

SWWGP Newsletter

December 2021

Next meeting is December 12TH, 2021 at 2:00

Board meeting is at 12:30



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

2022 is fast approaching with only a few days until Christmas and on to a new year.

I am sure you will all agree we have had an eventful yr or two and are looking forward to a new year filled with outings and events.

I want to wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year! Thank you to everyone who helps our chapter grow and prosper!

See you at our meeting Dec. 12th.

President Debbie W.

HOLIDAY DINNER

We will have a miners picnic in place of our holiday pot luck. All food and beverage will be provided by the chapter due to covid precautions. Come and enjoy this holiday change.

OPEN BOARD POSITION

We have 1 open board position. The board meets at 12:30 on meeting day. Please contact Debbie W if you have questions or would like to run for the position



THREE MONTH RAFFLE

We will start our 3 month + raffle at the Dec. meeting. Winner will be drawn at the GPAA Gold and Treasure show in April. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Prizes include mini hi banker, Piece of gold, one week stay at Roaring Camp, spin it off, and kitchen pk (stand mixer and hot pot)

Name and phone number on each ticket, and info must be clear. Prizes must be claimed within 30 days of raffle end or will revert to SWWGP. Winner responsible for any required shipping.

SPORTSMAN SHOW

Please sign up to help out at the sportsman show in Feb. This is a 5 day event, Wens. Feb 23 thru Sun. Feb. 27th.

Shifts are approx. 4 hrs. and 4-6 people needed in the booth.

We need your help or we will not be able to have a booth. This has good fund raising potential for the chapter.

See Maurine Koppi, Ron Koppi of Debbie W. with questions

THANK YOU

We want to thank everyone who has generously donated their time, money and or items to the chapter.

GPAA SHOW

If you have not signed up to help out at the GPAA gold and treasure show please do so ASAP Also we need you shirt order with shirt size.

We are working to make this show success and would like to have more vendors. We will have show information cards available at the meeting. Please take some to hand out to businesses for their customers.

Thank you to Rick Beehler for designing these!

The cards are part of our advertising for the show as well as radio and tv advertising, and internet ads and info.

This advertising should help in getting vendors and chapter sponsor.

If you have any questions please Debbie W. 360-695-3215

November Meeting Minutes

SouthWest Washington Gold Prospectors

General Meeting, November 14, 2021

Meeting was called to order by President Debbie Witcher at 2:15 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of: visitors, "Happy Birthday" to those born in the month, special anniversaries.

There was a special drawing for veterans. Steve Lewin donated the gold nugget which was won by Michael Kersteter.

Secretary – Van Meter Hord, assistant to Secretary

Minutes of the October 10, 2021 General meeting were moved, seconded, and approved as read.

Treasurer – Deana Yoakum

Beginning balance: \$ 3,047.51; debits: \$ 1,678.27; income: \$ 619. Ending balance of \$1,988.24. Debits included claims, storage unit, gas & hospitality food for meetings.

The report was moved, seconded, and approved to accept.

An audit was performed when the funds were transferred after the election of the new Treasurer Deana Yoakum. Audit found no problems.

The group now has a full board of 13 members. Introductions of Jason Roth, Jan Hurtubise, and Betty Erickson.

All SWW GP members can use group's claims, even if not a member of GPAA or LDMA.

It was approved to start selling the 3-month raffle tickets for January-March 2022 at December's meeting. The raffle will take place at the Gold Show (no need to be present to win). Raffle items include 1 week at Roaring Mining Camp, mini-sluice, gold nugget & more.

Committees:

Newsletter: Mark Mattila needs articles for the newsletter.

Gold Show – Jim Erwin: Next planning meeting will be at 1 PM on Sunday, January 23, 2022, at the Minnehaha Grange; donuts and coffee will be provided. Ron Koppi will pick the nugget out for the raffle.

There is a need for 10 people to volunteer to set up & tear down both Gold Shows (Puyallap March 26 & 27; here April 8, 9 & 10): this is very physical work.

Rick Dealer will be the official photographer for both events.

T-Shirts for the event will be of a general nature of black with gold/yellow writing. Price is \$10/shirt by Designs of all Kinds for volunteers.

Postcard-sized information about the group can be used to give out to vendors that you would like to see represent us: give out cards, follow-up with calls, \$200 per booth. Debbie is checking into having the contracts printed for easy signing right on the spot.

Membership: Edna Nelson reminds people that three events/meetings per year is required for membership, no dues ever. All those who have not gotten their new membership cards should see her.

Group Store: Maurine Koppi has several sizes of clothing articles and can order what sizes are needed.

Website: Webmaster Jan Hurtubise is finalizing the site.

Facebook: Rick Dealer is taking back the Facebook page.

Raffle: Kerry Wooldridge will need assistants at the raffle table, especially in the coming months.

Claims & Education – Preston Griffin: Preston went over the fundamentals of the Gold and Fish booklet from the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife, May 2021. He had a few copies to give out. Especially important to have this close by your person whenever you are Mineral Prospecting or Placer Mining, but it is NOT a permit. Last section has all the creeks, rivers with beginning and ending dates. The do's and don't's of where you can dig. Preston wants to have ideas for future education talks.

Safety – Ron Koppi: Ron went over the top skills to know if lost or stranded with discussion from membership for more. Importance of STOP: sit, think, observe, & plan. Use of compass, instead of only GPS.

Sportsman Show – Maurine Koppi: February 15-20, 2022, at Expo in Portland. As of now a \$12 fee for parking, payable each time you enter the parking area.

Hospitality – Jeanne Gieg: The chapter will provide all the foods and beverages for the Gold Miner's Holiday Dinner at the December meeting, Dec. 12, 2021.

Equipment – Don Spillman: Equipment is rented out for 30 days. There is a deposit of \$25 to cover overgoing length of rental time, not returning the equipment in clean, working condition. If all is proper, deposit is refundable.

Shared Claim with GPAA: There has been no word from Kevin of GPAA on finalized arrangements

Meeting in April will be on the 1st Sunday of the month, April 3, 2022. (The 2nd Sunday is Mother's Day & Project Truth Church has a special service for that day. The 3rd Sunday is Easter.)

Next meeting is on December 12, 2021 at 2 PM.

Break, followed by Raffles.

Many items on table, mystery gift and three gold nuggets.

Meeting adjourned at 4 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Van Meter Hord, Assistant to Secretary

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Other committees will be formed as needed. Please let Debbie Witcher know if your name was missed or if you would like to serve.			

GPAA Points			
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Gold and Fish Book: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/mining/>

HPA Rulemaking web page: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/hpa/rulemaking/>

GPAA <https://www.goldprospectors.org/>

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Let Mark know if you have something that you would like to buy, sell or trade to post in the newsletter..



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Ron Farnsworth Scrap Metal Pickup	Topside Mining	

Please support these vendors as they support us with contributions and in many cases discounts. We will be doing interviews with many of them so we can get to know a little more about them.