

**Minutes of the Alberta Gold Prospectors Association  
Annual General Meeting  
Saturday, February 23, 2008**

The meeting was held at the Inglewood Bird Sanctuary at 1:00 p.m.

Club members in attendance: Jim & Lorelei Holzer, Troy & Lesli Kellow, Tom Christianson, John Senycz, Steve Lathem, Lloyd & Susan Barberree, Rod Walker, Fred & Pat Walker, Lee Kasper, Larry & Arlene Larson, Bill Robinson, Steven Walker, Lynn & Alex Stewart.

At 1:10 p.m. President Jim Holzer called the meeting to order.

Vice-President Tom Christianson reported on the 2007 Gold Dust Dinner at the Royal Canadian Legion in Red Deer. Reported that \$657.00 was raised in the silent auction.

Thanks to Liz Christianson and Lois Friesen for organizing the silent auction. The gold nugget raffle raised \$185.00 for the club. Thanks to Robin Rosborough for the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary PowerPoint presentation, and Rod and Fred Walker for their World Gold Panning Competition presentation. Also thanks to Lois Friesen for the centerpieces she made for the tables.

Secretary-Treasurer Troy Kellow gave his report: Bank Balance as of Dec. 31, 2006 - \$2,088.30; Income (memberships, events, raffles, silent auction, supplies, etc.) - \$3,670.02; Expenses (merchandise, events, newsletter, gold purchase, etc.) - \$3,429.03; Bank Balance as of Dec. 31, 2007 - \$2,429.29.

Troy also reported that an incident happened with the club account in August 2007. \$423.00 had been withdrawn from the club's account at the Red Deer branch (Home branch for the club account). After a lengthy investigation the bank discovered that the money had been withdrawn from the wrong account and the money was re-deposited into the club account on Jan 14, 2008 bringing the account balance to \$2,852.29. Noted: that this was the highest balance in the club account in many years.

### **Directors**

Larry Larson asked for some club information for the government new parks division. The River Valley Alliance is planning many new trails along the river and he wants to keep in touch so the river is cut off from recreational panning.

### **Old Business**

President Holzer, while in Dawson City came across some gold panner figurines which could possibly be mounted onto a trophy for the gold panning competition. This trophy could be a keeper trophy for the first place winner as well as putting a plate on the club trophy. Second and Third place would still be plaques. Action: Jim Holzer and Rod Walker to investigate if the figurine could be mounted onto a trophy. Voted – accepted.

Welcomed the new AGPA newsletter Editor, Alex Stewart. Next newsletter due out the beginning of May, about 4 weeks prior to the Spring Breakout.

## **New Business**

Steve Latham donated some gold from the Wildhorse River. This gold may be used to put in the pan of the goldpanner on the trophy. Jim thanked Steven.

Spring Breakout will be June 6-8, 2008 with the EGPA. Jake and Lois were not at the meeting, but someone will see if they can organize the Metal Detecting competition again this year. Discussion about a new location for this outing since it is becoming a crazy place with vehicles, quads, dirt bikes etc burning around. An incident with Larry Larson last year brought out the RCMP to help us out. Some suggestions were the Lions campground in Devon. Jim H. to investigate. Larry L. to contact Rebecca at the parks division to see if there are any other parks we could access.

Also talked about having an agenda posted for the events of this weekend. Also to have a booth setup manned by volunteers in shifts so people can go to get information and register for events/dinner. Bill Robinson donated some safety vests to the club to be worn by the volunteers so people know who to approach for information. Also talked about having signs in vehicle windows so county officials know who we are.

September Corn Roast at Devon Sept 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Location could change if Jim H. and Larry L. can find a new, better spot.

Discussed community Event Announcements to promote our club – in various publications, etc.

Fred W. had a promotional event idea for us to do something with Heritage Park. They have a mine site and he thought we could setup and do gold panning demonstrations. Much like the club used to do at Bower Ponds in Red Deer. People pay and get to keep the gold they find. ACTION: Fred to investigate.

Gold Dust Dinner – people not happy with the food the last couple of years. The costs have gone up and quality has gone down. ACTION: Susan Barberree to look into a new location for this year's dinner. Lee Kasper offered his assistance.

River Days June 14 – Edmonton. AGPA received an email from Greg ?? regarding their River Days event and having our club possibly participate. ACTION: Jim H to contact Greg and investigate.

Website – Rod Walker brought up the idea of a website for the club. He said Fred has already looked into it and they have also checked into the domain name of [www.agpa.ca](http://www.agpa.ca). It is available at a cost of \$120.00 and \$5.00 per month fee. Lesli K motioned for them to go ahead and submit costs to the club. Arlene seconded. ACTION: Rod and Fred Walker will build a club website.

Nametags. Talk of different nametags for outings. Something long lasting yet reasonably priced. ACTION: Lesli K. to look into it.

Rod Walker asked if the club would sponsor the \$75.00 membership for Canada to be a member in the World Gold Panning Association. Dawson has currently been paying this fee and could not afford it. Rod said it would give our club credibility. Being a member allows entrance into the world gold panning championships meetings. We will be able to advertise our involvement with the World Gold Panning Association in the newsletter. Moved by Susan Barberree that the club pay the fee, Seconded by Arlene Larson.

More people in charge of small projects. Easier if more people are in charge of small tasks. Committees decided to ACTION the following:

- Susan Barberree – new Christmas dinner location
- Lesli – Corn Roast
- Lorelei and Pat – Spring Breakout
- Lesli – clothing samples for Devon

Dave Coupland offered the use of gold nuggets at the gold panning competition last year. The club will keep using these nuggets for the competition until it is decided if we should buy some.

## **Elections**

Tom Christianson resigned as Vice President  
Troy Kellow resigned as Secretary/Treasurer

Jim Holzer	President* (Devon)
Steve Latham	Vice President* (Calgary)
Pat Walker	Secretary/Treasurer* (Calgary)
Directors	Bill Robinson* (Calgary)
	Lloyd Barberree* (Rimbey)
	Larry Larson* (Drayton Valley)
	Fred Walker* (Calgary)
	Troy Kellow* (Calgary)
	Lee Kasper* (Red Deer)

Calgary Liaison Tom Christianson\* (Calgary)  
Edmonton Liaison Rod Walker\* (Edmonton)

\*All positions attained through acclamation

Director of Special Events position was eliminated.

Meeting ended at 3:20 p.m. Jim H. thanked Bill and Carol Robinson hosting the meeting. Everyone helped Bill get the meeting space back in order and tidied up.