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UNITED PROSPECTORS INC. FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

These past few years have been a great opportunity for me as UPI President. It has given me the chance to get to know many old and new members and new friends along the way in the mining community. There were times when I was not sure how the outings were going to go between the heat, bugs, all the fires and covid but we seemed to manage and for that I am grateful to each member out there for the overwhelming support they have shown these past few years.

As many of you already know, I had decided in 2021 that I would not be running for re-election on the board once my term was up due to family commitments and work obligations that take me out of town more and more. I have every intention of remaining an active UPI member for the years to come and attending the outings and chapter events as my schedule allows.

Our new UPI president is Dan DiCarlo. He has been an active member for a few years now and brings a lot of experience in mining, metal detecting and magnet fishing. He is a very approachable and seasoned prospector with some new ideas for our club that I for one am looking forward to. He will also be hosting the Contra Costa Chapter meetings as chapter lead once a meeting location is established. We also have two new co-chapter leads for the Central Valley Chapter, Anthony Davenport and Mike Steele. I have had pleasure of knowing these two gentlemen for several years now as gold miners and friends. I can say without a doubt, they know their stuff and are not afraid of a little hard work. They will be taking over for Joyce Smith. She has chosen to step down from the chapter lead position but remains Treasurer for the time being. While Joyce has set the bar high for these two, she left them with all the tools and support that they will need to be successful. I would like to thank Joyce for her contribution to the Central Valley Chapter and the club overall. She was the one responsible for starting the Central Valley Chapter that introduced Anthony, Mike, and myself to UPI in the first place.

Thank You,

Calvin Courtnier

Outgoing UPI President



Meeting Minutes

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January 8, 2022 – President called meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

Roll Call -

Officers present: Cal Courtnier, Out-going President; John Lopez, Vice President; Joyce Smith, Treasurer; Lydia Hough, Secretary;

Directors Present: Jim McGann, Membership; Kim Dessausssiois, Editor-in-Chief; Louie Ettlin, Claims Manager; Colleen Campbell, Outings Coordinator; Wagon Master, vacant; Ways & Means, vacant

Volunteers present: Anthony Davenport & Michael Steele, Central Valley Chapter Co-Chairs; Gil Mink, South Bay Chapter Chair

Outgoing President Cal Courtnier swore in Dan DiCarlo as new president and turned the meeting over to him.

Reading of the Minutes: Lydia read minutes from 10/16/2021, motion was made to accept the minutes as read of the last meeting.

Treasurer: Joyce Smith reported the 12/31/2021 balance was \$11,085.29. A motion was made and passed to accept the Treasurer's report presented.

Reports:

President – nothing to report

Vice Pres – nothing to report

Treasurer – reported as above

Secretary – shirts and hat sales are going well, need to announce availability. Inventory is low, order to be placed in March to replenish supplies.

Editor-in-Chief – needs articles for newsletter

Claims Manager – all claims have been files and are up to date..

Membership – We have 229 active members, 82 active life time members, 311 total members.

Outings Coordinator – nothing to report

Wagon Master – vacant, previous volunteer stepped down due to health issues. Due to Club by-laws position falls under Outings Coordinator therefore Outings Coordinator will take over responsibilities.

Ways and Means – falls under president, Cal Courtnier to assist by purchasing gold as needed as he has a rapport with vendors.

Political Action – nothing to report

Tech Advisor – vacant, nothing to report

Web Master – Mark Webber has moved out of state and wants to step down. Mark will continue until a replacement is found. Jim McGann suggested Gil Mink, Gil declined due to health issues.

Ethics – regarding bent tickets, bending tickets are not allowed. Due to “creative” bending it becomes easier for people to draw their own tickets = cheating.

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Chapters:

South Bay Chapter is closing due to chapter leads health issues. All prizes and meeting supplies to be turned into John Lopez, Vice President and overseer of chapters.

Central Valley Chapter has new chapter leads Anthony Davenport and Michael Steele as Joyce Smith is stepping down. Thank you, Joyce, for your hard work, welcome aboard Anthony and Michael.

Lunch break from 11:48 pm through 12:15 pm

New Business: Treasurer to open a Square Account, motion made by Lydia, 2nd by Colleen motion carried. New president Dan DiCarlo is willing to go to various events to set up an information booth. Members are not required to go and help, volunteers are welcome. A motion was made to hire Gil Mink to make a banner with club logo to hang at events and outings.

Club merchandise will be made available via mail order, order form will be in future newsletters. Items available will be T-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, beanies and others as requested. Lydia to develop order form and contact vendors for prices to be presented at next board meeting.

Budgets were set for the 2022 year.

2020 Outings Calendar:

April 29, 30, May 1	Bull Creek
June 24, 25, 26	Twain (depends on fire status)
July 23	Antioch metal detecting hunt, location (TBA)
August 19, 20, 21	Bull Creek (tentative)
September 10	Roaring Camp (day trip)
October 14, 15, 16	Coulterville – Pre-Thanksgiving potluck dinner at 5:00 pm on the 15 th

Board Meeting Calendar:

March 12	Concord
May 14	Concord
October 15	Coulterville



HELP WANTED:

Person to Fill
Web Master position

UPI is currently looking to fill the position of Web Master. Looking for someone with skills in/knowledge of the following:

HTML
PHP
MYSQL
WEBSITE PROGRAMMING AND
DESKTOP DATABASES/SPREADSHEETS

If you possess these skills and would like to join UPI as Web Master, please contact President or Vice President. Contact information is listed in the front of this newsletter.

Upcoming Events

2022 OUTING SCHEDULE



April 29, 30, May 1	Bull Creek
June 24, 25, 26	Twain (depends on fire status)
July 23	Metal Detecting - Almondridge Park, Antioch
Aug 19, 20, 21	Bull Creek (tentative)
Sept 10	Roaring Camp Day Trip
Oct 14, 15, 16	Coulterville Pre-Thanksgiving Potluck

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



Upcoming Events:

Central Valley Chapter No upcoming events scheduled at this time.

South Bay Chapter Has been suspended until February 2022, unless someone would like to step in for Gil and take over the chapter. Please contact Gil for details.

Contra Costa Chapter Magnet Fishing at Antioch or Stockton Pier (TBD) March 26, 2022



Member Letters and Comments

To my UPI family,

The last two years have been total chaos for myself and my wife, Kathy. In 2020 all the surgeries I went through, the loss of my business, being homeless for a year and a half, along with the surgeries this year, has been trying to say the least. Kathy and I want to send out a very special thank you to our UPI family. From the heart to name a few, Joyce, Cal, Steve, Louie, Jim, Lydia, Mike, Anthony, and the rest of our UPI family. I was touched by the get-well card that you all signed as well. Thanks again, on that note

Let's keep mining & metal detecting. Most of all stay safe and healthy,

Yours truly,

James A McGann

Membership Director

Get a 2022 California Campfire Permit Online

The easiest way to get your campfire permit is [to do it online](#). It's a four-step process that ensures you know the basics of [campfire safety](#):

1. Enter your name, address, and email into the application form
2. Watch a short Youtube video on the website
3. Answer 8 questions based on the info presented in the Youtube video
4. Print your permit!

The website is <http://www.readyforwildfire.org/permits/campfire-permit>.

Membership News

On behalf of the Officers, Directors, and current membership, I'd like to welcome and acknowledge our newest members.

Tom Cranshaw	Laton, CA
Zach Martinez	Lodi, CA
Ron Zimmerman	Modesto, CA
Ronald Rausch	Modesto, CA
Rick Kendrick	Hickman, CA
Eric Hansen	Orangevale, CA
Don Breslin	Sunnyvale, CA
Joe Varady	Newcastle, CA
Raymond Jordan	Quincy, CA
Chris Ross	Lodi, CA
Lissa Nakamura	Stockton, CA
Cody Blanchard	Sacramento, CA
Gary Kyhn	Atwater, CA
Frank Burnett	Oroville, CA
Jeremy Baliton	Antelope, CA
Bill Hoeft	Suisun City, CA
Jack Marshall	Novato, CA
Neil Peterson	Galt, CA
Antonio Marquez	Lodi, CA
Michael Popovich	Sacramento, CA
Michael Stainer	El Dorado Hills, CA
Ted Ingalls	Galt, CA
Doug Wilson	Manteca, CA

You've joined an outstanding, fun bunch of gold and gem seekers. We look forward to meeting you in person at an outing or on the claims. I encourage you to attend one of our meetings if you have the chance.

Membership Continued

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.
- ☪ If you check the box for electronic newsletters and notifications, you will get two e-mail reminders when your membership is due. One, 30 days prior to and another, the day of expiration, if it lapses.
- ☪ You will also 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.
- ☪ **IMPORTANT** Be sure to mail your applications to the Stockton PO Box. **DO NOT SEND THEM TO THE MODESTO ADDRESS.**

Happy Prospecting,

Jim McGann

Membership Director

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CHANCE TO WIN A GOLD NUGGET

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:

All members and even non-members are encouraged to submit articles, recipes, lessons learned, stories about recent adventures, news from other relevant clubs and pictures to the Publisher for inclusion in the next UPI newsletter. Readers enjoy reading about what other prospectors are up to. Let's keep the newsletter informative and interesting by sending in your stories and pictures.

If your story makes it into one of our newsletters, you will be entered into a drawing to win a gold nugget. Drawing will be held in Coulterville UPI outing held in October 2022. Must be present to win.

So send in your stories,, pictures, and any news worthy information.

And Good Luck!!

Kim Dessaussois
Editor / Publisher

Send your submissions to Publisher.UPI@Gmail.com



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All memberships are good for a period of 1 year and will expire on your anniversary date.

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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 # _____

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