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UNITED PROSPECTORS INC. FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Hello!

2023 has ended and I am looking forward to another successful year at UPI!

Our January board meeting welcomed several folks to our board: Tim Finklea - Newsletter Editor, Barbara Hansen - Outings Coordinator, David Zachry - Secretary. Welcome aboard!

I would like to thank our outgoing board member Lydia Hough for her service. Lydia donated a number of items to the club over the years, and took outstanding notes of our previous board meetings. Thank you Lydia!

I would also like to thank the following board members for their service last year. Thank you: Cal Courtnier, Sid Calija, Kim Dessaussois, Kathy McGann, and Jim McGann.

2024 activities for the club have already started as we have had booths at local shows to meet with the public and let them know about our club and our activities. We would like to thank the Antioch Lapidary Club and the Vallejo Gem and Mineral Society for giving us free space at their shows to promote our club. We got several new members to the club as a result. If you know of any rock, gun, 4-wheel drive or any other shows in the area, please let me know.

We have this year's outing schedule planned and you will find that event list further within this newsletter. In addition to outings at our claims, we are also planning an outing to Roaring Camp in September.

As always, if you have any ideas or suggestions for the club, please let me know. Until then, I hope to see you at our chapter meetings and club outings.

Take care,
Dan DiCarlo
UPI President



Board Meeting Minutes

Date January 13, 2024

Time 11:10

Meeting called to order by President : Dan DiCarlo

In attendance:

Officers

President: Dan DiCarlo

Vice President: Jim McGann

Secretary Outgoing: Lydia Hough

Secretary Incoming: David Zachry

Treasurer: Kim Dessaussois

2024 Directors

Claims Manager: Sid Calija

Membership: Kathy McGann

Publisher/Editor in-Chief (Incoming) Tim Finklea

Ways and Means: Cal Courtnier, **Not Present**

Outing Coordinator: Barbara Hansen (Incoming)

Quorum Achieved: YES

Guest

Niel Hansen

Board Meeting Minutes

Approval of minutes

The Minutes were read by Lydia Hough

Motion to accept minutes from last Board Meeting: Jim McGann Seconded by: Kathy McGann

Motion Pass

No dissenting

Board

Oath Of Office:

Secretary David Zachry, Read Oath of Office signed and gave the form to Dan DiCarlo who signed it.

Publisher/Editor-In-Chief Tim Finklea, Read Oath of Office signed and gave the form to Dan DiCarlo, who signed it.

Outings Coordinator: Barbara Hansen, Read Oath of Office sign and gave the form to Dan DiCarlo, who signed it.

Reports

President's Report

Dan contacted by several rock clubs; the club will be doing 5 rock shows this year.

If anybody wants to join him, you are welcome.

Dan was contacted by the California tax board; UPI has not paid sales tax on shirt sales since 2018

Dan explained that we are not making money of the shirt sales. Tax board said that if we are not making money on the shirt sales, we do not have to pay the taxes but we should report the sale. Dan emailed a question to the person in October that he was talking to but she has not responded as of the time of the meeting. Dan has put this on hold for now.

Vice President's Report

Jim reported that he likes the direction that the Central Valley chapter is going. During the last meeting they talked about a few rock shows and bringing in more people and they are going to go to Ukiah for a chapter outing.

Good Christmas party and ticket sales were good

Board Meeting Minutes

Secretary's Report

No Report

Lydia Hough: "Thank you for all the support and patience."

Dan thanked her for her service.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance:	\$8,069.18
Total credits:	\$12,093.00
Debts:	\$8,797.80
Ending Balance:	\$11,364.38

Motion to accept Treasurers' Report: Jim McGann Seconded by: Lydia Hough

Motion Passed

No Dissenting

Claims Manager's Report

Sid reported there was a problem with one of the Mariposa County Claims (one of the Suzi Q Claims)

County taxes have not been paid. Someone needs to go to Mariposa County and retrieve the parcel number so UPI can pay the taxes. Niel said he would go and try and get the information.

The Board also talked about the names that the claims are registered under. Still need to figure out what to do about what name should be on the claim registration. No Decision: Need to talk to Ed Despins to see if he is willing to be on the claims. Dan asked for all of the claim information so he can check on the names they are under.

Membership Report

234 active members

88 are life members.

Membership will be sending checks to Kim as the bank is not accepting deposits from Jim without a hassle. Need to add Kim to the account. Dan and Kim will visit the bank.

Board Meeting Minutes

Publisher/Editor's Report

Nothing to report.

Ways and Means Report

Not Present.

Outing Coordinator's Report

No Events.

Website Report

Dan will update with outings and dates.

Central Valley Lead Report – Anthony Davenport/Michael Steele 3438

Dan brought up an issue that was brought to him that the Membership Drawing was not being done unless Jim and Kathy are there, and Lydia confirmed that that is true.

Jim to talk to Michael Steele about AMRA posts on Central Valley UPI Facebook page.

Jim Stated that AMRA is not being talked about unless asked, it is not a main topic on the agenda.

Other discussions ensued.

If complaints are received from a member about a chapter, forward to Jim and the Chapter Leads.

Board Meeting Minutes

Contra Costa Lead Report - Dan DiCarlo

Getting about 20 members at the meetings

Had a magnet fishing outing in November; 10 members attended.

Will be trying to plan more outings to get more members involved and to attract more members.

Education/Shows

As reported earlier we will be doing 5 Rock shows, if you want to help let Dan know.

Dan will be visiting Santa Clara. There was a club there that folded; they had 190 members before they disbanded. We might be able to get a satellite chapter in Santa Clara.

Dan was contacted by a grad student that wants to do a documentary on the metal detecting club that Dan is a member of. Dan is hopeful that he can talk him into doing a documentary on UPI as well.

Ethics & Grievances (Any Issues to report?) - All

Discussion about raffles and selling tickets. no decision.

Board Meeting Minutes

Open Forum - All

Nothing discussed.

Old Business

Dan - Coulterville Outing Recap: Discussed.

Membership:

Will try and get membership cleaned up by March. And get email fixed.

New business.

2024 Budget:

Membership	\$ 500.00
Ways and Means	\$ 3,000.00
Claims	\$ 4,300.00
Publications	\$ 1,500.00
Website	\$ 400.00
Wagon Master	\$ 1,500.00
Outing Coordinator	\$ 1,000.00

Total 2024 Budget \$12,200.00

David Zachry - Any questions about being Secretary?

None

Tim Finklea - Any Questions about being the Editor?:

discussions ensued.

Barbara Hansen - Any questions about being Outing Coordinator?

discussions ensued.

Calendar Discussion. Discussed.

Meeting Adjourned 1:16 PM

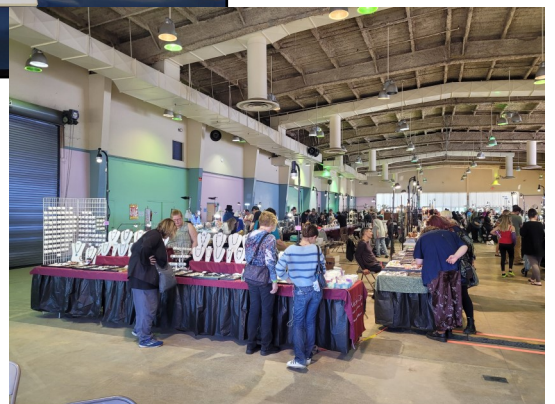
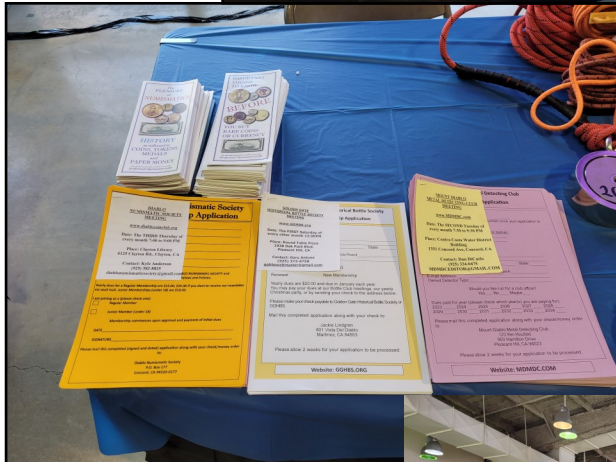
Next meeting

April 13, 2024 Meeting Location TBD

Antioch Rock Show!



Vallejo Rock Show!



MERCHANDISE WISH LIST!

A number of members have asked for a variety of UPI merchandise, and we would like to know what type of merchandise you are looking for. **This is NOT an order form; it is just to give us an idea on what to order.**

Please indicate what you would like the club to purchase, and send this page to me at:

Dan DiCarlo 880 Andrix Ct. Concord, CA 94518

Circle the item, color, and size that you would like:

T-Shirt (Front/Back Logo)	\$15.00	Black	Gray	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
Polo w/Pocket (Front Logo)	\$25.00	Black	Gray	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
Trucker hat (Mesh Back)	\$15.00	Black	Gray	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
Hat (Solid Fabric)	\$15.00	Black	Gray	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
Ladies V-Neck (Front Logo)	\$12.00	Black	Gray	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
Ladies V-Neck (Front/Back Logo)	\$15.00	Black	Gray	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
Sweatshirt (Front Logo)	\$20.00	Black	Gray	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
Sweatshirt (Front/Back Logo)	\$25.00	Black	Gray	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
Hoodie (Front Logo)	\$26.00	Black	Gray	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
Hoodie (Front /Back Logo)	\$30.00	Black	Gray	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Renewing and returning members:

Your continued support of the UPI is what keeps our organization alive. I'm looking forward to seeing you at the outings. Many thanks and remember without you there'd be no club.

Reminders:

- ☉ When renewing your membership, you must fill out and sign a new application each year.
- ☉ You will receive an e-mail notification when the newsletter is available online.
- ☉ Have a change of address, e-mail, or contact information? Please send me your new information. Without a current mailing or e-mail address, you might not get your newsletters or other notifications. Drop me an e-mail, call me, find me at an outing, or send me a note via snail mail.
- ☉ Please note it may take up to 4 weeks to process your membership application.
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Happy Hunting.

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Sincerely,
Kathy McGann
Membership Director
upimembership1@gmail.com

Create a UPI Chapter!

Some of you long-time UPI members might remember a time when the club had multiple chapters throughout CA.

If you live too far away from either the Central Valley or Contra Costa chapter meetings, please consider starting your own chapter in the area in which you live.

We are currently exploring the possibility of starting a Quincy chapter for the members who live in that area. We will share details as the process moves forward.

If you live in an area without a chapter and would like to, or know someone who would like to start up a UPI chapter, please let me know.

Thanks,

Dan DiCarlo

theupipresident@gmail.com

We're going to Roaring Camp!!!!

Hello,

I've reserved 22 spots for our club at Roaring Camp on Saturday, September 14, 2024.

Because we consistently fill our reserved spots, Roaring Camp allows us to have an outing there, and rewards us with all the FREE gold we can find in their provided dirt pile!

The cost is \$100.00 per person.

To register and pay, you can either call Roaring Camp at 209-296-4100 and let them know that you are with "UPI" when registering. or you can use this event link:

[Roaring Camp Mining Company Saturday Night Cookout - 09/14/2024 UPI Outing!!!](#)

These trips fill up fast, so call or go online today to reserve your space!

We need to fill all of our 22 spots by July 1 in order for this to happen, so don't delay!

New this year: If you pay to go, but decide not to go, please give Roaring Camp a call and let them know you are not coming, even if you decide a few days prior to the outing. They need to have a full truck on the 14th, and they have a waiting list, so if you don't go, they can call someone else to take your place.

Hope to see you there!

Dan DiCarlo

Upcoming Events

2024 OUTING SCHEDULE

April 26, 27, 28

Bull Creek

June 22

Metal Detecting Hunt/Potluck

Aug 16, 17, 18

Twain

Sept 14

Roaring Camp Day Trip

Oct 18, 19, 20

Coulterville Pre-Thanksgiving Feed



*** Don't forget to wear your UPI shirt to the outings!! ***

Upcoming Chapter Events:

Central Valley Chapter No upcoming events scheduled at this time.

Contra Costa Chapter No upcoming events scheduled at this time.



Follow Us!

UPI is now on Facebook. Here are our pages:

UPI Facebook page:

“<https://www.facebook.com/UnitedProspectors>”

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UPI Central Valley Chapter Facebook Page:

“<https://www.facebook.com/Central-Valley-Chapter-United-Prospectors-Inc-110771341666606>”

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I AM 18 YEARS OR OLDER AND HAVE READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND THIS RELEASE AND MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____ UPI Member # _____

(Renewal only)

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