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### **REMEMBER!!**

**You are an ambassador of our club; this is a pastime we want to protect.**

### **NEXT MEETING:**

Saturday February 10th at  
1pm after 12:30 potluck in  
Columbia Falls.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- Gold Show, March 10th  
and 11th

-Spring Kick Off, May  
12th



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# Northwest Gold

## Nugget News- February 2018

### Gold and Silver Prices

Gold, \$1,337.65

Silver, \$17.19



**Another  
wonderful club  
Christmas Party.  
Good Food, Good  
Friends, Good  
Laughs, Good  
Fun!**



Hello Everyone! Please remember that dues are now \$75 and were due in January. If you have not yet paid your dues, please do so as soon as you can.

- If you have any items you wish to see included with the newsletter, be sure to email the item to [nwmgpnl@gmail.com](mailto:nwmgpnl@gmail.com).

January 13, 2018 Regular Club Meeting Columbia Falls; 13 members and officers present

November Minutes read and approved. Treasurer's report read and approved.

**Old Business:**

- Braxton attended the Rock Chucks meeting. Neither Lloyd or Kathy were present and the Gold show was not discussed. The next scheduled meeting is Tuesday, January 16th at 7pm. Don Sr. will attend and both Don r. and Braxton will try to attend.
  - The Gold Show is scheduled for March 10th & 11th
- Dues cards went out the last week of November. At this point there are no previous member renewals, though it is helping with the timeliness and accuracy of dues payments. Positive feedback was received along with donations above the dues amount. All agreed that the cards were a good idea and worth the expense.
- To put legs on sluice boxes would require working on all 6 boxes as they are all currently on chains. The boxes are 2 different sizes; the standard sluice boxes are Keane's and 10", the other 2 are 12". The 12" will also need 12 " Dream mats. Multiple options were discussed on the best way to mount the sluices to the trolleys after adding the legs.
  - Braxton will check on the prices of legs and will also talk to ave about the price of the mats.
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- Don Sr. has not been able to locate red hoses. The plumbing store is charging more than the hoses are worth with the fittings. Don will continue to look; he will check Missoula.
- We have purchased 2 new pumps. The pump previously purchased from Roper needs to be re-built and we still one more pump. We currently have the additional funds and it would make sense to purchase a pump while we can afford it. It was moved by Charlie Kins, and seconded to purchase an additional pump. The motion was approved.
- Kathy is still researching what we can do with the club website so that enquiries receive an automated response. Braxton was notified by a member that the website was showing information from 2015. Dawn asked about the newsletters and whether the PDF format was sufficient and if it was being added to the site or if there needed to be a different format. Dawn offered to take over the maintenance of the site as it could be part of the secretarial duties. Don Sr will talk to Kathy and get an update.
- Members are burned out on selling raffle tickets. Vicki suggested raffling off a side of beef or a pig at the gold show instead of the gun raffle. Vicki checked on the prices; ½ a beef is \$1,300 and a full pig is \$500. There is a sale and Farm-to-Market is willing to honor the sales price in March. Vicki left a message for Lower Valley. Tickets could be sold for \$5. Tables till next meeting.

## **New Business:**

- Dates for the Spring kick off are set for May 12th. Outings are scheduled for June 16th & 17th, July 14th & 15th, August 11th & 12th, September 1st, 2nd, & 3rd, September 15th & 16th, and October 6th & 7th.
- Sandy asked about replacing the motor in the trommel as it smokes and is difficult to work on. The motor will be looked at in May during the work day.
- An article in the Mining Journal mentions the club and also mentioned breaking bedrock along with other practices that are not allowed on our claims. Libby Creek was specifically mentioned which may increase membership. It is important to note that we as a club do not support nor condone all of the practices mentioned in the article.
- Cindi reported the checking account is sitting at \$5,200 and is not earning any interest. Vicki moved to transfer \$1,000 to savings. It was seconded and motion passed.
- Dawn has received suggestions from members on improving the monthly newsletter. As the newsletter editor, she wanted everyone to remember that she will gladly accept submissions from other club members. Newsletters go out one week prior to the monthly meetings; please be sure to forward material so that it can be added in time. Rosie offered her help.

## **Raffle**

Don Sr. won the Top O'Deep donated by the club, Don Jr. won a hickory farms set donated by Theresa, Charlie K donated 6 knives which were won by Theresa, Gary, Charlie N. and Ron M. Ron was the big winner of the day winning the tow strap that he donated.

Meeting Adjourned

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MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The membership shall be open to any person willing to abide by the By-Laws of the club, and all written procedures adopted by the membership.

Section 2. Membership in the club, may be forfeited in the following manner:

- A. Non-payment of dues as described in the by-laws.
- B. Conduct prejudicial to the general welfare and prestige of the NW Montana Gold Prospectors and/or other conducts as outlined in the By-Laws.
- C. The use of drugs or alcohol on the claims.

Section 3. Dues of \$75.00 per family shall be due January 1st of each year. Members who have not paid annual dues by the May meeting will be dropped from membership until dues of \$75.00 have been paid. As the cost of operations increase, so may the clubs dues.

Section 4. A membership card will be issued to all members in good standing.

Section 5. A member may have a guest on the claim 1 time (one outing). Then the person or family must join the club.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICER'S & DUTIES

Section 1. The officer of this club shall be, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant At Arms, and teh previous past President. These members will be known as the executive Committee.

Section 2. The duties of the Executive Committee are as follows:

President

- A. Shall preside at the regular monthly meetings.
- B. Shall sign all minutes after they are approved, and dated thereof.
- C. Shall sign all contracts made by the club.
- D. Shall be the ex officer member of all committees.

Vice President

- A. Shall preside in the absence of the President.
- B. Shall become President if there is a vacancy in the office.

Secretary

- A. Shall keep an up-to-date record of the regular meetings.
- B. Shall work with the editor in sending out the Newsletter
- C. Shall sign with the President all contracts made by the club.
- D. Shall conduct correspondence as requested by the President of the membership at regular or special meetings.
- E. Shall have a supply of By-Laws for new members and members requesting copies.

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