

SWWGP Newsletter

August 2021



Next meeting is August 8TH, 2021 at 2:00

Board meeting is at 12:30

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

With covid acting up and mutating we are hoping to continue with our meetings, and events. However, as you know things can change from one day to the next. We will do our best to keep you updated but feel free to call me any time if you have questions.

Just an update GPAA is planning on holding shows next year. Our chapter is planning on participating in the Sportsman Show. I will keep you update on those as well.

See you at the meeting!!!

Debbie W.



PICNIC

We have scheduled the picnic/bar-b-que for sept. 19th, at Daybreak Park. 10 a.m. to dusk. Third Sunday of the month. We are not planning to hold a general meeting for Sept. but that may change. Will make an announcement at the August meeting. Due to covid Precautions the chapter will provide the food, condiments, and dinner ware. You are asked to bring your own beverages and chairs. Also anyone who has a table, or pop up canopy, please let us know. We ask that you bring those as well.

We have games planned as well as the raffle and will be drawing our 3 month raffle winner. Bingo is planned, metal detecting and horse shoes too.

We need some help with the picnic (Jeanne) will not be available. Please contact Maurine or Debbie. Be sure you sign up so we know how many folks to plan for. Remember this will not be a pot luck.



3 MONTH RAFFLE

Tammy and Debbie are adding prizes to the 3 month raffle that was started in March of 2020. Currently we have for prizes, a citizen's watch, a pair of nugget earrings with 14k backs, gold pan and 3 pay dirt bags, fire disc outdoor cooker. We are adding a Chinook Winds package, (hotel, dinner and show for 2).



MASKS

At the present time masks are recommended for all indoor gatherings. That can change at any time. We are required to follow all county, state and federal laws so please be considerate of fellow members.



FACEBOOK

No one has volunteered to take over Facebook, Rick Beehler has everything set up and will help if needed



PAY DIRT

We have pay dirt available at reg. meeting



AKAU LODGE

Interested in going to Nome, Alaska? AKAU lodge is running a special and can save some money. Contact Debbie for some details and Betty K. Phone number.



SIGN IN

Just a reminder to sign in at the membership table. You can pick up your membership card and a medical card too.



OUTINGS

We need suggestions for outings. Please let Debbie W. know. We are currently working around the fires and now it looks like we need to be concerned with covid as well.

TREASURER



We need a new treasurer. Patti Long will be moving out of state to live with her daughter. She has everything set up and organized so it is ready for someone to take over. Other than meeting day it should require about 1 or 2 hrs a month. Please contact Debbie W. if inter-



OPEN BOARD POSITIONS

We currently have 3 open board positions that need to be filled. They are 2 yr. terms and usually only require board and general meeting times.

Also if you are interested in running for an office please contact Jeff, Mark, or Debbie.

July General Meeting Minutes

- ◆ The meeting was called to order at 2:12
- ◆ 1 guest was in attendance
- ◆ Officers, Board and committee heads were introduced to the attendants
- ◆ A motion was made and passed to extend the current officers, board and membership up to 2 years due to the current covid situation.
- ◆ A new treasurer is needed. We need to have someone who will be an assistant to then move in to the officer position.
- ◆ We are reminding everyone to sign in and verify that we have your correct address and email
- ◆ The store has a limited amount of pay dirt. There is a limit of two bags per person
- ◆ Please stop at the sign in table and pick up a new membership card as all have expired
- ◆ We are counting on everyone to list suggestions for outings and education ideas. There are lists at the sign in table.
- ◆ An outings committee is forming and we need to have a lead and members
- ◆ Preston reported out on the claims. One sign needs to be replaced but they look fine otherwise.
- ◆ Ron presented on heat avoidance for the safety topic
- ◆ A new Facebook administrator is needed, Rick has been doing it for several years and will be stepping down from the position.
- ◆ The picnic this year will be the third Sunday in Sept. and will be held at the Grange, details will follow
- ◆ The current 3 month raffle is still open and the prizes will be drawn at the picnic
- ◆ Since we have had equipment checked out and not returned there will be a \$25.00 deposit for any equipment checked out from this point forward. Please remember to return equipment in tact and clean.
- ◆ There is a sign in sheet for a future Chinook Winds bus trip. This is just to see who is interested since it takes 50 people and is not a commitment.
- ◆ We are looking into an outing to Madras they have uncovered a new area with thunder eggs.
- ◆ We are planning to have a booth at the February 16th-23rd sportsman show. Since we are a non profit the booth will be half price and we will only have to set up our booth. Members are needed to volunteer to man the booth for these days.
- ◆ There will be a rock show at the Portland Armory August 13th—15th.
- ◆ Help is needed at the raffle table
- ◆ Preston presented on the updated Gold and Fish book for this months education
- ◆ There is a need to have volunteers for Sargent at Arms, help is needed for meeting setup
- ◆ We want to remind everyone that there is a Buy Sell Trade section in the newsletter, this includes anything you are in search of also.
- ◆ The meeting was adjourned at 3:15

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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.			

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