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UNITED PROSPECTORS INC. FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

It is amazing how fast last year came and went. It was an eventful year and most things went as planned. There is a learning curve to running an organization and with much help from members it went well. To start off the new year we have two new board members to welcome, Joyce Smith, Treasurer and Sherri Garretson, Membership Director. Also, many thanks to our returning board members: John Lopez, Vice President; Lydia Hough, Secretary; Sid Calija, Claims Manager; Gil Mink, Publisher/Editor-in-Chief. To the volunteers that have been helping in key roles for some time now: Bob Azbill, Wagon master; and Mark Weber, Webmaster, thank you both for your time and commitment. In addition, we have our chapter chair persons: Joyce Smith, Central Valley Chapter; and Gil Mink, South Bay Chapter. There are several other members, you know who you are, that have helped this organization time and time again to make it what is today. We are fortunate to have them, and it is my pleasure to work with them to make this another great year for UPI. Our chapters continue to grow and bring in new members.

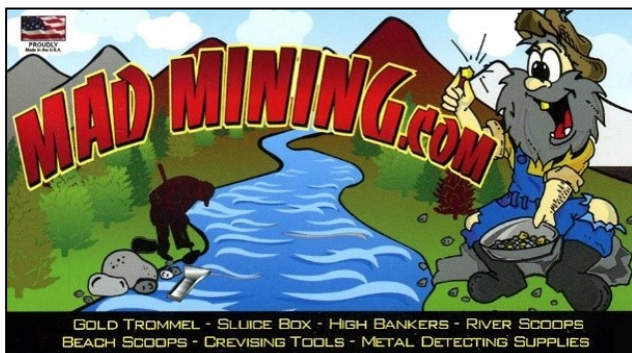
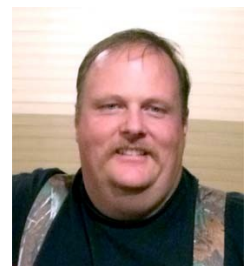
Our chapters have been doing well and they each put on events this past year. I am hopeful this will continue as they each grow. I tried several events at the outings this past year and most went over well. I have a few more ideas for the outings later this year.

As the events get closer, they will be posted in upcoming newsletters. If you have questions or if I can assist you with anything, give me a call at (209)366-2718. The 2019 UPI Outing Schedule will be posted in this newsletter and on the webpage. Also, we will be continuing the attendance drawing for the scheduled outings and it will be held at the final 2019 outing in Coulterville. Activities will be held at each outing as helpers are made available. We look forward to seeing many of you at the outings this year. The first scheduled outing is at our Bull Creek claim the weekend of April 26th to 28th. Please be sure to RSVP to our Wagon master, Bob Azbill, at Robert.azbill@yahoo.com or 530-409-4549 so that we can know how many folks to expect. Hope to see you at the Bull Creek outing.



Cal Courtnier,

UPI President



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October 2018 UPI Board Meeting Minutes

President called meeting to order at 12:40 p.m., October 20, 2018

Roll Call:

Officers Present: Cal Courtnier, President; John Lopez, Vice President; Lydia Hough, Secretary; Aaron Matula, Treasurer (via telecon)

Officers Absent: Aaron Matula, Treasurer

Directors Present: Sid Calija, Claims Manager; Dave Williams, Membership; Gil Mink, Publisher/ Editor-in-Chief and wife Tina

Directors Absent: Dave Williams, Membership;

Volunteers: Ed & Laurie Ozga, Mike Hammond

Board Member Reports:

President: Cal Courtnier, will bring up topics for new business.

Vice President: John has nothing to report, no new chapters.

Secretary: Lydia has nothing to report.

Treasurer: Cal reported for Aaron -bank balance \$7,717.50 as of October 5, 2018 (approximate), minus outstanding expenses to be turned in.

Ways and Means: Cal reported gift items for Pre-Thanksgiving Feed tonight will be discussed in new business.

Publisher/Editor-in-Chief – Gil has nothing to report. Cal would like to have brief submissions from each board position. He would also like articles from each chapter announcing meeting date/time and location, upcoming events etc.

Wagon Master: Cal reported for Bob that porta-potty's were supplied for Twain.

Claims Manager: Sid reported that BLM granted permission to install a gate at the Mocassin claim, type of lock was discussed; it was decided a combination lock would be less expensive and easier to manage than making keys available to members. It is suggested that the combination not be printed in the newsletter due to possible accessibility to non-members, members will be able to get combination from a board member or chapter lead. Sid stated that a jack hammer needs to be rented in order to dig holes to install posts for the gate. State geologist gave permission to shore up embankment at the Moccasin claim, however it will take over 8,000 cubic yards dirt/gravel, heavy equipment, and permits to accomplish. Sid will speak with Cal-Trans because a section is cutting into the bank below Hwy 49. Sid will also speak with BLM for assistance with the shoring up of the area. Genese 1,2,and 3 to be refiled dropping the Barnes and Boulder area. Sid suggested to have an outing at the Spanish Creek claim, it has lots of room for camping and can accommodate RV's, 5th wheels etc.

Old Business:

- Claims guide book – update maps, driving directions and general points of reference and where claim posts are located. Cal will get way points after he receives the claim descriptions and outlines on TOPO maps. Dave, Gil and Cal to work on this.

New Business:

- Central Valley and South Bay chapters will try to secure reservations for a Bear River outing.
- T-shirts were ordered and printed, gray with black logo and black with goldenrod logo are available for \$10.00 each.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m. (approximate)



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January 2019 UPI Board Meeting Minutes

President called meeting to order at 11:21 a.m., January 12, 2019

Roll Call:

Officers present: Cal Courtnier, President; John Lopez, Vice President; Lydia Hough, Secretary

Officers absent: Aaron Matula, Outgoing Treasurer

Directors present: Dave Williams, Outgoing Membership; Sid Calija, Claims Manager; Gil Mink, Publisher/Editor-in-Chief

President Cal Courtnier swore in Joyce Smith as Treasurer and Sheri Garritson as Membership Director

Reading of the Minutes: Motion was made and passed to accept the minutes of the last meeting.

Treasurer: New treasurer Joyce Smith reported the 12/31/18 balance was \$5,359.86. A deposit of \$2,904.00 was made bringing the total balance to \$8,263.86. A motion was made and passed to accept the Treasurer's report presented. A motion was made and passed to pay the outstanding bills. The 2019 budget was discussed.

Vice President: Nothing to report

Chapter: Central Valley and South Bay Chapters are doing well.

Membership: New Membership Director Sheri Garretson has set up an email address for membership correspondence. UPImembership@yahoo.com Due to software issues, there is no membership count at this time.

Ways and Means: Cal purchased nugget display case and paid the mail box fees. A motion was made and passed to reimburse Cal for these expenses.

Publisher/Editor-in-Chief: Gil will be setting up deadlines for submissions to the newsletter to correspond with outings. He would like anyone submitting articles and/or pictures to use Google docs.

Outings:	April 26, 27, 28	Bull Creek
	June 21, 22, 23	Spanish Creek
	August 23, 24, 25	Twain
	October 19	Coulterville



Wagon Master: Not present

Secretary: Nothing to report

Claims: Sid reported that we are up to date on fees and forms for all claims except Genese 1. A quick claim will be filed to bring Genese 1 current. Sid spoke with Cal Fire regarding the gate at Moccasin, Cal Fire gave permission to install gate, use a BLM lock which Cal Fire has the key. It was decided to use a combination lock instead of a keyed lock giving the combination to members as needed or to post on Talk and Trade.

Old Business: Discussion held regarding the gate installation at Moccasin Creek as well as the updating of the members claims guide

New Business: Joyce will be contacting Roaring Camp to set up a day outing, details to follow.

Meeting adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

Membership News

Here are our Newest members. Let's all give them a Big UPI welcome!

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

Michael & Michelle Tarantino
Brentwood, CA

Wendy Feichter Knights Ferry, CA

Gary Evans San Diego, CA

G. Scott Hjarten Shorline, WA

Darren Tomlin Magalio, CA

Steven Nelson Sonora, CA

Allen Williamson Orangevale, CA

Jeffrey & Laura Davis Modesto, CA

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

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 news letters 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 e-mail notifications when the newsletters are available on line.
- Have a Change of Address, E-mail or contact info? 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, find me at an outing or send me a note via regular mail.

Reminder:

California fire permits expire at the end of each year. You can get your 2019 fire permit by watching the video and taking a small quiz at the following site:

www.preventwildfireca.org/Campfires/

Happy prospecting ,

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2019 UPI OUTING SCHEDULE



April 26th -28th Bull Creek Claims
June 21st -23rd Spanish Creek Claim
August 23rd -25th Twain Claim
October 18th -20st Coulterville Pre-Thanksgiving Feed

Please be sure to **RSVP** to our Wagonmaster
Bob Azbill Robert.azbill@yahoo.com or 530-409-4549
so that we can know how many folks to expect.



2019 UPI BOARD MEMBERS

Left to right: Joyce Smith, Treasurer; Sid Calija, Claims Manager; Sheri Garritson, Membership Director; Cal Courtnier, President; and Lydia Hough, Secretary. Not shown: John Lopez, Vice President and Gil Mink, Publisher/Editor-in-Chief

2019 UPI NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION DEADLINES



April 1st ISSUE #350-2-19
June 3rd ISSUE #351-3-19
August 5th ISSUE #352-4-19
September 23rd ISSUE #353-5-19
November 18th ISSUE #354-6-19



All members are encouraged to submit articles, recipes, lessons learned, news from other relevant clubs and pictures. These deadlines are for board members too.

Send your submissions to Gil Mink: UPI.South.Bay@comcast.net



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