our not for profit status. The slate of officers must be completed today in order to meet the criteria of the by-laws. Nominees must accept the offer. The election of officers will be held at the December business meeting, Saturday, December 5th at 14:00 located this meeting at the Pahump Senior Center.

Nominations are open from the floor for: 1. President 2. Vice President 3. Secretary 4. Treasurer

Treasurer Post: Nomination for Jane Goodrow for Treasurer, Jane accepts the offer.

Secretary Post: Nomination for Karen King for Secretary, Karen accepts the offer.

Vice President Post: Nomination for Susan Trudeau for Vice President, Susan accepts the offer.

President Post: Nomination for Ron Gramm, Ron stated that he has a conditional acceptance, and all of his criteria must be met in order for him to accept the offer. After a discussion from the floor, Ron withdrew his acceptance of the nomination.

Nomination for Marge Tracy, Marge declines the offer.

Nomination for Larry Tobey, Larry accepts the offer.

There being no further nominations, the nominations are closed. Election will take place December 5th.

Discussions from the floor regarding:

Claim being refiled: The claim was lost because the renewal notices were sent to private addresses and not forwarded to the club for processing. The claim has been filed as a new claim for two separate lots consisting of 20 acres per lot.

Need to set into place issues to improve the club and maintain integrity. President Larry stated the board will review and revise the club by-laws and articles of incorporation as appropriate. There is an expectation that new officers will bring forward ideas for development of new club activities.

Observation from the floor: Has observed that only a few are working for the good of the club. More members need to participate in club activities.

The Board of Director meetings are open to the membership. Non-board members cannot vote or make motions.

The business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 15:14 upon a motion by Will Bond, seconded by Nancy Lawrence, and carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Gerri Richey, Secretary

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