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BHPC Meeting, March 21, 2009 held at the Minnehaha Senior Center in Rapid City. The meeting was called to order by President Mike Borden, with 44 members, including 4 new members, and 1 guest present. Secretary's Report: Minutes approved as published.

Old Business

1. Net profit from the Sports Show is \$1094, after \$1100 spent on supplies to sell.

2. Dan has copies of Dr. Wolff's presentation on DVD available.

New Business:

1. 'Outdoor Women of SD' have not contacted us about a program.

2. The first outing at the Garnet will also feature a metal detecting contest, starting at 9am. The regular outing will also be held.

3. The USFS held a meeting in Spearfish about various uses of the Forest. Plan B is the most liberal regarding various uses. Plan E is for the environmentalists. Now the BH are open except where it says 'Do Not Enter'. With the new plan, a person can 4-wheel only where it says it is allowed.

4. Jim and Sally Olson presented information on portable dredging, based on past experiences in Wyoming. Wyoming requires permits and mandates maximum hose sizes. Individuals need to check state laws before dredging, and get appropriate permits, and also must have a claim.

5. A Legislative Action committee was appointed, to meet with members of the Legislature to explore state law on non-commercial [surface] mining. Members are Gordon Van Loenen, Judy Farris, Mike Borden, and Fred Davis.

6. A liability policy, minimum \$50,000, will be explored. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Outings: **{SEE 2009 SCHEDULE on Left}** Places for summer will be determined later, depending on water and access.

8. Gordon showed his latest invention, the Gordonator half-classifier and the Gordonator full-classifier. There was much interest in the half-classified, of course.

9. We have been having trouble collecting the court-ordered funds owed to the club. Mike will keep on this.

Meeting adjourned.

Judy Farris, Secretary

2009 Schedule

April 18 - Garnet Claim including metal detecting hunt

May 16 - Brandiger's Claim on Iron Creek

May 23 - Memorial Outing (Forrest Gem Claim)

June 6 - Ghost Town Tour (TBA)

June 20 - TBA

July 18 - TBA

August 15 - 4 Leaf Clover

September 19 - Open for Suggestions (Depends on water)

October 3 - Ghost Town Tour (TBA)

October 17 - Year-End Party



ARGONAUT ADVENTURERS

by
Wallace "Wally" Slattery

DENNIS SHIPLEY

March 4, 2009

It is only appropriate to include Dennis Shipley in our original Argonaut Adventurers as he is one of the co-founders of our Black Hills Prospecting Club. I called him last night, and we had a ball talking! Although most of us have never met him, he is completely with us in spirit.

Dennis first became interested in gold prospecting about a year before starting the club in 2000. He realized that there was a lot of gold yet to be found in these Black Hills, tried prospecting (and loved it), and got his own claim on Iron Creek southwest of Spearfish.

He opened a prospecting store in Spearfish, which prospered. Dennis highly recommends running a prospecting store in our area. Incidentally, Forrest and Andy Goodwin both helped with the store. The group also worked a good deal near an old mine above Spearfish, and also in the Iron Creek lake area. Because of a great deal of interest that was stirred up, he co-founded our club in 2000.

Since then Dennis moved to Arizona about 2001-2002, and joined a club there. He enjoys prospecting in Arizona, and told me of his best find - a thumbnail-sized nugget in the Mayer area, found while crevicing - does that sound familiar?? Dennis also told me he has saved a bunch of

Black Hills black sand, and intends to pan it out in the near future. For those of us who have never met him - good news! Dennis intends to visit us this August, and I, for one, intend to take him prospecting. He's very interested in some of the prospects that some of us want to develop this summer. And I can tell you, Dennis has the same "fire in his belly" for gold prospecting that we share; it will be a pleasure to meet him, introduce him to our club members, and take him gold diggin'.

Here's to you, Dennis!

Wallace Slattery



Dennis Shipley

Forrest Goodwin

Last Winter Meeting of 2009 - Saturday, March 21st



You can see all the photos from this year on our website.

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Our Next Outing
will be...

Regular Monthly Outing

Date: April 18
Place: Garnet Claim
Time: 9 AM

Including:

Annual Metal Detecting Hunt
Annual Chili Cook-Off

Bring Your Detectors !!!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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