

Alberta Gold Prospectors Association  
Annual General Meeting  
Inglewood Bird Sanctuary, Calgary AB  
February 21, 2009

Members in attendance:

Pat Walker	Bill Robinson
Jim Holzer	Fred Walker
Lorelei Holzer	Alex Stewart
Susan Barberree	Lynn Stewart
Lloyd Barberree	John Sencyz
Jake Friesen	Stephen Lathem
Lois Friesen	Rod Walker
Lee Kasper	Robin Rosborough

**Call to Order**                      1:10 PM                      Jim Holzer

1. Motion to accept Minutes from the 2008 AGM was made by Lloyd Barberree, seconded by Jake Friesen as published. No discussion required.
2. Jim Holzer, President, reviewed the activities of the club during the 2008 period of time. He expressed special thanks to members who took a leadership role in our major functions. He especially wanted to thank the donors to our silent auction who made that fund raiser such a success.
3. Report from the Vice-President, Stephen Lathem. Stephen advised that he would be attending the 2009 World Championships in Italy. He provided a brochure with information if any members are interested. He stated he would be representing us at the event.
4. Report from the Secretary-Treasurer, Pat Walker (See attachments #2 & #3). The opening and closing balances were discussed. The club closing balance was \$864.19 more than the previous year. This was a 36% increase in revenue over 2008. Income from the various events was reviewed and thanks given to our coordinators.

Lois Friesen and Jake Friesen were appointed to review the financials and sign the Audit sheet.

Action item: Secretary-Treasure to ensure that our society renewal be completed and sent in as required in April/09

**Report of Directors:**

Bill Robinson –

Bill reported on a retirement party for Ed Gorski, a long time member of the AGPA.

Action Item for Bill: Bill to call Heritage Park (Rick Smith) to see if we can use the park as an alternate site for our competitions and for demonstrations.

Lloyd Barberree – Nothing to report

Larry Larson – absent

Fred Walker –

Business arising out of the 2008 Minutes – Alternate location for Club functions

Fred advised us of the possibility of the AMA School Patrol allowing us to put on a demonstration of Gold Panning at their annual meeting at Heritage Park in June 2009.

Fred will continue to discuss with Bill Robinson and Heritage Park the possibility of a panning competition or demonstration at the park.

Troy Kellow – absent

Lee Kasper – nothing to report

**Report by Liaisons:**

Tom Christensen Calgary Liaison – absent

Rod Walker Edmonton Liaison – Rod gave a small talk of the joint activities of the Edmonton Gold Prospectors club and the Alberta club. Those activities were: the Scout Jamboree in Edmonton May 2008, Daycare presentation in Calgary July 2008.

**New business:**

1. **Revise the By-laws** to bring them more in-line with club practices. Fred Walker advised that the current by-laws need to be revised and updated. Notice will be provided to the members at least 1 month prior to the meeting date where extraordinary resolutions will be considered to change or revise the AGPA By-laws.

**Action Item:**

Jim Holzer suggested that a committee be formed to review the current by-laws and the proposed changes first. He will call a meeting of the executive to discuss.

2. **Proposed:** the establishment of a directorship or directorships to oversee the activities of the Spring Breakout, Corn Roast and the Gold Dust Dinner. This proposal was amended to the establishment of a Chairperson for each event who would take the leadership role for each event.

Moved by Fred Walker, Seconded Susan Barberree – Passed

Lorelei Holzer – Chairperson Spring Breakout

Susan Barberree – Chairperson Gold Dust Dinner

Bill Robinson – Chairperson Corn Roast

3. **Proposed:** to move the panning competition from the River bank to the camping area. This proposal was amended to read the nugget portion only, weather permitting the panning will remain at the river bank with prescreened gravel. No vote taken the executive would like to look into the feasibility prior to making a final decision.

4. **Proposed:** To purchase name tags, trophies and pins for the club.

Moved Lloyd Barberree, Seconded Robin Rosborough – Passed

**Action Items:**

Lois Friesen is to contact a supplier and advice costs and time frame.

Rod Walker and Jim Holzer are to cost and purchase trophies.

5. **Proposed:** Purchase of a camp stove for the use of the club at all outings, value not to exceed \$500.00

Moved Rod Walker, Seconded Lois Friesen, passed

**Action Item:**

Jim Holzer is to research and purchase the stove and accessories.

6. **Proposed:** Establishment of a budget item for the promotion of gold panning at events such as the Scout Jamboree. The monies to be used for the purchase of gold flakes.

Moved Lloyd Barberree, second Robin Rosborough, passed

**Action Item:**

Rod Walker is to confirm with the Scouts and the Edmonton Club their financial/volunteer participation in joint efforts. Rod will purchase the gold and invoice the club.

Membership pamphlets of both the AGPA/EGPA will be handed out to the Scouts. Banners for both clubs will be displayed.

7. **Proposed:** To establish a 5 year membership. This membership will be a multiple of the current membership costs for single/family and no discount will apply.

Moved Rod Walker, seconded Lois Friesen, passed

8. **Proposed:** any member not paying their dues within 6 months of their due date will receive a letter stating that they are suspended until the dues are paid and no further newsletters will be sent and no voting privileges extended.

Moved Lois Friesen, seconded Lloyd Barberree, passed

9. **Proposed:** Purchase of new membership cards. Proposal changed to drop the requirement for issuing membership cards.

Moved Bill Robinson, seconded Fred Walker, passed.

**Election of Officers**

Resignations: Stephen Lathem, Vice-president and Alex Stewart, Editor Newsletter

President Jim Holzer – elected by acclamation

Vice-President - position open no candidate a special election will be held at the Spring Breakout.

Secretary-Treasure Pat Walker – elected by acclamation

Editor of the News letter Robin Rosborough – elected by acclamation

Directors elected by acclamation and their areas of responsibility are

Stephen Lathem – International Relations

Larry Larsen – Director at Large

Fred Walker – Webmaster

Lloyd Barberree – Director at Large

Lee Kasper – Director at Large

Rod Walker – Education and Promotions

Door prize of a sport bag donated by AMA was won by Bill Robinson

Motion to adjourn by Lee Kasper, seconded Rod Walker

Meeting called to an end by Jim Holzer at 4:55 PM