



The Douglas Creek Dribble

Cheyenne Chapter GPAA
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March 2, 2009

UPCOMING EVENTS

Club Meeting : Tuesday 3
March 2009 at Perkins

Club Meeting : Tuesday 7
April 2009 at Perkins

GPAA Show 2-3 May 2009,
National Western Complex,
Denver

Cheyenne Rock & Gem Show
16&17 May 2008

Websites of Interest

BLM online mining claims:
www.geocommunicator.gov

U.S. Forest Service, Medicine
Bow: www.fs.fed.us/r2/mbr

Denver Museum of Nature &
Science: www.dmns.org

Wyoming State Geological
Survey:
www.wsgs.uwyo.edu

February Minutes

Joe Still called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. with 36 Members and 3 visitors in attendance. Visitors Patrick Rafferty (invited by Mike Gibson) and Kenny & Denise Hubbard (invited by Don Ashley) were introduced and welcomed.

Treasurer's Report given, \$208.40 in revenues; \$1,142.15 in expenditures in January, including \$1,077.00 for the purchase of gold nuggets for raffles as approved at the January meeting. There is \$3,558.18 in the checking account.

The large nugget that's being raffled separately is about 1/2 paid for...as soon as it's paid for the raffle will be held.

The GPAA has asked for volunteers to help out with the Gold Show in Denver in May. Don Ashley has a sign-up sheet if you would like to volunteer. In return for our assistance a booth for our Chapter will be provided by the national GPAA at no cost to us.

Once again, members are reminded to be sure to indicate that you are a member of the Cheyenne Chapter when you renew your GPAA membership.

A revised and updated version of the club's bylaws was handed out, discussed, and voted on. The new bylaws were unanimously approved. A copy is attached to these minutes.

In accordance with the new bylaws, 2 new at-large members were nominated and voted on to fill positions on the Board of Directors. They are Peter Somontes and Darryl Adams; these positions are temporary pending the regular election in May.

Joe announced that on May 9, 2009 there will be an auction held by Woodard Moving in La Porte, Colorado. There's some mining/prospecting equipment in addition to the usual vehicles and other equipment being

auctioned. The auction will be at 3721 W. County Road 54G and starts at 10:00 am. Contact Joe if you need further info.

The club will have a booth at the Cheyenne Mineral and Gem Society Annual Gem Show on May 16-17, 2009. Contact any club officer if you would like to volunteer to help out at our booth.

At the March meeting, member Dave Fortney will be giving a talk on his trip to Cripple River Camp, AK.

Meeting Adjourned

End

SPECIAL ELECTION!

Joe Still resigned as Chapter President on 10 February for personal reasons.

A Board meeting was held on 21 February to discuss the resignation.

A motion was made and seconded to conduct a Special Election during the March meeting, therefore;

Per Section VII .6 of the Chapter By-Laws Ken Siders is now the Acting President.

In Accordance With Section VI .4 of the Chapter By-Laws a Special Election will be conducted during the regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, 3 March 2009 to elect an interim President until the regular election in May.

Nominations will be asked for at the beginning of the meeting with the election taking place near the end.

Please make every effort to attend.

End

CLUB OFFICERS

Acting President: Ken Siders

Treasurer: Don Ashley

Acting Board Members: Peter Somontes, Darryl Adams

Newsletter: Peter Somontes
psomontes@Yahoo.com

Ast. Claims Director: Larry Duvall

Activity Chairman: Bear Gibson

Vice President: Ken Siders

Secretary: Don Wegner

Claims Director: Lyle Shingleton
307-742-5038

Prizes/Raffles: Bob Bruce & John
Eggleston

Store: George & Peggy Stumpf

CLUB STORE

Coffee mugs \$ 5.00
Green Embroidered T-shirt \$16.00
Screen Printed T-shirts \$10.00
Mesh caps \$ 7.50
Embroidered caps \$12.00
Green gold pan \$10.00
Classifier \$10.00
Scoop \$ 7.00
1/2 oz. vial \$.35 ea. or 3/\$1.00
1 oz. vial \$.40 ea. or 3/\$1.00
Snuffer bottle \$ 3.00
10" Black pans \$ 8.00
12" Black pans \$10.50
KITS
Black pan, sand, vial, snuffer \$15.00
Green pan, sand, vial, snuffer \$17.00

The Store will be open at the next meeting. See George or Peggy Stumpf.

Raffle Winners

Multi-Tool - Florence Frantz
Crevice Tool - Jim Clark
1936 Quarter - Dennis Renison
(Donated by Rich Richerson)
Bag of Nome Gold concentrates - Ken Siders (Donated by Doc McKee)
Set of Magnets - Ken Wilcox
Decorative Wood Piece - Cort Schaible (Donated by Clyde Duvall)
1906D Dime - Cort Schaible (Donated by Bill Blackman)
1.81gram Nugget - Joe Still

Nametag Drawing - 1901 Morgan
Silver Dollar - Pam Gibson

50/50 Drawing - \$73.00 - Pete Somontes

A Gentle Reminder

When renewing your membership be sure to mention that you are affiliated with the Cheyenne Chapter. This brings the chapter credits from the national that we can use towards purchases at the GPAA Shows.

The nearest GPAA show will be in Denver, 2-3 May 2009 at the National Western Complex. *End*

Vandals strike historic Carissa Mine

Contact: [Joe Ellis](mailto:JoeEllis@montes.com) February 18th, 2009

Authorities are seeking information regarding the person(s) responsible for vandalism to the historic Carissa Mine near South Pass City State Historic Site.

On or around February 8, the Carissa Mine sustained significant damage from vandals who broke windows, forced access to the underground working of the mine and damaged property at the historic site.

The vandals also rammed security gates at the Carissa and accessed several buildings. Several other historic mining properties near South Pass City were also damaged. Property damages are estimated at more than \$10,000.

Prior to the vandalism, the Carissa Mine and Mill had received significant restoration work by the Abandoned Mine Lands Division of the DEQ and the Wyoming Division of State Parks, Historic Sites and Trails.

Persons with information regarding the vandalism are asked to contact Joe Ellis, South Pass City superintendent at 332-3684, or the Fremont County Sheriff's Office at 332-5611. *End*

May Elections

Nominations for all Chapter Officer positions will be asked for during the April meeting and the election will be held during the May meeting. Please plan on attending both of these important meetings. *End*

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Chuck Cummins - Scientific Engineering • 31013 Weld County Road 17 • Windsor, CO 80550

PROSPECTORS CACHE

Felix Paydirt Gourmet Gold. Club member John Eggleston is taking orders for the 2 LB bag of Felix Paydirt. John orders a case of 10 bags at a time and receives one free bag which the club uses as a raffle item. The bags are \$70. If you would like to order a bag or two;
Contact John at 635-0229

Quartz epidote crystals hand dug from the Fox Park area. Each crystal has been hand dug, polished and mounted in either a pair of earrings or as a necklace. Buy separately or buy them as an earring/necklace set.

Assorted styles available. \$10-\$15.

**Call Louise Morrison 632-7895,
Lmrr3964@aol.com**

Wanted: 1 1/2" Proline Highbanker/
Dredge combo.

FOR SALE: 852 Sluice, \$60.

Call Dallas Lake at 307-421-4507.

For Sale: 1850 Coleman generator, runs good. \$200

Dennis Renison at 307-632-8056

For Sale: LDMA membership, paid up, I can't work it anymore. \$2000 or best offer, you pay transfer fee.

Richard Medlock 632-0668

For Sale: Whites MXT Metal Detector; Whites DD Gold Coil/MXT; Whites 1201 Pinpoint; Whites Headphones E Series. New in Box. Paid over \$1000, Sell all for \$850.00 P

Lou Lopez 778-8434

Visit Yesterdays on Foxfarm Rd.

To have your ad placed here Email Peter Somontes at psomontes@yahoo.com or see me at the meeting.

Your ad will also be on the Chapter website.

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**BYLAWS FOR GOLD PROSPECTOR'S
CHAPTER OF CHEYENNE, INC.
A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION**

Effective February 3, 2009

Section I - ORGANIZATION

1. The name of the corporation is "Gold Prospector's Chapter of Cheyenne, Inc."
2. The corporation shall not have a seal.
3. The corporation (hereinafter referred to as "the Chapter") is a locally controlled chapter affiliated with the Gold Prospector's Association of America (hereinafter referred to as GPAA), and as such, may not change its name.

Section II - PURPOSE

1. The purpose for which the Chapter is organized is to promote prospecting and to bring together individuals for the advancement and enhancement of prospecting.

Section III - MEMBERSHIP

1. The Chapter will have members.
2. Membership shall be limited to active GPAA members.
3. Non-GPAA members may attend meetings and activities of The Chapter and participate in raffles, but are not eligible to vote, hold office, be on any committees, or utilize GPAA claims.

Section IV - MEETINGS

1. Regular monthly meetings will be held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
2. The location of the regular monthly meeting shall be the Perkin's Family Restaurant located on Dell Range Blvd. in Cheyenne.
3. A quorum of 2 elected Officers and 8 members shall be required to conduct business for The Chapter at the regular monthly meetings.
4. The Annual Meeting of The Chapter shall be held the first Tuesday of May each year at 7:00 p.m. at the Perkin's Family Restaurant located on Dell Range Blvd. in Cheyenne. The election of Officers shall take place at the Annual Meeting in accordance with these bylaws.
5. There shall be NO consumption of alcoholic beverages during any meeting.
6. The President shall resolve all disputes, unless overridden by a majority of members present, at a meeting.

Section V - ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. The Order of Meetings shall be as follows:
 - a. Chairman calls the meeting to order
 - b. Chairman introduces any visitors
 - c. Secretary reads minutes of last meeting
 - d. Secretary informs members of correspondence received
 - e. Officer/Committee Reports
 - f. Old/Unfinished business
 - g. New business
 - h. Announce next meeting date/time
 - i. Adjourn regular meeting
 - j. Raffle

Section VI - VOTING

1. At all meetings, all votes shall be by voice vote.
2. Nomination and election of Directors and Officers shall occur at the Annual Meeting. A plurality of members present shall be required to elect each Director and Officer, except that if only one individual is nominated for any position, he shall be considered elected by acclamation.
3. Only one member of a family shall be allowed to serve as an elected Officer at any one time. No individual may be allowed to hold more than one elected office at any one time, except that one individual may hold the position of Secretary/Treasurer.
4. If any elected office becomes vacant for any reason, a replacement shall be nominated and elected at the next regularly scheduled meeting. An officer or director elected as a replacement shall serve the remaining term of his predecessor.
5. Any elected office shall be considered vacant if the individual filling that position has 2 consecutive unexcused absences or 4 non-consecutive unexcused absences during his term. Only the President may excuse officers from attending meetings. Normally, this must be done a minimum of 48 hours prior to the meeting, however, in an emergency this may be done even after the fact.
6. All outgoing Officers will turn over any/all records, supplies, and/or equipment to the incoming Officer within 15 days.

Section VII - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The business of The Chapter shall be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of 2 members, together with the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
2. The directors to be chosen shall be chosen at the Annual Meeting of The Chapter in the same manner and style as the Officers of The Chapter, and shall serve for a term of 1 year.
3. The Board of Directors shall only act in the name of The Chapter when it is regularly convened by its chairman after due notice to all the directors of such meeting.
4. A quorum of 4 directors shall be required to conduct business at any meeting of the Board of Directors.
5. The Board of Directors shall meet regularly on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm at the Perkin's Family Restaurant.
6. Each director shall have one vote, and no voting shall be done by proxy.
7. Vacancies in the Board of Directors shall be filled by a vote of the membership at the next regular meeting. The replacement director shall serve for the balance of the year.
8. The President of The Chapter, by virtue of his office, shall be the Chairman of the Board. In the event of the absence or inability of the President to perform the duties of Chairman, the Vice President shall assume those duties.
9. The Board of Directors shall select from one of their members a secretary.
10. A director may be removed when sufficient cause exists for such removal. The Board of Directors may entertain charges against any director. A director may be represented by counsel upon any removal hearing. The Board of Directors shall adopt such rules for this hearing as it may in its discretion consider necessary for the best interests of The Chapter.

Section VIII - OFFICERS

1. The elected Officers of The Chapter shall be:

PRESIDENT
VICE PRESIDENT
SECRETARY

TREASURER
CLAIMS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

2. The appointed Officers of The Chapter shall be:
EQUIPMENT MANAGER
RAFFLE COORDINATOR
OUTINGS COORDINATOR

The above Officers shall be appointed by, and shall serve under the direction of, the President.

3. All Officers are volunteers and serve without remuneration. Reasonable out-of-pocket expenses (i.e.: phone calls, travel related to corporation business) will be reimbursed by The Chapter upon submission of proper receipts.
4. The term of office for all Officers shall be 1 year.
5. The President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be members of the Board of Directors.
6. The duties of the Officers are as follows:

PRESIDENT

- a. Schedule, Plan, and preside at all meetings.
- b. Coordinate the activities of all other Officers.
- c. Maintain liaison with State & National GPAA.
- d. By virtue of his office, be the Chairman of the Board of Directors.
- e. See that all records, reports, and certificates required by law are properly kept and/or filed.
- f. The President shall have such powers as may be reasonably construed as belonging to the chief executive of any organization.

VICE PRESIDENT

- a. In the event of the absence or inability of the President to execute his office, assume the President's duties, having the full rights, privileges and powers of the President.
- b. Maintain order at all meetings.
- c. Oversee raffle and sales activities during meetings.

SECRETARY

- a. Record minutes at all meetings.
- b. Maintain all Chapter records, including Membership Roster, all required forms, Claims Committee forms, calendars, constitution, and bylaws.
- c. Prepare, at the President's direction, all Chapter correspondence.
- d. Keep files of all outgoing and incoming correspondence.
- e. Provide the Claims Committee Chairman current roster of Claim Committee individuals.
- f. Be the custodian of all office/mail supplies.
- g. Other duties as directed by the President.

TREASURER

- a. Be the custodian of the Chapter checking account/books.
- b. Maintain accurate records of all financial transactions.
- c. Prepare a monthly Financial Report for the President.
- d. Be the custodian of the Chapter Petty Cash account.
- e. Maintain records of GPAA merchandise credits.

CLAIMS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

- a. Act as point of contact for all activities relating to claims in the local sector.
- b. Coordinate with the GPAA State Claims Committee.
- c. Maintain the Claim Committee Roster (provided by the Secretary).
- d. Coordinate the activities of the Claims Inspector.
- e. Schedule and plan common digs with the President and Outings Coordinator.

EQUIPMENT MANAGER

- a. Oversee the storage and maintenance of all Chapter equipment.
- b. Provide and maintain a system for Members to check out equipment when not being used for Chapter activities.
- c. Coordinate with the Treasurer to acquire and restock the "For Sale" equipment.
- d. Conduct the equipment sale at meetings.

RAFFLE COORDINATOR

- a. Coordinate with the Vice President acquiring gold and merchandise to be raffled at the meetings.
- b. Maintain custody of the raffle tickets.
- c. After the raffle, complete the raffle accounting form and present it, along with all monies, to the President for verification.

OUTINGS COORDINATOR

- a. Schedule and coordinate Chapter outings.
- b. Prepare, in coordination with the President, a list of proposed outings for the upcoming year, to be presented to the membership for approval.
- c. Coordinate with the State Director for statewide outings.

Section IX - SALARIES

1. There will be no paid Officers, Directors, or employees.
2. Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent an Officer or Director from receiving compensation from the Chapter for duties other than as an Officer or Director.

Section X - COMMITTEES

1. All committees of The Chapter shall be appointed by the Board of Directors. The term of each committee shall be 1 year, unless terminated by the action of the Board of Directors.
2. The permanent committees shall be:
 - a. Claims Committee.

Section XI - FINANCES

1. There will be no membership dues charged.
2. All Chapter activities shall be financed by proceeds from the equipment sales, raffles, and donations.
3. All elected Officers shall be signatories on a checking account opened in The Chapter's name. Two signatures shall be required on all checks, normally the Treasurer and one other Officer. In the absence of the Treasurer, the President and one other Officer may sign.
4. The President may authorize expenditures of up to \$500.00. Expenditures exceeding this amount require a vote of the members at a regularly scheduled meeting.
5. The Treasurer shall maintain a Petty Cash Fund in the amount of \$200.00. These funds will be used only with the

approval of the President, or in his absence, the Vice President.
6. A Quarterly Audit will be conducted by the President and Vice President on the Treasurer's books. This audit shall include both the checking account and the Petty Cash Fund, as well as all funds collected from all sources.

Section XII - MISCELLANEOUS

1. A Post Office Box shall be established, and that address used as the Official Address for all Chapter correspondence
2. A Quarterly Audit shall be conducted by the President and Vice President of all Chapter equipment. This audit shall cover both the quantity and condition of the equipment.

Section XIII - AMENDMENTS

1. These bylaws shall become effective when adopted by a majority of members present at a regularly scheduled meeting.
2. To modify or amend (other than spelling or grammatical corrections) shall require a 2/3 majority of members present at a regularly scheduled meeting.

Email

Please provide Don Wegner your email address if you have one.
 Your email will only be used for Chapter business, such as the newsletter, and not given to third parties.
 Emailing the newsletter saves the Chapter money in postage and copying fees.

By-Laws

Attached to this month's newsletter is a copy of the Chapter's By-Laws for those members that were unable to attend February's meeting.
 Please review these laws and if you have any questions you may direct them to any of the Chapter Officers.

Questionnaire

We are still looking for a new meeting place. On this page is a questionnaire on what you think is important that a location have. Please take the time to complete the questions and bring it to the meeting.

Presentations

We are looking for members willing to conduct presentations/demonstrations of equipment, techniques, history, travels, etc.
 These presentations can be scheduled for our regular meetings or conducted during Chapter outings.
 Demonstrations on metal detecting, panning, and sluicing would be especially useful to our new members.

INFORMATION QUESTIONARE

To help us refine our search for a new meeting place please indicate your response to the following questions;

	Very Important	Not Important	No Preference
Availability of food & drink	()	()	()
Room for all without being spread out	()	()	()
Low background noise	()	()	()
Ability to hear what's being discussed	()	()	()
Comfortable seating	()	()	()
Close in parking	()	()	()
Easy access	()	()	()
Pay a use fee	()	()	()

If the location does not have food available would you be interested in contributing to a pot-luck?

Would you volunteer to assist in post meeting clean-up? _____

Any additional comments? _____

