

**June 21, 2008**

**MEETING LOCATION: The next meeting will be at claim #1 in Dillwyn, July 19, 2008**

Meeting was called to order by our Club President Jack Wyatt-there were approximately 65 members and guest present. Jack introduced all the club officers and gave a special thanks and recognition to Tim Baber and Jim Strong for all they have done to help our club past and present.

Our last meeting the majority of members voted to purchase a nugget for the drawing in place of the Alaska Trip since we did not sell enough tickets. The nugget will be drawn at the next meeting.

Jack had to go over the land rules again. He found a place where someone had been digging in the banks and this can cause you to loose your membership. The landowner has been pleased at how we have taken care of the properties and keeping them clean and trash picked up. Please have your Id badge with you at all times.

Fields days of the past, will be held September 19,20,21. We need people to sign up to work. Please work a minimum of 3 hours. This is the request of the coordinator for the steam show. You will also need to wear your Id badge for this even also. Our main focus is the children who come to the booth. Each child leaves with a small vial with a piece of Gold in it. Last year was a great success and a very large turn out. Saturday is usually the busiest day for the show.

For everyone who comes to the meetings, we sell merchandise to help support our club. It helps fund special events and expenses that we have to meet. We ask that no one go into the trailer, unless you are assigned to work to sell items. If you don't see something you are looking for ask one of the officers and we will help you or try to locate an item for you. We have to be accountable for everything and this will help us keep better track of things.

As most of you know by now we, won the Bid on the claims. We were the only group to bid on all the properties. So we are good to for this year and we hope many more to come. Robin has been making videos of our members and their families prospecting, sent a copy to Ben and they were able to see how much fun everyone has and what it has meant to all of us.

This past week, we participated in a project that originally was to be done by Loving Gold and Ben. Many of you know his store is closed and we are not sure of the reason. We had about 13 students studying about gold. Through emails and phone calls CVGP got together and helped these kids complete their project. Thanks to Chuck, Tanja, Jack,

Buddy Ann, Tim and Morsey and others for their help. Each child got to pick who they wanted to be with, and pan for gold.

The next even will be with a group called the Explorers. Catherine is in charge of this project. The children are in a program that is part of the Charlottesville Police Department.

Just a reminder the properties we can dredge on are #2, #5, #6 and #7. Please use caution when putting fuel in your equipment. We have some new prospectors here today and we want to welcome them to the club. This is their first time so asking for some volunteers to help show them the ropes. We also have another family that will be here over the 4th of July and they are asking for some help with them. Graham has volunteered to help. If anyone else can please let us know.

The Central Virginia Gold Prospectors is now a member of the Buckingham Chamber of Commerce. They meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the rescue squad building. They asked the club to do a show and tell and this was a big hit.

Please remember we do a nugget raffle each year to help raise funds for the club. This helps keep costs down and allows us to have more activities. Lynne has the tickets.

Remember no open fires!!!

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