

# Goldfield Chamber of Commerce Minutes

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**Meeting Date:** August 17, 2015

Malek Davarpanah called meeting to order at 6: pm.

In attendance and volunteer hours: Malek R. Davarpanah 45, Dominic Pappalardo 46, Lisa Pappalardo 46, Roderick D. Myers, Dick Ruiz 20, Bob Weaver, Larry Bennett, PK Higgins 6, Sharon Artlip 6, Scott Tigent, Milton Sochor.

Denise Behrens wasn't able to be at the meeting, she is with her mom in Idaho. Lisa reported that the Chamber made a profit for Goldfield Days, however we will have a final tally of all the numbers for next meeting when Denise is back in town. Sold approximately 2500 raffle tickets. The Chamber has sold and made a profit on the Pride in the USA shirts and we still have about 40 more shirts to sell. Currently there are 32 members, 25 are businesses and 7 are individual. The minutes from the July 20, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Roderick D. Myers moved to accept the minutes as written, Lisa Pappalardo second and passed unanimously.

Malek Davarpanah reported that Goldfield Days was a complete success. One of the biggest things this year was the parade. Malek talked to all of the vendors, they are all happy. The Dinky Dinner is the happiest of all because they sold out. We didn't have enough food vendors this year because some of the vendors were contacted and told the event was canceled. Next year this will not happen. Malek thanked Dick Ruiz for organizing the Pride in the USA T-shirt drive and bringing all the veterans and people to town for Goldfield Days. Also one dollar of each shirt is going to Wounded Warriors. Dick Ruiz said he would like to see \$500.00 go to the Wounded Warriors and he is pledging \$56.00 more to bring the total up to \$200.00. After some discussion Dick Ruiz asked for and received pledges from individuals in the meeting for Wounded Warriors.

Malek reported that the band was very good even though we had a wind and rain problem. The articles and ads in the newspaper before and after Goldfield Days helped a lot. Front page color coverage before and after Goldfield Days. Arnold Knightly the editor for the Pahrump Valley Times and Tonopah Bonanza and Goldfield Times was here for Goldfield Days. The Chamber has just completed two grants. The paperwork for one of them was just sent in for reimbursement of \$3,605.82 Also anyone who has done anything for the Chamber received a Thank You post card and we will send them a formal letter. Lisa Pappalardo has put in for and the Chamber has received a grant to create an advertisement and tourism history booklet for the Chamber. The three large mines will receive a letter and plaque for their donations to Goldfield Days.

Next meeting in September is election meeting. Dominic Pappalardo nominated Malek Davarpanah to continue as President, Denise Behrens to continue as Treasurer, and Lisa Pappalardo for Vice President. Dr. Roderick D. Myers nominated Dominic Pappalardo to continue as the Chamber Secretary.

Malek reported there were 57 prizes for the Goldfield Days drawing. All of the winners were contacted the evening of the drawing. There are only about 12 more items to be picked up at the Goldfield Gift Shop, which is where the winners list is located. Malek thanked all the members and everyone that helped with Goldfield Days, including Ruth Lee who helped at the Chamber building.

Goldfield Days planning will start the next meeting after the election of Chamber Officers in September, during the October meeting. Next year we plan to get the initial Goldfield Days brochures and poster out in February.

PK Higgins asked if more can be done to help the businesses in the outskirt areas of Goldfield during Goldfield Days. Malek Davarpanah said that will be done by participation of the businesses, such as by participating for example, in the GPS Challenge and the Poker Walk. PK Higgins also said the land auction should start at 4: pm instead of in the morning to keep people around longer. Malek said he agreed, however it is not up to us. We can ask the county officials if they will do that. Dominic Pappalardo said it is not likely to happen, since the County officials will have to keep their offices open until all the paper work from the land auction is complete, which means they would need to remain there late and keep county employees there on Saturday till late in the day.

Malek said there are a couple of things that need improvement for next year. One is for the parade. Two years in a row the Highway Patrol was told to be here one hour late for the start of the parade. This will be looked into.

Malek also said from now on anybody who messes with the Chamber, we will go after them to prosecute them, such as to change hours for an event (parade), call food vendors and tell them Goldfield Days has been canceled and do not come, (which happened this year), or any such similar things we will go after them and prosecute them. Also some of the businesses complained there are some businesses in town selling alcohol without a

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license and that they have to have a license for their own business to sell alcohol. Malek said the Chamber supports all business in town, however we have to be fair and all business selling alcohol have to have the proper licenses. Malek again expressed that no sabotage in the future will be tolerated.

Malek reported Ted Faye is making a video of the businesses in town provided by a grant from Nevada Commission of Tourism. It will be on TV and UTube and he will finish in about a month and a half. Ted Faye was already here during Goldfield Days and other times taking video. Malek also reported there are things happening around town and new people want to move here. One of them is Dr. Wise who wants to build a barrel house for whisky manufacturing in Goldfield. Another is a Civil War reenactment group that wants to buy land in town to have a base to do their reenactments from, which would draw 200 to 600 people to Goldfield for their events. Each side of the reenactment group is a hundred people plus their families and their followers. These events are already happening in Virginia City, which is very successful for the town. They need 20 to 30 lots if they're in town or about 2 ½ acres if they're outside of town. They have 18 cannons they use for the reenactments. It was discussed that it would not be practical for them to reenact a war in town with cannon and gun fire. Somewhere outside of town will have to be found for the reenactments.

It was also discussed that some people complained about vendors being allowed to set up from the building to the street and having to walk in the street to go past the vendor. That will not be allowed to happen again. And there are two vendors that many complaints come in on, and we are looking at whether or not to allow these vendors to come back after we talk with them. Both of these vendors did not file their tax papers with the Chamber, which the form was hand delivered to them and is what the law requires. It is a three section tax form which the state requires of all events. If a vender already has sales tax number with the state of Nevada, those vendors simply enter their tax number on the form and submit the sales tax collected to the state through their normal channels. It's the vendors that do not have a sales tax number with the state of Nevada that have to submit the sales tax to the Chamber as the event host and the Chamber along with the forms the vender has filled out, submits the forms and money to the state. It was discussed that other venues require a security deposit for the taxes that will be owed, and when each vender submits the form and cash owed to the venue, then they receive their security back. The sales tax form does not cover for the liquor license.

Planning for Goldfield Days will start right after the next elections which allows us to be ready for Rural Round Up to distribute information about our event and talk directly to the Commission on Tourism grant people. This worked out very well for this year. Keep in mind on average for every one dollar of grant money that is available there are two dollars worth of grant requests.

Dr. Roderick D. Myers reported a gentleman with the East End Boxing Club contacted him suggesting that during Goldfield Days maybe a boxing match can be organized commemorating the boxing match between Gans & Nelsen in 1906. There is only one Gans & Nelsen historical fighting event and this would be the place to do it. When this person comes to town Dr. Myers said he would show them around and he will be attending a meeting with them in October. The East End Boxing Club is made up of many famous Boxers and individuals. Also they would be doing all the organizing and running of the event. Dr. Myers said he will keep us informed of any future developments. Dr. Myers suggested these people could be head quartered in the High School building with a performing arts center. Dr. Myers also thanked the Chamber and everybody that came to his art gallery. There was 187 guest signed in and more that attended. It was a great turnout and event.

Malek also reported that a friend of his in Round Mtn. that is an associate of Richie Cline (who owns the 1907 Fire House Museum) wants to open the Fire House Museum and is asking for our support in opening it. Richie Cline will be coming to town next month to see what repairs the location will need to open the museum. Also that Zero One Odyssey has purchased property in Goldfield and is making Goldfield their center of operations for their central Nevada tours. They were in town this last weekend supporting all the local businesses. All the businesses were very pleased with their patronage from the group.

Malek also discussed the welcome monument at the north end of town by Elite Trading, that the County Commissioners approved over two years ago to bring in rocks to resemble a mine dump and to dig a ditch for water and electric to be run to the Elite Trading property and that Malek and Jody would pay the utilities and keep the welcome monument lit at night and shrubs watered and groomed at no expense to the County, to have a nice welcome sign and monument for the Town of Goldfield. It has already been approved, however nothing has happened yet. Malek says they will continue to pursue this, however if nothing happens soon he will dig the ditch and put the utilities in since he already has the permission.

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It was also recommended that when this welcome monument is complete another large welcome monument on the other end of town could be done as well, possible a similar one as is in Rhyolite, a large steel silhouette.

Next meeting is September 21, 2015 6: pm.

Dr. Roderick D. Myers moved to adjourn the meeting Dominic Pappalardo second the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 7: 15 pm.