

# Central Virginia Gold Prospectors

April 19, 2008

**MEETING LOCATION: The next meeting will be at claim #1 in Dillwyn, May 17, 2008 at 10:00 am.**

Meeting was called to order by our Club President Jack Wyatt-there were approximately 67 members and guest present. The new officers were introduced and everyone was welcomed to our meeting.

All votes that were taken from January to March 08 are null and void.

ALASKA TRIP: we have not sold enough tickets at present. We need to sell at least 300 and we have only sold 102. One main reason is that the trip was only for one person and we have many couples and this would have been a great expense to them to take their spouse. We took a vote and 7 people want their money back and 9 wanted their money to go towards the nugget raffle. The next meeting we will finalize the details on what we will do with the remaining tickets that have been sold, and if we will buy a nugget in place of the trip.

Nugget Raffle: we need to sell more tickets for the raffle. Please see the secretary for the purchase of tickets, or tickets to sell. Remember this is one of our fundraisers.

Trash: please be mindful about leaving trash on the properties. If you see trash just pick it up and take it with you. If we all take an initiative, to pick up as we go this will leave more time for prospecting and less workdays.

Land: The properties will be locked down by the middle of next week. The combinations will be changed. If everyone is in agreement we will be looking for more land to lease. Property #3 off rt. 60. We need to decide if we want to keep it or put the money towards new property.

Laptop: discussion on purchasing a new laptop for the club. The old laptop was purchased for Sandy to replace hers and to handle club business. This laptop will go with the office/office if it changes position and remain the property of CVGP. A motion was made and 2<sup>nd</sup> to purchase a new computer.

Discussion: we are looking for ideals and help with electing a board of directors or an executive board. We want this in place in the next few months to help protect the interest of the club. This way no decisions can be made without the approval of the board. This will give the club members more say so in what the club does.

We are looking for members to work with the club and learn what it takes to fill the positions, so when their time is up or they step down there will be a smooth transition. We will continue this at the next few meetings to make some decisions.

Land fee members carry the majority of the vote. So when it comes to major votes on land matters they are the only ones who can vote on those issues.

By-laws: we are working on revising the by-laws and we hope to have a draft ready by the next meeting. We have a couple of members working on this right now.

COOK OUT: we are looking to do a pig roast in June. We want to do this on a weekend that we do not have a meeting, so we can have more time together. We are going to do a common dig also. We want to use local merchants for our events. This helps in many ways. It shows community support and brings in needed business to a small town.

We had Ben Gormus stop by; he is the land manager for the claims we lease. He just wanted to say hi and let us know who he is. Please wear your ID badge for the land, or have it with you in your backpack etc. We do not know all the faces and anyone of the offices or claims managers.

The land that we lease will have a lock on the entrance. The land fee members will have the combination, you will unlock it to go in and then we ask that you lock it behind you.

The treasurer's report was given, and he gave a breakdown of how the money was spent last year. We are looking at managing the money and how we can spend wisely. Be accountable to the members.

We will have merchandise sales at the next meeting. If you see merchandise you would like to see us carry let us know. We are looking at purchasing our merchandise that we sell from a competitive vendor. This also applies to the gold we purchase.

Field Days of the Past. We are looking for people to work. September 19,20,21,2008. This is located in Goochland VA. It is off interstate 64 west of Richmond Va. Please send me an email if you want to volunteer. See the link below for information. Their website is: <http://www.fielddayofthepast.net>.

We are a non-profit organization and we need to do community events and educate the public. We are open to suggestions; if you know a school or group we can work with and do some demonstrations.

If you are already a member and need to renew, we will mail the form and you need to sign and return the money and form and then you will be mailed a card. The officers will also each have the information needed to sign up old members or new members. Please contact them to make arrangements. If you have a guest to come to the land to prospect, let us know with can email you the waiver or mail it. Please have them sign and also you need to sign the member so we know whom they are with. It is \$10.00 for guest; this is per a family for a weekend. If you have 2 families this is separate fee.

We can camp on the properties, 2-7 we have 105 feet on each side of the creek. On #1 it is open and you will see our sign when you go in. This is where our lease starts. Sam Seay is our claims director. **Absolutely NO Open FIRES!!!** Charcoal grills are ok; do not dump the charcoal on the ground. Let it cool and take it out with you. We want no chance of fires. We want to protect the rights of all our members, and protect the land we use so be careful, and also be sure to extinguish all cigarette butts.

Thank you for coming, and let's go enjoy the day for prospecting.

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