

Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada Highgrader



Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada Officers and Standing Committees...

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 Librarian / Historian—Dennis Johnson
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 Newsletter Committee—Nicolas Johnson
 Outing Committee—Morris Seguin
 Website Committee—J. Miller

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Secretary Minutes As of May 5th, 2010.

The GSSN met at the American Legion Hall in Henderson, NV on wed May 5th 2010. The meeting started at 6:30PM 60 signed in; there were 7 guests.

Ian opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed the members and guests and announced that member Don Adams had fallen and broke his hip and is now in rehab, we all wish him well and pray for him to get better.

Then Fred Zajac gave a presentation to members on how to use dry washers, puffers, wet rock crusher, metal detectors, sluices, and Highbankers. Next, Dennis Johnson gave a book report on the book he purchased for the library at the gold show. It is "Fist Full of Gold" by Chris Ralph. He said it will be available by the July meeting. Dennis also presented the new information on the windmills and passed around brochures.

Ian (President) wanted to thank all those who had helped with the gold show. (All those who helped

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NOTICE**

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- June, July, August are Hot months Be Careful while prospecting out there and bring lots of Water!!



Raffle Winners
 50/50 (\$60.00) - Ken Newrons
 Door Prize (\$15.36) - Fred De Silva



Map Compass.....	Stan Tyler	Walking Stick.....	Stan Tyler
Blue Pan/Flashlight.....	Mike Kampen	Shovel.....	Morris Seguin
Small Black Pan/flashlight/sniffer.....	David Haig	Box Locks.....	Fred De Silva
Big Green Pan.....	Jeff Harper	Straw Hat.....	Mak McClellan
Knee Pads.....	John Anderson	Batteries.....	Doug Parker
Green Shovel.....	Morris Seguin	Eagle.....	Doug Parker
Folding Trowel.....	Pam Goulder	Bucket/Cooler/Glasses.....	Bruce Roberts
Large Black Pan/Cooldana.....	Steve Riley	Bag of Cons.....	Mike Kampen
Multi Tool Holder.....	Frank Calhoun	Gold Nugget.....	Pam Goulder
Drywashing Book.....	Anita De Silva	Sample Bags.....	Richard Rue
		Straw Hat.....	Paul Spiegel

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with set-up, helping at the booth, and tear down.) He said the club used the money that had been set-up with members to purchase a brand new Thompson puffer for members to use at outings. The club has a sluice, now 2 metal detectors, if members would like to check them out they would need to contact Dennis Johnson. Again, Thanks to all that helped with the gold show.

Next, Ken from GPAA spoke about the outing with them on the 15th of May, 2010 at Greggs Hideout, said President of GPAA would like to have a head count on how many for metal detector contest so they can get appropriate prizes. Metal detector contest will start at 10:00AM sign up for this is \$15.00. Must sign up tonight, it is last chance. The detector contest will be approximately 1- ½ hours. There will be buried prizes and points to be gotten. The area will be roped off. Morris said GPAA will be furnishing the meat so if members coming could bring a dish (of what you want) would be appreciated. GPAA members will be able to go on our claim and we will be welcomed on theirs. GSSN will have a gold panning contest, nick is only one to volunteer would like to have some more join in. Doug Parker wanted to let us know that GPAA will be furnishing hot dogs and hamburgers. Deanna (GPAA President) will have her trailer and Doug will have his trailer there, too— for ladies and children so we can use their facilities... rather than exposing our behinds to the cold. Deanna (GPAA President) will have claim marked well for everyone to see. Jake Jakl brought in some sand that he got at the gold show and was selling for \$7.00 a bag. Ian said maps and directions to claim will be emailed. Ian said the newsletter should be going out late this week or early next and this WILL BE THE LAST ONE MAILED! Ian confirmed with Nick that the current newsletter is already on the website.

Ian said if you have any questions on metal detectors ask Gus Lagerstrohm, he had worked for Minelab for years. Fred Zajac motioned the meeting to be adjourned, and Morris seconded the motion.

GSSN Board Minutes

GSSN Board Minutes March 10, 2010. Red Mountain RV Center, Boulder City, NV.

In attendance were: Ian Thaler, Dara Thaler, Nic Johnson, Dennis Johnson, Morris Seguin, John Bronstein, John Roberts, Al Kraus and Dolores Gee. President Ian Thaler called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and asked for a motion on the minutes of the Feb. 9th board meeting. Morris Seguin made a motion that said minutes be approved, and Nic Johnson seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the vote was unanimous in approving the motion. Ian then appointed John Roberts Membership Officer which appointment was formally accepted by John. He will get together with Dara to transition materials which were being held by Dara. Next Morris Seguin asked that the board be provided with a contact list of email addresses and telephone numbers of GSSN members which will be compiled and distributed as requested.

Next Nic provided information he had researched relative to telephone service and providers for use by the GSSN especially since the IRS required an official telephone number to be on file for our organization. Subsequently, Ian made a motion to table the matter until a future meeting, and Morris seconded the motion. After a brief discussion, the vote was unanimously in favor of the motion, and it was so moved.

Next Dara gave her Treasurer's Report and briefed us on the IRS 1023 (501 c 3) form. The next agenda item, Library update, was briefly discussed in regard to donations, liability forms, equipment, etc., and it was decided to

table this matter to a future meeting. Next Dennis requested \$100 to buy library materials at the upcoming Gold Show. Dara made a motion that \$100 be approved for Dennis to make purchases (not to exceed \$100) that he deemed beneficial for the GSSN library, and John Roberts seconded the motion and it was carried. After a brief discussion, the vote was unanimously in favor of approving the motion and it was carried. Following this, the next agenda item concerned a discretionary fund in an amount to be determined. After a brief discussion, Ian made a motion to table the matter to a future meeting, and Nic seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the vote was unanimously in favor of the motion and it was so approved. Next storage was discussed, with each committee to create a list inventorying items stored, the varying costs of such storage and other aspects of matters related to storing items securely, access, liability, etc. and at that time Dennis made a motion to table this matter to a future meeting; and Nic seconded the motion. After a bit more discussion, the vote was unanimously in favor of approving the motion, and it was so carried.

Next John Bronstein gave an update on claims. He commented on looking into the names on our claims, specifically updating the list of people whose names can be used for new or renewal claims. He said there needs to be eight names (one of which would be GSSN Club, with seven additional names plus a few alternates.) John Bronstein made a motion regarding new claims that the executive committee be authorized to proceed with the process of investigating and locating up to two claims for our club and having them recorded with the county, reviewing them with the club and authorizing the payment of related fees, after which time completion of the process can be finalized within the timeframe prescribed for the acquisition of such claims. Morris seconded the motion. After a brief and engaging discussion the vote was

unanimously in favor of the motion and it was so approved.

Morris then updated the group on the March 20th outing which will be at section 28. Lunch will be at 11:30 AM. He said he is waiting to hear from Deanna the GPAA relative to the joint outing planned for May. Ian then made a motion to table the Merchandise Committee agenda item until the next meeting. Dara seconded the motion. After a brief discussion including appropriate compensation for the logo creation, the vote was unanimously in favor of the motion, and it was so carried. Ian then mentioned some on-going research he is doing relative to bathroom equipment for outings and passed around a Gold Show sign-up sheet. Dennis said he'd make a short presentation at our next general membership meeting in April.

Finally, Nic made a motion to adjourn the meeting; which was seconded by Dennis, and at 8:45PM the meeting was adjourned.

By Dolores Gee
Secretary of the Gold Searchers of
Southern Nevada, Inc.
3/10/2010

Lost Basin

The Lost Basin Placers and the King Tut Mine are located south of Meadview, Arizona in Mohave County along the east flanks of the Lost Basin range. The area is heavily covered with mature Joshua trees.

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the gold samples from Indians at Lost Basin and endeavored to hide this source by fabricating the Superstition Mountain story."

W.E. Dunlop found the King Tut Placers in 1931. "Here, a gravel-floored plain, from 3,000 to 4,000 feet above sea level, rises southwestward between Grapevine Wash and the base of a low northward trending ridge locally called the Lost Basin Range," according to the Arizona Bureau of Mines' publication, Gold Placers and Placering Arizona, Bulletin 168. The richer gold-bearing gravels occur within an area some eight miles long by an undetermined width and are mostly composed of slab-shaped schist pebbles. These deposits are generally less than two feet thick and rest upon caliche-cemented gravels. The gold found at the King Tut Placers occurs partly as fine material and partly as flat, rugged nuggets that are known to range up to one-sixteenth of an ounce in weight. "The King Tut Placers probably originated from erosion of a group of gold-bearing quartz veins in the Lost Basin Range. The ruggedness of the gold nuggets, many of which carry attached quartz, indicates a local derivation," according to the source cited above. Lode gold deposits were discovered and worked in the Lost Basin Range in 1886 and in the Gold Basin area in the 1870's.

In the mid sixties, an entrepreneur, Warren Mallory, spent two years with a geologist exploring the Lost Basin area and recorded placer claims under the name of

Apache Oro Co. (later transferred to American Heavy Minerals Inc., a Wyoming corporation). During the first few years after recording the claims, Warren Mallory attracted the interest of the U.S. Geological Survey, Department of Interior, who spent several million dollars on a geological and mineral study of the area, producing in 1987 a report published as USGS Professional Paper # 1361 entitled "Geology and Gold Mineralization of the Gold Basin-Lost Basin Mining Districts, Mohave County, Arizona".

Acknowledgement to Warren Mallory is given on page 101 under the statement "Warren Mallory, president of Apache Oro Co. collected specimens with visible gold from many veins and generously donated them to us. He also gave us gold from the King Tut mines, Without his interest and generous support, this work would not have been possible"

The Chief Chemist of the USGS (J. Antweiler), who was a co-author of the report, disclosed to Mr. Mallory that gold has a signature (like a fingerprint) that identifies it to a specific area. He stated that the gold samples held by the USGS from the Lost Dutchman Mine in the Superstition Mountains near Phoenix, Arizona, were identified as being from Lost Basin and they assumed that the Dutchman had obtained the gold samples from Indians at Lost Basin and endeavored to hide this source by fabricating the Superstition Mountain story.

5/15/10 <http://www.goldbasinaz.com/aboutlostbasin.html>

Application To : Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada, Inc.

P.O. Box 96732

Las Vegas NV, 89193 – 6732

Supporting Website:

www.goldsearcher.com

Please Print Clearly

Last Name _____ First _____ Spouse _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ - _____ - _____ E-mail _____

PROSPECTING VEHICLE

Vehicle _____ Lic# _____ State _____

I understand that as a member of the Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada Inc., I can run for office and Participate in the voting on all major policies and officer elections. I will also be able to attend all meetings and use the club claims, subject to the club By-laws. I can also use club equipment by appointment and check out books and video's from out extensive library.

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

I / we, the undersigned, (hereafter referred to as participant) assume all risk and/or hazards associated with participant's involvement in the Gold Searchers of Southern Nevada Inc., a prospecting club. Participants agree to indemnify and **HOLD HARMLESS** all club officers, sponsors, and/or other third, fourth, etc., parties involved in club activities. Participants realize that metal detecting, gold prospecting, and associated activities can be dangerous. The terrain can be hazardous and there may be wild or domesticated animals and snakes present. Some locations may have open shafts, pits, and tunnels. Participants assume animals and snakes present. Participants assume all responsibility by signing below.

SIGNATURE _____ DATED ____ / ____ / ____

CLUBS ONLY FUNCTION IF MEMBERS VOLUNTEER

I/we will volunteer to assist in the areas checked. Please check at least one area.

COMMITTEES

Audit Claims Education Librarian/Historian Newsletter

Outing Website

DUES ARE PAYABLE ON THE FIRST OF THE MONTH ON YOUR ANNIVERSARY DATE.

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Next General Meeting, 6:30 P.M.

May 5th, 2010.

June 2nd, 2010

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Do a little prospecting at our Website!

!!Supporting Website!!

www.goldsearcher.com

Membership is the life-blood of this Organization. Your renewal date is reflected on the address label, upper right. All of our programs cost this organization money. Your membership dues make it all possible. Membership numbers are important when contacting National Organizations, The Press, and Elected Representatives.